

**COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
SYDNEY GAS - CAMDEN GAS PROJECT**

MEETING NO. 7

26 AUGUST 2004

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Mrs Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MM)	Chairman
Cr David Funnell (FD)	Camden Council
Mr Peter Holland	Campbelltown City Council
Mr Michael Colless for Cr Philip Costa (PC)	Wollondilly Shire Council
Mr Tony Ross (TR)	Community Member - Campbelltown
Mr Steve Mackowski (SJM)	Sydney Gas
Mr Frank Krstic (FK)	Sydney Gas

APOLOGIES

Mrs Diane Gordon (DG)	Community Member - Camden
Mr Simon Hemmings (SH)	Community Member - Wollondilly
Mr David Hunt (DH)	Environmental Group Representative

ABSENT

Mrs Cheryl Pagent (CP)	Community Member - Campbelltown
Vacant	Environmental Group Representative

Meeting Opened at 5.10pm

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION/CLOSE OUT	DATE BY
1.0	Introduction		
7-1.1	Welcome to the CCC by the Chairman - MM		
2.0	Apologies - As Above		
	Mr David Hunt notified his apology with no issues to raise.		
3.0	Last Meeting Minutes		
7-3.1	The minutes were accepted.	SJM - Send meeting minutes to CCC members, councils and advised other interested parties within 2 weeks.	9 th Sept 2004
		SJM - To supply all new members with a copy of the DC with the minutes of the meeting. (DF and CP)	Supplied
		SJM - To supply all new members with a copy of the News Release from Dianne Beamer - Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Western Sydney, Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Planning and Member for Mulgoa.	Supplied

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		(DF and CP)	
		SJM - To supply a complete set of documentation on the CCC to Robert Wheeler, Camden Council - Planning.	Supplied
4.0	Correspondence		
7-4.1	Correspondence in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Response to letter re support for reducing the delay on the Project and the ongoing venting of gas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campbelltown City Council • Camden Council • Graham West MP for Campbelltown • Kerry Hickey Minister for Resources • Geoff Corrigan MP for Camden • Complaint from Mr John Lyons 	All correspondence attached.	
7-4.2	Correspondence out:: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7/6/04 - Letter to Councils, MPs and Ministers presenting concern as to the delay being experienced with the approval for the Stage 2 process 	All correspondence attached.	
5.0	Complaints Register (as attached YTD)	No new issues presented to Sydney Gas	
6-5.2	05/04 Notice of Potential Pollution wrt MP15 and MP16 drill pits. EPA concerned with the drill chips and any drill pit materials having the potential to pollute the groundwater or soils.	EPA has accepted the works to date demonstrate only a small amount of contamination has occurred;; no impediment to land use has resulted and that normal rehabilitation processes can proceed. SMEC Australia commissioned to monitor the rehabilitation process. A report on the rehabilitation program will be available at the conclusion of the works. Sydney Gas is working with EPA/DPI to investigate possible improvements to further reduce the potential to pollute when managing saline bore waters.	
7-5.1	07/04 (Mr John Lyons)	Document attached and to be included in the official complaints register.	
	Was left off the distribution list when minutes from last meeting were sent out JL - Wanted to say thank you to Wendy at Camden Office for rectifying the issue	MM - Reported previously to me and remedied.	
	Date shown for next meeting incorrect in minutes, shown as August 27 a Friday.	Meeting notice dated August 2, 2004 sent out by Sydney Gas to committee members has the right date	
	Wrong spelling of Deputy Mayor's name shown on previous minutes - Farnell	Apologised to Councillor Funnell at August 26 meeting	
	As community representatives and Wollondilly Councillor not attending	MM- the vacancy for the environmental group has been advertised and has	

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	<p>regularly, they should have alternates. Mr Lyons is putting himself as one to be considered.</p>	<p>received no response. Michael Colless stated that he would directly approach a number of groups that he was aware of.</p> <p>Committee agreed unanimously that alternates are not appropriate for attendance. Reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With only 4 meetings per year, the commitment is not that onerous. • It would be impossible to maintain continuity due to the impracticality for alternates to be kept sufficiently up to speed to be effective. <p>Committee agreed unanimously that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All members again be contacted for their commitment to the process. • Should a member be absent on three (3) consecutive occasions then, their position is declared vacant and re-advertisement to occur. <p>Considerable discussion was had concerning the lack of attendance compared to earlier meetings. It was felt by all that the lack of interest was a direct result of a lack of issues and problems being raised. The satisfactory performance of the Ray Beddoe Plant was seen to negate any previous unpopular responses. It was expected that interest would again rise with the commissioning of the new Stage 2 plant, but pending satisfactory performance interest was expected to reduce again.</p> <p>PC / TR - Very pleased with what Sydney Gas was doing in relation to advising the community.</p> <p>SJM - There is a considerable demonstration of satisfactory performance required in the Development Consent. The committee will be kept abreast of all activities by Sydney Gas.</p>	
	<p>Dedication of corner known as Sydney Gas corner is a mess. Location is Bloom or Plum Blossom Road, off old Razorback Road. There was a photo in</p>	<p>MM spoke to Charles Wright who identified the land as a lookout that Sydney Gas had planted some trees and tidied up as a community project at the</p>	

