

Newcastle Gas Storage Facility Community Dialogue Group Meeting 2

11 September 2017





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Project Overview



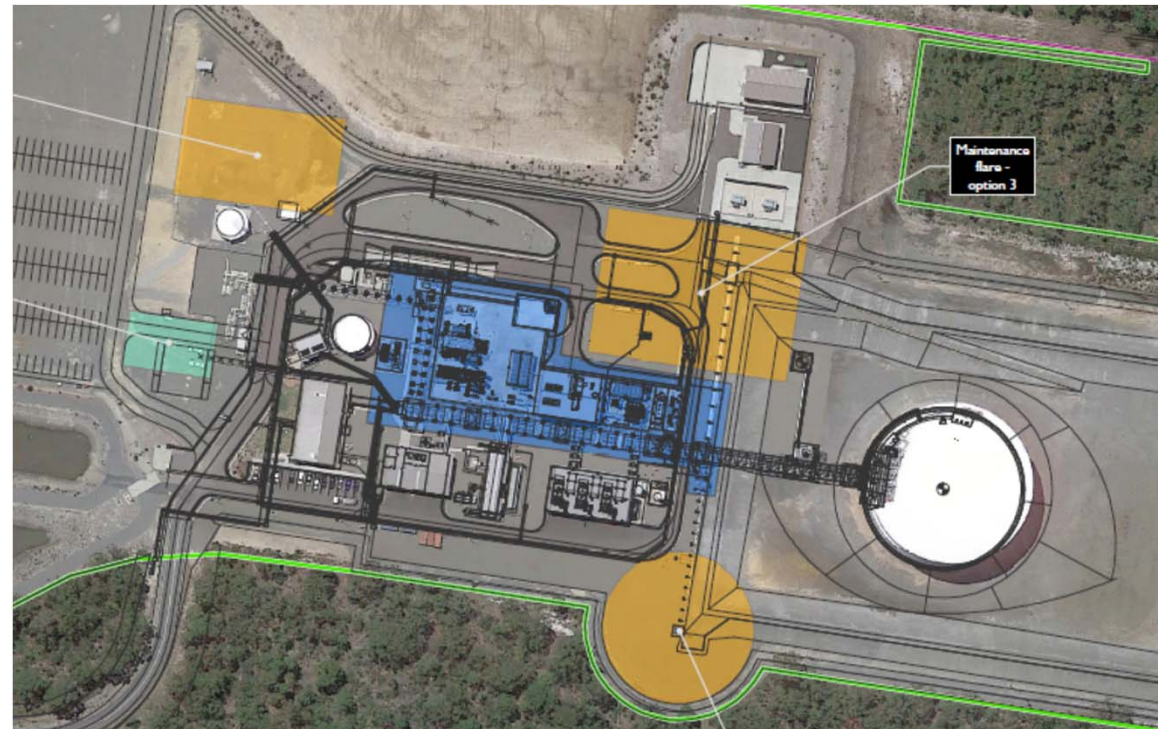
- In February 2016, AGL announced it would not proceed with the Gloucester Gas Project.
- The NGSF had planned to utilise some of the infrastructure from the Gloucester Gas Project for its continued, safe operation.
- As such, AGL has been working on a long-term alternative.
- AGL have decided to pursue the solution of exporting gas into the Jemena network and are preparing a modification of the Project Approval to this effect (Modification 3).



Proposed Modification Overview



1. *Jemena Network Extension (outside AGL scope)*
2. NGSF plant modifications
 - Custody transfer skid and connection to the Jemena network
 - Modification and addition of pressure vessels, pipework, valves, compressors and ancillary equipment
 - Potential flaring of tail gas (gas treatment) to ensure gas quality is maintained
 - Potential removal of an oily water mixture (known as liquid hydrocarbons) from the gas treatment area
3. Site improvements and efficiencies
 - Maintenance flare



Environmental Assessment



- The proposed modification will be constructed and operated entirely within the existing NGSF footprint, involves no vegetation clearing and will have no impacts on biological diversity.
- The proposed modification's environmental impacts have been assessed at a level of detail proportionate with the associated levels of risk.
- A preliminary environmental risk assessment has been conducted, and specialist reports have been prepared on the impacts of the proposed modification on air quality and greenhouse gas, noise, and hazard risk.
- These assessments did not identify any significant environmental risks associated with the proposed modification.

Environmental Assessment

Key studies undertaken



Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Assessment

- The air quality study found that emissions for all pollutants associated with the proposed modification were well below impact assessment criteria.

