

COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE  
AGL – CAMDEN GAS PROJECT

**MEETING NO.45**

Rosalind Park Gas Plant, 16 September 2015 at 5.30pm

**MINUTES**

<b>Member / Guest</b>	<b>Attendance Type</b>
Mrs Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MM) <b>Chair</b>	Present
Mr Fred Anderson (FA)	Present
Mr Peter Bloem (PB)	Present
Mrs Diane Gordon (DG)	Apologies
Mr Simon Hennings (SH)	Present
Mr David Henry (DH)	Apologies
Mr Brad Staggs (BS)	Apologies
Ms Jacqui Kirkby (JK)	Present
Ms Nicole Magurran (NM)	Apologies
Mr Troy Platten (TP)	Apologies
Mr Paul Reynolds (PR)	Present
Mr Andrew Spooner (AS)	Apologies
Ms Lara Symkowiak (LS)	Apologies
Mr Aaron Clifton (AC)	Present
Mr Amer Hussein (AH)	Present
Mr Doug Hunt (DHt)	Present
Mr Tom Carmichael (TC) – Golder Associates	Present
Ms Carmen Dwyer (CD) – EPA	Present
Ms Jenny O’Brien (JO)	Present
Ms Suzanne Westgate	Apologies

**Meeting Opened at: 5:36pm**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>DUE DATE</b>
<p><b>1.0 Welcome</b></p> <p>MM – Welcome and Introductions</p>		
<p><b>2.0 Apologies</b></p> <p>As above.</p>		
<p><b>3.0 Confirmation of Previous Minutes</b></p> <p>The following amendments were made:</p> <p>JK - Page 4/5: Insert – <i>JK – Raised concerns on Environmental Health Impacts Assessment (EHIA) presented to Committee in 2013 and subsequent questions from the Carmelite Nuns to Mike Moraza. 'AGL has declined numerous requests for response in writing.'</i></p> <p>AC – AGL position remains the same.</p> <p><b>'JK – The Carmelite Nuns' review of the EHIA was endorsed by the Scenic Hills Association. As a consequence of AGL's unwillingness or inability to respond, the SHA wishes to state that it has no</b></p>		

<p><b><i>confidence in AGL's ability to protect the health and wellbeing of this community.'</i></b></p> <p>The minutes, as amended were</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> PR  <b>Seconded:</b> JK</p>		
<p><b>4.0 Business Arising</b></p> <p>2012-14 Independent Environmental Audit (IEA) Presentation (TC)  <b>A copy of the presentation is attached to the minutes.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In accordance with Development Consent Conditions issued by the Department of Planning and Environment (DP&amp;E), 6 out of 10 Development Approvals specified that these operations required 2-yearly audits.</li> <li>• The Development Approvals excluded from audit scope included Spring Farm, Menangle Part Stage 2, Razorback and EMAI Stage 2 wells which require 3-yearly audits. These Development Approvals will be separately audited across the 2012-2015 financial years.</li> <li>• The IEA report is available on AGL's website.</li> <li>• The IEA focuses on the environmental performance of the operations, based on the compliance with the consent conditions. Concern was raised about the maintenance activities.</li> <li>• It was clarified that the Development Approval covering Spring Farm operations was not included in scope under this IEA and would be audited later in 2015.</li> <li>• AGL undertakes actions to address each of the Improvement Opportunities and non-compliances. A copy of the Corrective Actions Register is uploaded to the CGP website.</li> <li>• AGL has implemented the CMO Compliance Management System to improve tracking and completion of compliance requirements.</li> <li>• IEA and Corrective Actions Register was sent to DP&amp;E.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>5.0 Correspondence</b></p> <p><b>Out</b></p> <p>18/6/15 – email discussion paper on community benefits to CCC  8/7/15 – letter to Minister Stokes on disclosure of well locations  8/7/15 – letter to Minister Roberts on disclosure of well locations</p> <p><b>In</b></p> <p>6/7/15 – email to CCC from AGL on Upstream Gas Review</p>		

