



Newcastle Community Dialogue Group

04 June 2020 – Meeting 14

Agenda



1 Open and welcome, apologies,
declarations, previous minutes and
business arising

2 Newcastle Power Station Project
Latest news and next steps

3 Newcastle Gas Storage Facility
Latest news

4 General business
Next meeting and close

Open and welcome

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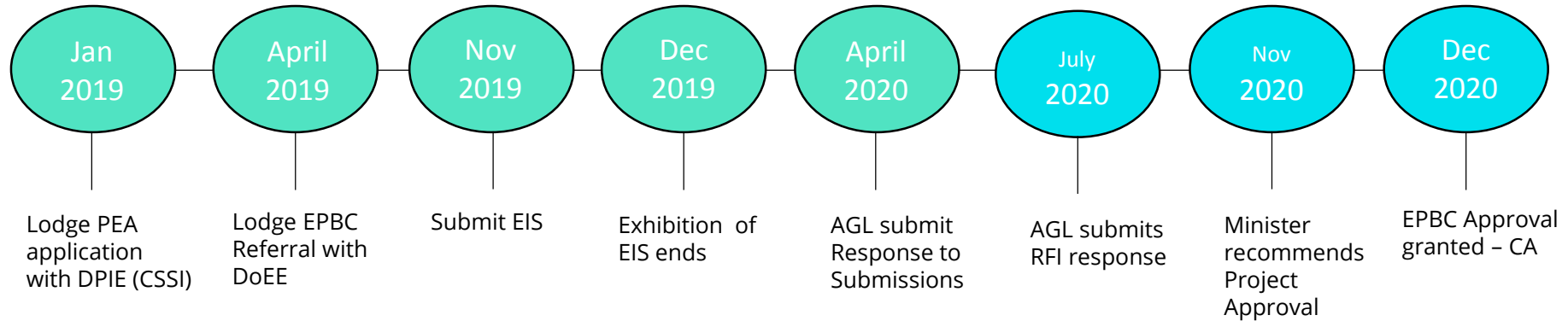
Newcastle Power Station Project

Latest news and Next steps

Workstream update

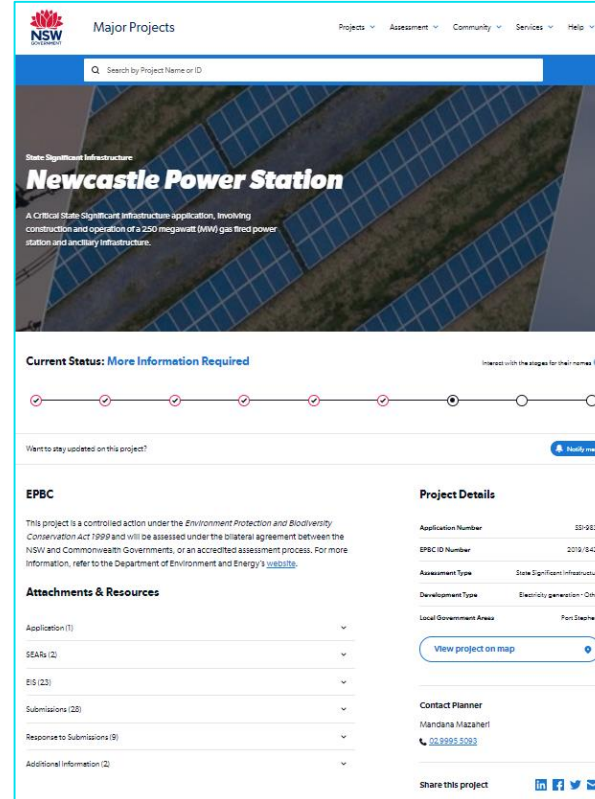


Timeline



EIS – Response to submissions

- Our ‘Response to Submissions’ was lodged with the Department of Planning Industry and Environment on 30th April 2020, and subsequently published by the Department.
- This is our response to 30 submissions sent to the Environmental Impact Statement, including:
 - 15 from public authorities
 - 9 from organisations and agencies
 - 6 from members of the community
- We engaged in 43 interactions between AGL and respondents from January to April, including:
 - In person face-to-face meetings (pre-COVID-19)
 - Teleconferences
 - Emails
 - Letters
 - Phone calls, and
 - 14 remote face-to-face (Skype)