Hazard and risk

- The quantitative risk analysis (QRA) predicted that the proposed modification will have no hazard and risk impacts beyond the NGSF site boundary. The QRA found that the proposed modification will not result in any significant changes to the existing and approved Fire Safety Study or Fire Hazard Analysis for the NGSF.

Noise Monitoring Assessment

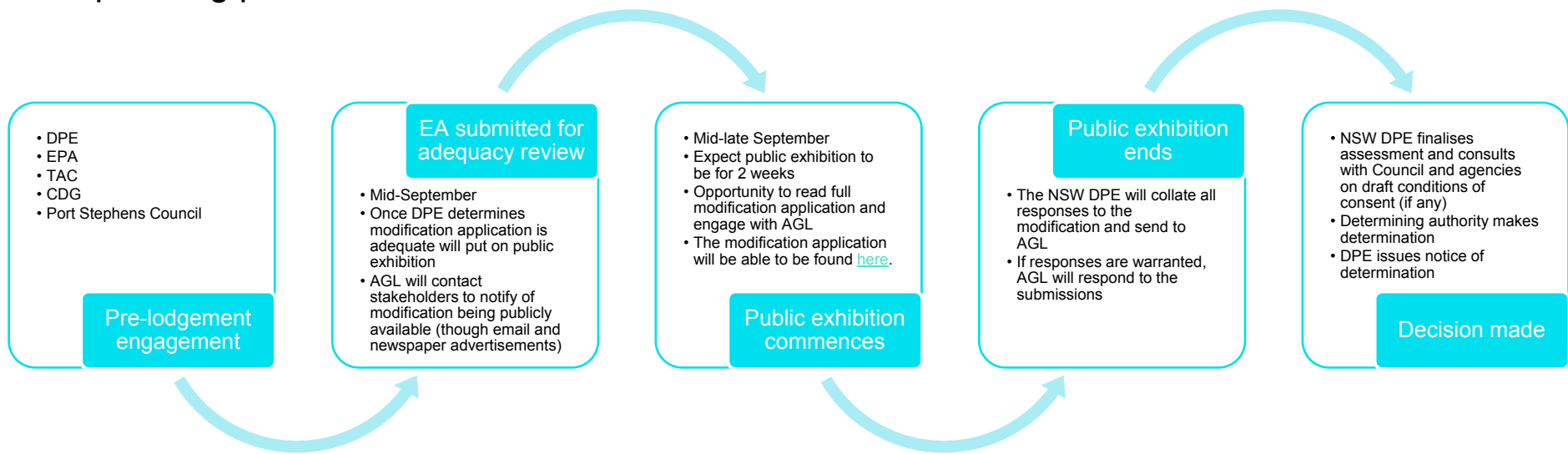
- The noise impact study found that worst-case noise emission levels from NGSF, including existing operations and the proposed modification, are predicted to meet the relevant operational noise limits at all surrounding assessment locations.

Next Steps

NSW Planning Process



- The Community Dialogue Group can continue to engage with AGL throughout the planning process.



Next Steps

AGL's Engagement Schedule



AGL's proposed consultation during the public exhibition period -

Contact the following organisations when the modification is released for public exhibition:

- RAAF base
- Department of Defence, Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA)
- State Member for Port Stephens (Kate Washington)
- Federal Member for Paterson (Meryl Swanson)
- Hunter Development Corporation

The community members and stakeholders who were consulted before public exhibition will also receive this notification.

AGL will notify interested community members through newspaper advertisements in:

- Port Stephens Examiner
- Maitland Mercury
- Lower Hunter Star

These newspaper advertisements will direct interested community members to the proposed modification on the Department of Planning and Environment's website, provide information on the public exhibition timeline and contact details for the Community Relations Team should they wish to discuss the proposal.



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Public consultation now open



- At our last meeting, we discussed AGL's Community Complaints & Feedback Policy.
- We have now finished drafting this policy and public consultation is now open.
- CDG members, and the broader community, have an opportunity to comment.
- The opportunity to provide initial feedback on the Policy and associated documents will close on Friday 29 September.
- All information can be found at: agl.com.au/communityengagement

Community Complaints & Feedback Process

Site specific guidance notes



- Site specific guidance notes have been drafted.
- These guidance notes outline the way AGL should engage with the community on specific issues.
- Do the draft site specific guidance notes reflect the way the CDG believes the local community should be informed?
- Are there any areas of interest that should be added to the draft guidance notes?



Local Community
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Local Community Investment Program

Feedback and ideas



- With the notice of the meeting, a draft local community investment program was circulated.
- Is this program easy to read and understand?
- Does the program reflect the needs of the Port Stephens and Newcastle Local Council Areas?
- Is the timeline suitable?