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	<p>the paper 6/6/03 of Mike Roy and Denis Bedford dedicating area to Wollondilly Council.</p>	<p>request of Dennis Bedford, in consultation with Wollondilly Council. It is assumed the land in question is and always has been under the care, control and maintenance of Wollondilly Council.</p> <p>MM (25/8/04) Reported to Julie Bacon, General Manager's Secretary, to investigate and arrange appropriate action if necessary.</p> <p>Michael Colless stated he would personally follow up on the matter .</p>	
6.0	Project Operations Review		
7-6.1	<p>Sydney Gas continues to achieve expected gas production through the Ray Beddoe Treatment Plant.</p> <p>The plant will be shutdown for a few days in September for maintenance to the gas compressor.</p>		
7-6.2	<p>Stage II has received approval following resolution of the Appeal on the issuance of the Development Consent. The Petroleum Production Licence (PPL4) has not been issued yet but is expected within a week. This impacts issuance of the EPA licence and the commencement of works at the EMAI.</p> <p>Construction commenced on Monday, 5th July 2004. Civil construction is almost complete. Foundations for the major plant items have been poured and are curing. Construction of the plant proper is to commence soon.</p> <p>Schedule is for meeting the sales gas contract before the end of the year following detailed commissioning procedures. The Project is on schedule to meet all commitments.</p> <p>Sydney Gas is looking to modify the Development Consent to include the wells drilled at Menangle Park and those being drilled at Mt Taurus. This will enable them to be joined into the production facilities at Rosalind Park.</p> <p>Sydney Gas has drilled two production holes in the Wyong district and is planning more in the near future. It is Sydney Gas intention to duplicate the Camden Gas project in the Wyong</p>	<p>New Development Consent document sent to all committee members.</p>	<p>Supplied.</p>

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	<p>district.</p> <p>Sydney Gas is assessing the potential for a similar industry in the Hunter Valley.</p> <p>Sydney Gas (FK / SJM) has commissioned the consultancy firm, Parsons Brinckerhoff, to assist in the planning for water management. PB were the consultants for a similar exercise in Qld between the CSM operators, the State Government departments and the Federal Government. A very successful tri-partite result was achieved. It is Sydney Gas view that any resulting well waters should be treated as a valuable water resource and that a socially acceptable resolution can be found.</p>	<p>PC / TR - Very pleased with what Sydney Gas was doing in relation to advising the community of its key issues.</p> <p>The committee will be kept up to date on the progress of the study.</p>	
5-6.3	<p>DIPNR has issued guidelines for the placement of coal seam methane infrastructure in rural, semi-rural and urban areas. Further copies can be obtained from the DIPNR website.</p>	<p>SJM to issue copy to all members with the guidelines as they become available.</p>	<p>Supplied</p>
7.0	General Business		
7-7.1	<p>Sydney Gas (SJM) discussed the detail of the Locational Guidelines for wells and associated infrastructure. It was highlighted as to the rigour of the risk assessment that had occurred in formulating these guidelines. It was presented to everyone's satisfaction that the CSM industry has very safe processes that pose little to no detriment to the short, medium or long term use of the land for residential development.</p> <p>It was accepted by all that the CSM industry was less hazardous than service stations that had similar distances for residence construction.</p>		
7-7.2	<p>Sydney Gas (FK) discussed the detail of the Development Consent. It was highlighted as to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How it operates • The level of reporting • The checks and balances contained to ensure that all environmental issues are addressed • The significant demonstration that was required once completed to prove compliance to accepted 		

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	standards. TR – It was important to have community reps to hear what was happening with Sydney Gas and how Sydney Gas was listening to the concerns of the community and the various regulators to adopt world’s best practice in relation to its operations.		
8.0	Next Meeting		
	Thursday 25 November 2004 at 5pm Sydney Gas will inform the committee if the venue for the meeting will be the new site at Rosalind Park or the Camden Civic Centre, Small Training Room.		
	Meeting Closed 6.20pm		

Note:

- Item numbering in column one shows the meeting number first than the section number to allow for the actions to be tracked for close out.
- Items in **BOLD** are the comments made to close out an action raised in a previous meeting.
- ‘NM’ means action required prior to the Next CCC Meeting.