

COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
AGL - CAMDEN GAS PROJECT

MEETING NO.15

Held in the Conference Room, AGL RPPG Site on 23 November 2006 at 5pm

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Mrs Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MM)	Chairman
Mr Simon Hennings (SH)	Community Member
Mrs Shirley Winn (SW)	Community Member
Mr David Hunt (DH)	Environmental Group Representative
CR David Funnell (DF)	Camden Council
Mr John Milicic (JM)	Campbelltown City Council
Mrs Diane Gordon (DG)	Community Member - Camden
Mr Mike Roy (MR)	AGL Gas Production (Camden) Pty Limited
Mr Aaron Clifton (AC)	AGL Gas Production (Camden) Pty Limited
Ms Siobhan Barry (SB)	AGL Gas Production (Camden) Pty Limited
Miss Wendy Thompson (WT)	AGL Gas Production (Camden) Pty Limited

APOLOGIES

Ms Sue McGarrity (SM)	Community Member
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ABSENT

Mr Shane Read (SR)	Wollondilly Shire Council (replacement for Cr Costa)
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Meeting Opened at 5.14pm

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION/CLOSE OUT	DATE BY
1.0	Introduction		
15-1.1	Welcome by the Chairman - MM Declaration of Interest - Margaret advise committee members that she is engaged by AGL as an independent chair.		
2.0	Apologies - As Above		
3.0	Last Meeting Minutes		
15-3.1	Amendments <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Page 2 - Action Item diagrams were distributed, should have read "guidelines were distributed". 2. Page 2 - Correspondence In on 5/6/2006 from David Kitto regarding new members should have been under "Correspondence Out" 		

	<p>3. Page 3 – All members noted that the last set of minutes was not received should have read “Some members noted that the”</p> <p>The minutes were accepted. DF/DH</p>		
4.0	Business Arising		
	No business arising		
5.0	Correspondence		
15-5.1	Correspondence In:	<p>MM – 23/10/2006 – From Siobhan Barry regarding letter from Landcom expressing an interest in becoming a committee member.</p> <p>MM – 24/10/2006 – From Siobhan Barry providing a copy of the sustainability report. Copied tabled at meeting for viewing.</p>	
15.5.2	Correspondence Out:	<p>MM – 7/11/2006 – To Siobhan Barry regarding Landcom interest, advising it’s not really appropriate for Landcom Representative to be on committee once it has already been developed. Advised that if they wanted to attend, they could contact us and would invite them to attend a meeting.</p>	
6.0	Reports on AGL’s operations and future plans		
	Incidents and Complaints		
15-6.1	MR – LTI record is currently at 530 days.		
15-6.2	<p>MR – Seismic Lines – complaint was received by Menangle resident who had allegedly tripped over seismic cabling positioned along the council strip during the recent seismic work undertaken by AGL. The non-intrusive method used by AGL is conducted by a 3rd party contractor (Velseis). The equipment used sends soundwaves through the ground and reflects back to ground geophones and this information provides the location of coal seams, indicating faults etc in the seam. Works were approved by Wollondilly Shire Council and notification of these works were provided to landowners, prior to work commencing. This incident occurred on the last day of the 3 month program. A security guard was on site monitoring the equipment at the time of the alleged incident. No further action was taken, and in future all equipment will be picked up each night.</p> <p>DH – Can you explain the rammers used in this seismic work?</p>		

14-6.3	<p>MR – Construction style wacker packers are used which is very un-intrusive (compared to dynamite). They send soundwaves down up to 1000m. As we conducted a 100km survey, drilling shallow holes for dynamite would have been very intrusive. The technology is in the interpretation and processing the data.</p> <p>MR – A Mt Gilead resident lodged a complaint with the Department of Planning regarding an observation of saline water leaking into the Menangle Creek. On 6/11/2006 AGL checked their surface facilities, and no tanks or equipment indicated leakage. On 10/11/2006 the EPA came to site to conduct field water tests within Menangle Creek. The test identified that the water was welling out of the ground, and was not caused by AGL. The level of the salt was at 7100 µS/cm which is almost 10 times the level of salt in the river under normal conditions. The EPA confirmed that the water was not a result of any AGL operations.</p> <p>MR – The EPA reported the results to the Department of Natural Resources, and any further investigations will be conducted by them.</p> <p>DH – Where was this particular area in relation to AGL activity?</p> <p>AC – Approx 70m downstream of our nearest well.</p>		
15-6.4	<p>Compliance</p> <p>AC – The Annual Environment Reports have been completed and submitted for Stage 1 and Stage 2. URS assisted in AGL in writing the reports. All results were satisfactory, and there have been no responses received from the Departments.</p>		
15-6.5	<p>AC – The annual returns for RBTP were all compliant and we are working closely with the EPA regarding noise monitoring. We have received no complaints from residents, and still plan to shutdown the plant as soon as possible.</p>		
15-6.6	<p>AC – The Department of Planning has given approval for URS to carry out an independent environmental audit which is required under our Stage 2 Development Consent Conditions.</p>		
15-6.7	<p>Operations</p> <p>MR –We are currently drilling with one rig and have drilled 4 wells. We have also drilled our first horizontal well into the coal seam and have drilled 1200m inside a 4m seam and stayed within the coal seam. This drilling method allows us to drain gas resources that we can't get land access to. It is a</p>		