<p>10/9/15 – email to CCC from AGL on signatories to Agreed Principles of Land Access</p>		
<p><b>6.0 Presentation by Carmen Dwyer, Director Gas implementation</b></p> <p>EPA (Lead Regulator) Presentation (CD)  <b>A copy of the presentation is attached to the minutes.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The EPA is the state’s primary environmental regulator.</li> <li>• EPA is responsible for issuing environmental protection licences, compliance and enforcement of all conditions on statutory instruments for the gas industry, excluding work, health and safety conditions (established in the Memorandum of Understanding on the regulation of gas activities in NSW).</li> <li>• EPA is not a consent authority. EPA provides expert environmental and regulatory advice to the consent authorities such as the DP&amp;E.</li> <li>• EPA is looking to have a permanent gas team member based in Wollongong.</li> <li>• If an incident has occurred, the EPA would investigate if there was harm to human health or the environment. It would make an independent decision on whether compliance has been met and this can be used to inform the consent authority.</li> <li>• To lodge a complaint or report a breach in an environmental protection licence, the community can contact Environment Line (131 555) which is staffed 24/7.</li> <li>• The Office of CSG is responsible for title management and administration.</li> <li>• In the Operations Unit, the officers deal with environmental regulation. They continue to do work around Environmental Protection Licences.</li> <li>• AGL is responsible for its compliance with the Environmental Protection Licence. EPA is responsible for checking AGL’s compliance with the main Acts that have controls for the gas industry.</li> <li>• There is a recurring community concern about adverse health impacts from CSG. EPA deals with compliance with conditions of consent for activities. Community members are encouraged to contact Environment Line for concerns, such as health. If it is an issue regarding consent, contact the consent authority.</li> <li>• The EPA is not a consent authority so it does not consider public submissions. The EPA gives advice to consent authorities on regulatory framing of conditions. Submissions related to environmental matters become public and EPA may consider these however not as part of the approval process.</li> <li>• Consent authorities may choose to consult EPA for a new proposal.</li> <li>• EPA may see public submissions if in an integrated development.</li> </ul>		

## **7.0 AGL Update**

**A copy of the presentation was provided to the Committee.**

### **AGL Business Update (JM)**

- Andrew (Andy) Vesey is AGL's new CEO.
- Following a review of the Upstream Gas business, AGL announced it would focus on core gas projects and divest non-core and under-performing gas assets and activities.
- There is no longer an Upstream Gas division.
- Core projects that will be retained are Camden Gas Project, Newcastle Gas Storage Facility, Silver Springs Gas Storage and Wallumbilla LPG Plant and Gloucester Gas Project.
- Final investment decision for the Gloucester Gas Project will be made by the AGL Board in 2016
- AGL has formally withdrawn the Camden North Expansion Project.
- AGL has relinquished PELs 2, 4 and 267 (including the Hunter Gas Project).
- Queried if AGL guarantees that it will not seek to require the PELs in the future?
- At this stage, it is not on AGL's agenda and would not be in line with the current company strategy.
- Committee discussion on if this decision was due to political difficulties on CSG in built-up areas or because Camden is not an extensive gas supply, relative to Gloucester and other projects.
- The Camden Gas Project is currently viable. Not in line with current company strategy.
- Queried if there will be further expansion proposals within AGL's current explorations?
- There are no immediate plans. Any expansion proposed would require a modification to the existing development application and thorough public submissions process

### **Landholders (Dht)**

- AGL has relinquished PELs 2, 4 and 267.
- Query about the wells located in the Northern Expansion area?
- The Denham Court well have been plugged and abandoned (P&A) and rehabilitated. There are currently four water monitoring bores attached to work program for that exploration licence. They are under a separate water licence to be P&A. There are no other water monitoring bores under PEL2 (extinguished). AGL confirmed it will retain water monitoring bores.
- AGL has notified and engaged with landholders for P&A and rehabilitation activities.
- AGL continues to work with Council and developers for future strategic planning proposals. AGL is being consulted because it has assets within proposed land and provides information to Council about the location of wells, existing gas lines, etc.

### **Operations & Environment (AC)**

- To date, 16 wells have been P&A.
- 90 wells currently producing.

