



# Newcastle Community Dialogue Group

05 March 2020 – Meeting 13

# 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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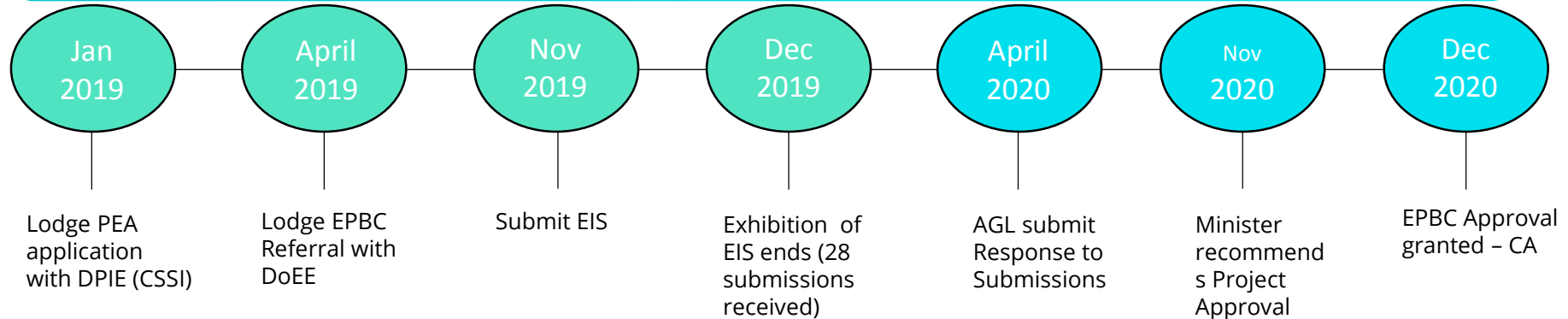
# Newcastle Power Station Project

Latest news and Next steps

# Workstream update



## Timeline



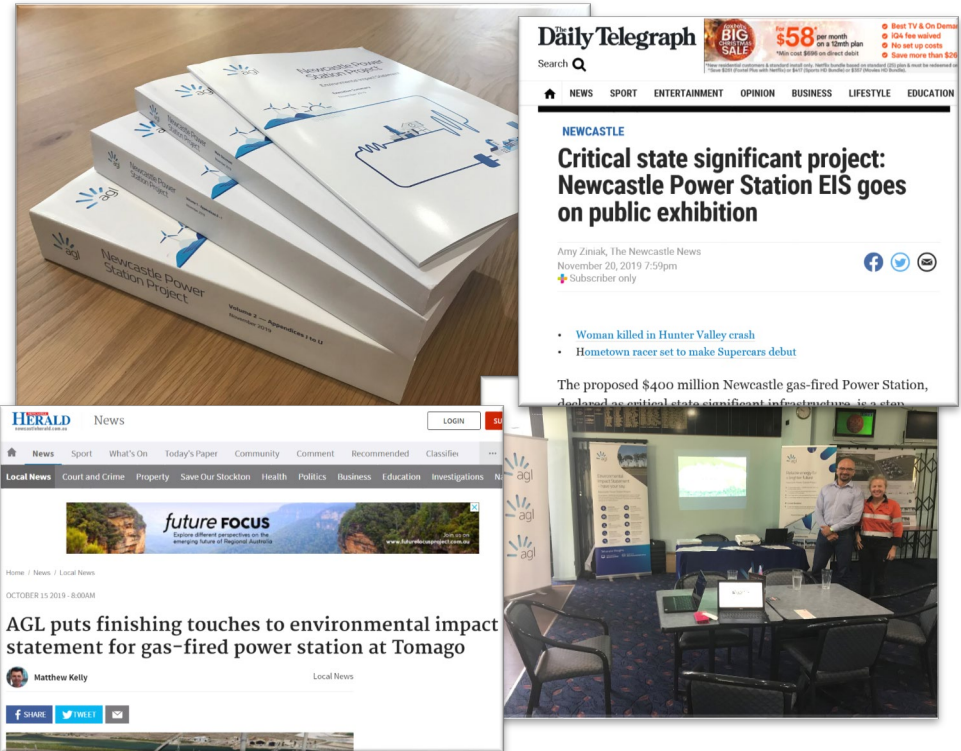
## Key Issues / Risks

- EPBC – Controlled Activity due to location of Ramsar Wetlands
- RAAF – Plume Rise affect on Aircraft due to the location of Williamtown Airport and Military Base
- TfNSW – M1 Motorway extension through Project site
- Biodiversity – 15.5ha of Native Vegetation (Squirrel glider habitat) & 3 x Federally listed Earps Gum (Koala habitat) – Offsets required