<p>15-6.8</p> <p>15-6.9</p>	<p>more expensive and has many technical risks, however this technology if proven to be successful will be beneficial to AGL. We are currently testing this well and if OK these type of wells can potential equate to 3 to 4 of our vertical wells. JM - How long until the test is complete. MR - We have to dewater the seam, but we are hoping that we will have results back December/January.</p> <p>MR - We have been fracing during November and will frac the last of a 4 well frac program tomorrow. We are using a crew from Roma.</p> <p>MR - We will start core holes in December in the Currans Hill area near St Greg's School, and next year, once approval is granted, we will have 2 drill rigs operating in the Elizabeth Macarthur and Razorback areas. The drilling activity will take us through to June 2007.</p>		
<p>15-6.10</p> <p>15-6.11</p> <p>15-6.12</p> <p>15-6.13</p>	<p>Project Development</p> <p>MR - The Stage 2 Concept Plan application has been placed on the Department of Planning website today and a Public Notice will appear in next weeks Advertiser and Chronicle to notify the public of the application.</p> <p>MR - A Draft Consent is under review for 24 wells in Razorback and Elizabeth Macarthur areas.</p> <p>MR - Compressor Upgrade - A second compressor is currently being installed and we hope to be producing by Christmas. A third compressor will be arriving in late January and we will be working on developing areas to increase production from the RPGP.</p> <p>AC - Draft conditions of Consent have been received for the Razorback and EMAI fields including the underboring of Remembrance Drive to link selected Stage 1 wells to the Stage 2 RPGP. SH - Are you getting a lot of gas? MR - Yes we are - you have to know where to look, and where not to look, understanding the geology. You have to look at geological interferences. When we first started we had 20% economical wells and now we have 85% MM - Is there community interest, or is it kind of accepted that you're here now? MR - We receive very little negative feedback. The local businesses enjoy the money we spend, and people understand this is a good thing. Originally it</p>		

	<p>was the fear of the unknown, and now it is understood what we do.</p> <p>SW - What about the helicopter noise?</p> <p>MR - That isn't AGL. They are compliance helicopters which fly over the gas pipelines.</p> <p>AC - There have been Integral Energy helicopters flying over to check the lines, and we have contacted them, as they have flown a little too close to the plant.</p> <p>MM - At a recent Wyong meeting I attended they were saying they should have had the gas because now there is a coal mine going in.</p> <p>MR - they will have to vent gas there anyway, which is not good for greenhouse gas emissions.</p> <p>SH - I remember when Sydney Gas announced they were pulling out of Wyong, and said watch the Koreans come in.</p> <p>MM - It is good there are not complaints.</p> <p><i>Siobhan Barry joined the meeting</i></p>		
7.0	General Business		
15-7.1	SB - Copies of the Stage 2 Concept Plan Environmental Assessment Scoping Report (EASR) were provided to the Committee for their information. The Report forms part of the Major Project application and serves to advise the government what is planned in the project. The relevant Government Departments and Councils review it and set the Requirements that need to be met in the Environmental Assessment. The project goes on public display when the Environmental Assessment is completed.		
15-7.2	Elizabeth Macarthur and Razorback consent conditions were on public display and the questions raised have been answered. There were 2 questions, 1 from Department of Conservation regarding noise and one from DPI.		
8.0	Venue for Future Meetings	Leave at RPGP Site Office	
9.0	Next Meeting		
	Thursday 22 nd of February 2006 at 5pm.		
	MM - Wished everyone a Merry Christmas		
	Meeting Closed 6:03pm		

Note:

- Item numbering in column one shows the meeting number first then 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.