The screenshot shows the 'Major Projects' page for the 'Newcastle Power Station' project. The page features a search bar, a navigation menu, and a main content area with an aerial image of solar panels. The project title is 'Newcastle Power Station' and it is described as a 'Critical State Significant Infrastructure application, involving construction and operation of a 250 megawatt (MW) gas fired power station and ancillary infrastructure.' The current status is 'More Information Required'. A progress bar shows the project is in the 'More Information Required' stage. The page also includes sections for 'EPBC' (Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999), 'Attachments & Resources' (listing Application (1), SEAs (2), EIS (23), Submissions (22), Response to Submissions (9), and Additional Information (2)), and 'Project Details' (listing Application Number 10-9137, EPBC ID Number 2019-14-428, Assessment Type State Significant Infrastructure, Development Type Electricity generation - Other, and Local Government Area Port Stephens). A 'View project on map' button is also present. The contact planner is Mandana Mazaheri, with a phone number 02 8995 1093. Social media sharing options are available at the bottom.

EIS – Response to submissions



Report distributed to

- Community Dialogue Group
- TAC
- Hunter Water
- Department of Defence
- DWA (Feds)
- EPA
- Transport for NSW
- Transgrid
- DPIE Biodiversity and Conservation Division
- NSW Health
- DPIE Water
- Safework NSW & Australia
- Jemena
- Office of Sussan Ley MP, Minister for the Environment
- Office of Ms Meryl Swanson MP, Member for Paterson (Federal), New South Wales
- Office of Ms Kate Washington, MP, Member for Port Stephens
- Office of Mayor Ryan Palmer, Port Stephens Council
- Office of Mayor Loretta Baker, Maitland Council
- Office of Mayor Nuatali Nelmes, Newcastle Council

What's next

- DPIE has requested additional information:
 - BCD – relating to Biodiversity and Flooding
 - CASA – minor word updates
 - EPA – air quality and Noise
 - Health – air quality
 - PSC – stormwater
 - Hazards – PHA update and NSSF laydown area
 - DoD – updating response
- AGL is actively engaging with stakeholders so as to respond to the DPIE.
- AGL will keep stakeholders and the community informed of the project's progress.



Newcastle Gas Storage Facility

Latest news

Newcastle Gas Storage Facility

General

- The plant has completed liquification in March.
- Tank filled to 95% of its capacity.
- AGL is ready for the increase in customer demand in autumn leading into winter.
- COVID-19 slowed down all maintenance and capital project activities.
- We have been mainly in HOLDING mode since March due to COVID-19 and low demand in gas market.
- Several plant critical process safety tests completed and routine inspection and maintenance carried out during the HOLDING mode.
- New vibration monitoring system installed and commissioned on the main compressor. This will give us enough notice prior any major damage to the compressor.
- SafeWork NSW MHF Division have completed their audit on the 28th February.
- We received three administrative notifications and addressed them before the due date.
- Building a new warehouse is in progress. The warehouse will be used to store NGSF critical spare parts, motors, shafts, small pipes, flanges, gaskets, nuts, bolts, etc.



Newcastle Gas Storage Facility

Environmental Update

- Air Emissions testing was undertaken on H-101 Unit in April with no exceedance reported.
- 6-monthly groundwater and surface water monitoring was undertaken in March with no exceedance reported
- Air Emissions testing being undertaken on F-501A, B & C Heaters in June/July.
- National Pollution Inventory (NPI) and Sustainability Data being collated and submitted at the end of July.



Local Community Investment Program FY 2020



- Once COVID-19 restrictions were put in place, potential recipients of the Local Community Investment Program (LCIP) advised that their initiatives had been indefinitely postponed or cancelled.
- The LCIP will resume in the new financial year 2021, with updated guidelines that will reflect federal, state and internal HSE measures to stop the spread of COVID-19.
- The first round of LCIP grants in the new financial year is expected to take place in August 2021.
- Conscious of the negative impacts that the pandemic has placed on our community's most vulnerable people, AGL proceeded to engage stakeholders in search of initiatives that make a difference in these difficult times.

AGL NGSF COVID-19 support fund



Contacted government organisations

- Port Stephens Council
- Maitland City Council
- Newcastle City Council
- Office of Kate Washington MP
- Office of Meryl Swanson MP

Identified problems

- Domestic violence
- Homelessness
- Financial aid
- Food security
- Remote connection for people with no or scarce resources

Contacted community groups

- Port Stephens Family and Neighbourhood Services
- Tomaree Neighbourhood Centre
- Yacaaba Centre Information & Counselling Service
- Carrie's Place
- Maitland Neighbourhood Centre
- DARA (Development And Relief Agency) Food Van

General Business

Next meeting and close



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