

Newcastle Community Dialogue Group

03 September 2020 – Meeting 15

Agenda



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

Newcastle Gas Storage Facility
Latest news

Newcastle Power Station Project Latest news and next steps

General business
Next meeting and close

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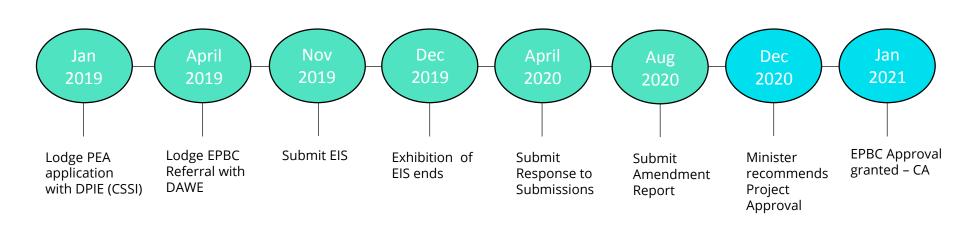
Newcastle Power Station Project

Latest news and Next steps

Workstream update



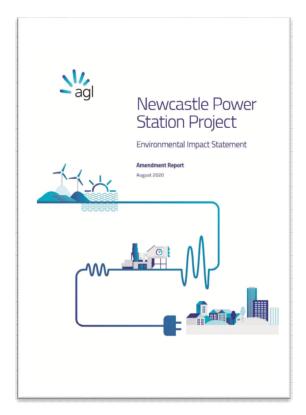
Timeline



EIS – Amendment Report



- Our 'Amendment Report' was lodged with the Department of Planning Industry and Environment (DPIE) on 14th August 2020 and was accepted on 27th of August 2020. It makes small amendments to the original EIS submission, including provision of two lay-down areas.
- The report is supported by seven expert studies:
 - · Biodiversity Development Assessment Report
 - Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report
 - Air Quality Impact Assessment
 - · Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment
 - Preliminary Hazard Assessment
 - Traffic Assessment
 - Political Donations Disclosure Statement
- The report details engagement that AGL has undertaken to address the concerns of key stakeholders, including:
 - NSW Environment Protection Authority
 - RAAF
 - Transport for NSW



EIS – Amendment Report



Further notification included the following stakeholders:

- · Port Stephens Council
- Transgrid
- Newcastle Gas Storage Facility
- Landholders in the vicinity within a 2 km radius.



What's next



- Formal DPIE assessment of the NPSP proposal.
- DPIE has sent the amendment report to agencies for further comment, which could prompt more queries.
- Once the potential additional queries are solved, DPIE will proceed with recommendations and final determination, expected to take place by the end of this calendar year.
- Tenderers are contacting local businesses and industry bodies assessing the level of local participation.
- AGL will keep stakeholders and the community informed of the project's progress.



Newcastle Gas Storage Facility

Latest news

Newcastle Gas Storage Facility

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General

- The plant has completed liquification in March.
- Gas send out (vaporisation) to supply NSW started in June.
- COVID-19 slowed down all maintenance and capital project activities.
- We have been mainly in SENDOUT mode since June.
- Several plant critical process safety tests and routine inspection and maintenance completed.
- In July, the mercury guard bed replaced with a new bed to capture mercury in the gas.
- NGSF recognised as one of the best prepared plants in dealing with COVID-19.
- NGSF new warehouse is complete.





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 2021 – Round 1



- The AGL Newcastle Gas Storage Facility's Local Community Investment Program is open.
- Applications will be received until the 30th of September 2020.
- Promotion:
 - Online ads on Facebook within the Port Stephens, Maitland and Newcastle areas.
 - Printed ads on Port Stephens Examiner and Maitland Mercury.
 - Request for further promotion to:
 - Member for Port Stephens
 - Port Stephens Council
 - Maitland Council
 - Newcastle Council
- Following COVID-19 restrictions, supporting presentations won't take
 place on this occasion. Applications and summary will be sent to CDG
 members to request their advice.



AGL NGSF bushfire support for wildlife



It is calculated that more than a billion animals died in Australia during the bushfire season between 2019 and 2020, with at least 800 million of these losses in NSW and VIC. Still, these numbers are very conservative.

We established a partnership with the Biodiversity and Conservation Division of the DPIE.

We jointly assessed organisations that were best positioned to make the most of relief funds.

Organisations selected:

- Port Stephens Koala Hospital
- Hunter Wildlife Rescue

Currently evaluating future collaborations.



AGL NGSF COVID-19 Relief Fund





Tomaree Neighbourhood Centre

Carrie's Place



Yacaaba Centre

Port Stephens Family and Neighbourhood Services





General Business

Next meeting and close



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