

**COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE  
AGL – CAMDEN GAS PROJECT**

**MEETING NO.31**

Held in the RPGP Conference Room, Menangle on 16 February 2012 at 5.30pm

**MINUTES**

<b>Member / Guest</b>	<b>Attendance Type</b>
Mrs Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MM) <b>Chair</b>	Present
Mr Brad Staggs (BS)	Present
Mr David Henry (DH)	Present
Mrs Diane Gordon (DG)	Present
Cr Fred Anderson (FA)	Present
Ms Jacqui Kirkby (JK)	Present
Mr Jeff Lawrence (JL)	Apology
Mr Michael Banasik (MB)	Absent
Mr Michael Hingley (MH)	Present
Mr Paul Hourigan (PH)	Absent
Mr Peter Bloem (PB)	Present
Mr Simon Hennings (SH)	Apology
Mr Troy Platten (TP)	Present
Mr Aaron Clifton (AC)	Present
Mr Adam Lollback (AL)	Present
Ms Naomi Rowe (NR)	Apology
Miss Wendy Thompson (WT)	Present

**Meeting Opened at: 5.35pm**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<p><b>1.0 Welcome</b></p> <p>Welcome and Introductions by Chair – MM.</p> <p>Welcomed, Troy Platten, Brad Staggs and Peter Bloem to meeting.</p> <p>Margaret advised committee members that she is engaged by AGL as an independent chair, approved by the Director of General Planning and Infrastructure.</p> <p>Margaret declared to committee members that she is also a member of the Mine Subsidence Board and the Minister’s Arbitration panel.</p>	
<p><b>2.0 Apologies</b></p> <p>As above</p>	

### 3.0 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

MM – Previous June minutes distributed to members prior to the meeting with suggested amendments from JK. MM advised JK was an observer to that meeting pending approval from DoPI. Minutes had been moved and seconded by committee members. She proposed JK’s June minute amendments be added as an addendum to the previous meeting minutes.

September minutes.

JK – Concern that the minutes would not be understood by community members reading them from the AGL website.

JK – Page 1, regarding who reviews minutes for accuracy.

*AC comment amended to “AGL advised that minutes are reviewed.....”*

JK – Page 2, regarding audio recording of meeting minutes. Understood that SH and JL were also included in the discussion around recording of minutes.

*Above FA Cited his concern..... insert comment “SH suggested compromise possibility of meeting minutes being taped. General consensus was no.”*

JK – Page 3, regarding moratorium on fracking.

*Add note that “AGL has not undertaken fracking processes during the moratorium period.”*

MM – read out her email response to JK to the meeting (attached)

TP – Suggested pertinent information be recorded to use for clarification.

MM – Reconfirmed that if there are any major concerns they were to be addressed to MM as soon as practical after distribution to members.

JK - Page 4, Regarding report used.

*Clarified to “baseline data collected in 2001 by SGO cannot be used for the Northern Expansion area because the consultants made it specific for the Cawdor area”*

JK – Page 4, JK – Amended *“She had been given information.....”*

JK – Page 5, Report in UEH. Amended to *“Mary Lou Pott’s submission on the Camden Gas Project”*

JK – Page 5, regarding Varo Ville House comment. JK recalls JR responded advising exploration wells included in the Phase 1 Groundwater Assessment Report for the Northern Expansion were only those which gave useful information.

JK – Page 6, Mike Moraza’s advertorial statement.

Clarify that homes can be built within 20m of existing wells, but new wells cannot be drilled within 200m. This was the reason that AGL’s advertorial was considered misleading.

JK – Page 6, JK comment for committee visit. Amended *“Requested the Camden committee.....”*

FA – Raised concern that the minutes are being amended adding comments that were not part of the original minutes written.

Discussion held with all members regarding minutes. Process will be to review 'live' minutes on screen for early confirmation.