- Clarified that wells are capped and sealed at a minimum of 1.5 m below surface.
- The workover rig is currently in Gloucester for workover activities. It is expected to return to Camden late 2015 to undertake more P&A work.
- Three project approvals will be audited under the 2012-15 IEA. The IEA Report is expected to start in September 2015 and should be finalised and findings released in early 2016.
- The Predictive Emissions Monitoring System (PEMS) Stage 2 trial commenced on 14 September 2015 for two compressors. It is a new technique to predict NOx emissions. There have been reduced NOx emissions from the compressors. At the completion of the trial, AGL will discuss the trial results with EPA.
- A bunded tanker loading facility has been built to contain the full capacity of truck loads while ensuring any spills are contained. This was identified as an improvement project as part of the EPA's compliance audit of the Rosalind Park Gas Plant.

**Community Engagement (AH/JO)**

- Platinum sponsor of Greater Narellan Chamber of Commerce.
- AGL attended the Business Event of the Year on 15 July with business representatives from the Macarthur Region.
- AGL attended the Christmas in July Fundraiser for Disability Macarthur Family Support & Care on 24 July.
- AGL supported the Youth Solutions Annual Charity Event on 25 July, which provides support for young people on drug and alcohol issues.
- Sponsorship of Christmas In Narellan and involvement on Committee.
- AGL has worked in partnership with Disability Macarthur's Sunflower Cottage to install a solar panel system at their respite facility to reduce their energy costs. The official opening is on 24 September.
- Findings from the Sustainability Report found that Camden Gas Project has contracted 170 suppliers of which 30% are local to the Macarthur Region, contributing \$4 million to those local suppliers.
- On 10 September 2015, Andy Vesey re-signed the Agreed Principles of Land Access between representatives of agricultural landholders and gas companies.
- JK stated this was misleading because in the Northern Expansion project and could limit Scenic Hills Association informing landholders about their right to refuse property access. Some landholders were chased to sign an agreement.
- Chair advised under the legislation, landholders always had the right to deny access, however it could invoke the arbitration process.

AGL will share more details with the Committee.

<p><b>8.0 General Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AH is now responsible for community engagement.</li> <li>• JO has been appointed Stakeholder and Community Relations Manager and based in Melbourne.</li> <li>• The Committee congratulated JO on her new appointment and thanked her for all her efforts on the CCC.</li> <li>• JK referred to a Health Forum in May held with NSW Health, Campbelltown Council and EPA, questioning why didn't the Committee receive a report at the June CCC meeting and why was the Committee not invited?</li> <li>• The Forum was not organised through AGL. EPA was 1 of 7 invited to the Health Forum held in May 2015.</li> <li>• Concern was raised that the UWS Love Your Lagoons process was not transparent AGL could be seen as a sponsor UWS should have had a full disclosure stating that this was an Enforceable Undertaking (EU) to a non-compliance.</li> <li>• It was the decision of UWS to include AGL in the Report. UWS communicated to each participating school in the research that the funding was from an EU. The record of the EU is in the public domain.</li> <li>• EPA clearly communicated that this was an EU penalty on AGL for non-compliance. EPA will consider the feedback when considering the EUs in the future.</li> <li>• AGL had an obligation to monitor UWS progress but did not attend any activities that were facilitated by UWS. The report and methodology was approved by the UWS Ethics Committee.</li> </ul>	<p>EPA will provide an update on the Health Forum to the Committee.</p> <p>AGL will follow up with NSW Health about opportunities for the Committee to discuss health.</p>	
<p><b>9.0 Next meeting date</b></p> <p>Thursday 26 November 2015 – CCC meeting at AGL office, followed by dinner at a venue nearby.</p>		

**Meeting Closed at: 8:06pm.**

Acronym Index

CCC	Community Consultative Committee
DP&E	Department of Planning & Environment
EHIA	Environmental Health Impacts Assessment
EPA	Environment Protection Authority
EU	Enforceable Undertaking
IEA	Independent Environmental Audit
P&A	Plugged and Abandoned