# Environmental Impact Statement



- Environmental Impact Statement put on public exhibition in November 2019 and closed in December 2019.
- Received 26 submissions:
  - 9 in support
  - 5 in objection
  - 12 neutral or comments
- Outcome considered positive, reflecting:
  - Clear EIS document
  - Extensive stakeholder consultation
  - Well located project
- Response to submissions will take place until mid 2020



# Engaging local and Aboriginal industry

- The NPSP partnered with industry bodies in the Greater Newcastle area in order to inform the local and Aboriginal businesses about the project, and ways in which they could participate.
- It was agreed to provide an industry brief with the support of the University of Newcastle and its research and innovation division.
- Approximately 150 representatives attended the industry brief.
- Industry bodies Hunter Business Chamber, the AI Group, the Industry Capability Network, the Department of Employment and Hunternet will help build links between the local industry and the select tenderer.

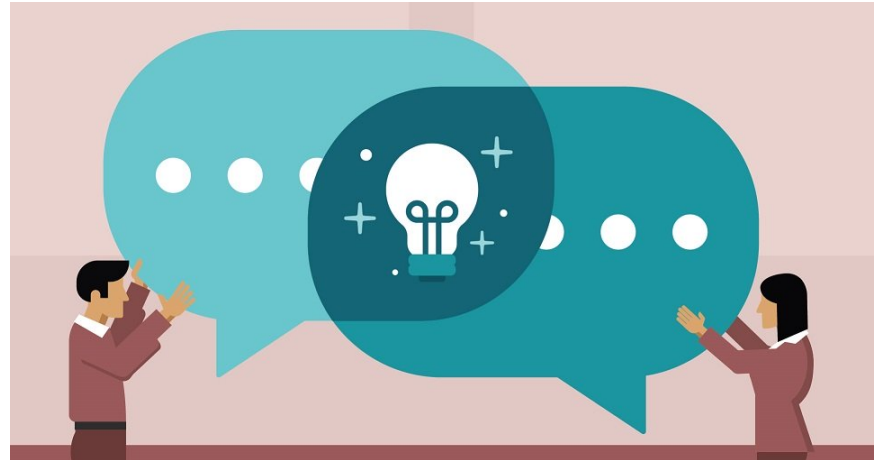


Newcastle Power Station

New Generation	Large Investment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2000mw new-build power station</li> <li>• Reconfiguring engines or gas turbines</li> <li>• Dual fuel – natural gas or diesel (primarily gas)</li> <li>• Short 132kV transmission line route to existing TransGrid substation</li> <li>• Zero gas pipeline to AGL-owned NGSP and connection to Janszema network</li> <li>• Industrial zoned land</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capex about \$400m</li> <li>• Operational by end of 2022</li> <li>• Construction peak workforce around 300</li> <li>• Routine operational workforce around 25 people</li> </ul>

# What's next

- Keep a fluent communication both with the community and stakeholders.
- Provide transparent information that's easy to understand.
- Provide news, not surprises.





# Newcastle Gas Storage Facility

Latest news

# Newcastle Gas Storage Facility

## General

- The plant has been running in liquification mode for some time now. AGL is fill the tank ready for the increase in customer demand leading into winter.
- Several plant process safety upgrades have been undertaken to take advantage of new monitoring and shutdown technologies.
- The facility has weathered the bushfire season with no threats or issues. Audits were undertaken on safety systems to ensure the site was ready for any environmental threats that the fires may have posed. (Heat, flames, smoke, air quality)
- Upgrades to power back-up systems have been completed at the site.
- Working at heights recovery system (Tank) has been installed for increased personal safety.
- SafeWork NSW MHF Division have completed their audit on the 28th February.



# Newcastle Gas Storage Facility

## Environmental Update

- Air Emissions testing being undertaken in the coming weeks in accordance with our project approvals.
- 6-monthly groundwater and surface water monitoring being undertaken in accordance with our project approvals.
- Autumn flora and fauna monitoring and maintenance being undertaken at AGL's offset property and around NGSF.



# Local Community Investment Program FY 2020 – Round 1



Local Community Investment Program was advertised in December 2019 in the following publications:

- Port Stephens Examiner
- Maitland Mercury
- Newcastle Herald
- Facebook paid advertising for three LGAs.



# General Business

Next meeting and close

# Local Community Investment Program FY 2020 – Round 1



## Applicants



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