**Moved: David Henry**

**Seconded: Jacqui Kirkby**

AL to seek clarification from JR

<p><b>4.0 Business Arising</b></p> <p>JK – RA01, Thanked Aaron for sending report, however no appendices and requested confirmation of a report from the community that water was seen erupting from the well.</p> <p>AC – Believed appendices/other information withheld due to commercial in confidence - will check. Requested further clarification or information on the event.</p> <p>JK – Understood at the time the well had been capped.</p> <p>AC – Clarified that this well was drilled back in 2006/2007. It was not brought to AGL’s attention at the time so will seek previous information.</p> <p>AC informed members that fracking is now termed fracture stimulation.</p> <p>MM – tabled response from DOP&amp;I to members</p> <p>Invitation to DOP&amp;I to attend future meeting in August. Hunter CCC meeting at Camden held on 8/11. DH, JK &amp; FA met informally with Hunter CCC.</p> <p>AL arranged water monitoring inspection on 3/11. JK attended.</p>	<p>AC and JK to seek further information</p>
<p><b>5.0 Correspondence</b></p> <p><b><u>IN</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– email 6/10 from Peter Bloem following email from JK (30/9) issue with June minutes</li> <li>– email 6/10 from JK on fracking</li> <li>– letter 8/10 from Howard Reed on compliance activities</li> <li>– email 10/10 from Howard Reed on attendance</li> <li>– email 12/10 from JK issues with June minutes &amp; cc to AL (letter 23/6) on water monitoring</li> <li>– email 28/10 from AL advertisement for replacement members &amp; advice on water monitoring/sampling inspection on 3/11</li> <li>– email 11/11 from JK advising issues with September minutes</li> <li>– email 23/12 acknowledgement from JK</li> </ul> <p><b><u>OUT</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– email 4/10 invitation to Howard Reed to attend future CCC meeting</li> <li>– email 7/10 response to Peter Bloem</li> <li>– email 7/10 response to JK on fracking</li> <li>– email 12/10 acknowledging JK email</li> <li>– email 17/10 response from DoPI to DH &amp; JL</li> <li>– email 11/11 &amp; 23/12 responses to JK</li> <li>– email 9/12 to Peter Bloem confirming invitation to attend Feb meeting</li> </ul>	
<p><b>6.0 Reports</b></p> <p><b>AC – Operations and HSE Update</b>  <i>See Slides</i></p> <p>Slide 2: AC – Explained to members workover and completions operations and the activities associated with those operations.</p>	

Slide 3: JK – Understood that the noise monitoring had been removed from Mt Gilead.

AC – Confirmed that the continuous noise monitoring has been removed, however attended noise monitoring still occurs in consultation with the landowners knowledge.

JK – Queried if any surprise monitoring was being undertaken

PB – Advised that monitoring can be undertaken by EPA at any time under an independent audit, although he was not aware of any monitoring or compliance audit done by the EPA recently.

Discussion held by members with the noise monitoring examples and process used.

PB – Advised the Industrial Noise policy sets out the standards and guidelines that are used for monitoring.

TP – Suggested as an option the independent monitoring companies can provide the dates to AGL that they monitor.

AC – Continued consultation with the landowners still needs to be maintained. AC to follow up options to continue transparency.

FA – Noted that anyone can contact EPA should they have any queries or concerns with regards to noise. This would eliminate the questioning of AGL’s integrity.

PB – Noted that he is unaware of any recent issues regarding noise.

AC – Noted that safety still needs to be considered for parties on any AGL operational site.

Noted: EPA 24 hour line 131 555, can be contacted at any time for submission of any complaints of this nature.

Slide 4: JK Queried the cause of the leak

AC – Advised that the ram blocks on the BOP were the incorrect size for the pipe in the well.

JK Queried if security were not present on site if the leak would have been detected.

AC – Confirmed that employee’s would attend site at approximately 6am, the leak was intermittent, approximately 1000L was leaked over approximately a 1 hour period. This does not confirm though that 6 hours would mean 6000L.

FA – How was the volume of water calculated?

AC- Educated estimate based on the surface covered and water present.

Slide 5: AL – Advised that the Land and Compliance Officer (Kevin Rofe) for AGL attends to sites where activities are being undertaken to check that the operators are aware of AGL’s gathering line network in the areas where they may be working.

FA – Queried if this was the first time this had happened, and if lessons learnt can assist prevention.

AC – Thinks it may have occurred before but it is rare. Investigation undertaken and areas of improvement noted, such as response time. Suggestions being reviewed for quicker response opportunities. Requests from the EPA also received for follow up.

BS – Suggested Telstra could be advised of the importance of DBYD process.

JK – Queried if there is a summary of incidents, provided example of finding by chance application for re-routing of gathering line due to a landslide rupturing of an existing line at Glenlee.

AC – Advised that this forum is used to bring reportable incidents to the

<p>community members.  JK – Noted that there is not one place that provides a summary of all incidents that can be viewed  BS – Noted that this has caused concern.  AC – Understands that these are provided in this forum  PB – All reportable incidents, that result in licence non-compliance, are made public in the NSW public register on the EPA website.  JK – Suggested one place for the full performance to be available to interested parties.</p> <p>Slide 7: PB – Suggested all members review the new licence requirements on the EPA website.  JK – Asked PB if there is going to be a central point for all complaints to be made.  PB – Specific to environmental incidents, there are new requirements, but this would not cover other areas of incidents, such as safety.  JK – Provided example of salty water in a clear water creek and raising this issue to see if it was related to coal seam gas.  PB – Suggested that any concerns that are held can be directed through the Environment Line.  BS – Suggested AGL also could provide information to the local government authorities when an incident has been report to other regulatory bodies.  JK – Asked if this was the only producing gas project in NSW  AC – Confirmed correct.  JK – In Australia where does it rate for longest running.  AC/AL – Do not have this information, but first in NSW. Suggested APPEA may have further records.</p> <p>DG – Queried how proud AGL is of the reporting information.  AC – Not ideal to have any complaints, Confirmed highest number of complaints in recent years, but mindful of the sensitive areas that we are moving into.</p> <p><b>AL – Community and Government Update</b>  Slide 9: MH Queried the gathering line on council land  AL/AC – Showed the route of gathering line on the map</p> <p>Slide 12: JK – Noted that SHA oppose this monitoring. Provided that the reason is that the data will not support a “go” or “no-go” decision by the DOP&amp;I. Campbelltown Council has also removed its support for this water monitoring. Believes that this is progressing the Camden Gas Project before approval. Concerned that landowners may give access for this without understanding further consequences for CSM.  AL – The purpose is to do a full environmental assessment of the area to provide coverage of all bases.  JK – Noted this information was not made available during the Public Exhibition period.  JK – Understands three late submissions have been received, and those submissions state they have only been made aware of the Northern Expansion proposal recently. Raises conflict of accounts with regards to full consultation by AGL in the EA.  AL – Can confirm that he personally spoke to those landowners noted in the late submissions, and the detailed</p>	<p>AC to provide summary of the current methods AGL use to report incidents to the community</p>
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<p>information regarding consultation will be included in the response to submissions.</p> <p>AL - Advised that AGL invited nomination of sites for groundwater sampling and that offer still stands, and that AGL are looking for an extra site so that the whole of the stage 3 project area is covered.</p> <p>DH – Questioned if the additional groundwater report be distributed for comment.</p> <p>AL – Advised No, it will go in the Response to Submission Report.</p> <p>DH – Queried if the EPBC referral application been lodged or is it in the process of being prepared</p> <p>AL – Advised that it is in the process of being prepared.</p> <p>JK – SHA raising concern that land and home packages may be being sold to unsuspecting public members in the Camden Northern Expansion area, where it is not noted that coal seam gas wells are proposed.</p> <p>FA – Noted that people purchasing property should be well aware of the expected developments that may impose on their amenity. Suggested that where the intended well sites are proposed to be, are made aware to sellers of those properties, to pass the information on to buyers. No legal obligation is current, but his Council is looking at ways to advise buyers.</p>	
<p><b>7.0 General Business</b></p> <p>PB – New requirements on POEO for incident reporting.</p> <p>JK – In the Upper House Inquiry, AGL stated 138 wells drilled in CGP. Does this include exploration wells? Of the 138 wells drilled, 52 are not producing gas. Have these been plugged and abandoned?</p> <p>AL – 138 includes production wells only, not exploration wells. Of the wells which are not producing gas, these are suspended and may be plugged and abandoned or brought back into production.</p> <p>JK – What is the increment for gas production increase for the Northern Expansion expected to be?</p> <p>AL – Would hope for 10% but it is based on supply and demand. This is very difficult to calculate due to numerous reasons.</p> <p>JK – Advised AGL could supply assumptions with its predictions so they can be tested by others.</p> <p>FA – Suggestion that minutes include a list of acronyms such as EPA, NOW etc</p> <p>BS – Agreed but suggested extend to include explanations of common technical terms</p>	<p>This could be done as a list/index at beginning of minutes</p>
<p><b>8.0 Next Meeting Date</b></p> <p>17 May 2012</p> <p>16 August 2012 (proposed)</p> <p>15 November 2012 (proposed)</p>	

**Meeting Closed at: 8.40pm**