

COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
AGL – CAMDEN GAS COMMITTEE

MEETING NO. 51

Rosalind Park Gas Plant, 20 September 2017 at 5.30pm

MINUTES

Member/Guest	Attendance Type
Margaret MacDonald-Hill Chair	Present
Peter Bloem (PB)	Present
David Henry (DH)	Present
Renee Winsor (RW)	Present
Aaron Clifton (AC)	Present
Addy Watson (AW)	Present
Rachel Marks (RM)	Present
William Dove (WD)	Present
Rob Brownbill (RB)	Present
Fred Anderson (FA)	Apologies
Diane Gordon (DG)	Apologies
Simon Hennings (SH)	Apologies
Troy Platten (TP)	Apologies
Camden Council	Apologies
Brad Staggs (BS)	Apologies
Doug Hunt (DHt)	Apologies
Alex Fitzpatrick (AF)	Present

Meeting opened: 5.34pm

ITEM	ACTION	DUE DATE
<p>1.0 Welcome, Introduction and Apologies MM – Welcome and Introductions Apologies as above Introduction to guest speakers Rob Brownbill – lead hydrologist for Crown Lands and Water and Rachel Marks from AGL.</p>		
<p>2.0 Presentation – Rob Brownbill, Crown Lands and Water - copy of presentation tabled and attached to the minutes RB explained expansion of ground water monitoring network in NSW to understand and obtain data from coal basins, part of NSW Chief Scientist and Engineer's review and NSW Government commitment.</p> <p>Four main components of monitoring strategy for coal basins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • expanding existing bore infrastructure, • expanding monitoring programs (new and existing), • harnessing industry and other agency data, • increasing community accessibility to information and knowledge. <p>Project implemented in 8 priority areas outlined in presentation to monitor impact of activities such as coal mining and coal seam gas on overlying water bearing layers. Goal is to drill multiple bores to different depths to monitor the effects on sandstone and claystone layers above the coal seam. Establishing a reference to condition water quality to obtain earliest data possible as part of the monitoring program. Bores used to monitor pressures and sample water quality – low volume sampling.</p> <p>Water information management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industry water data will be incorporated with other agency data and NSW office of water data to produce NSW environmental data portal (Govt.) 		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently running pilot to develop process to implement data sharing processes easily, and ensure data in format that is easily accessible to the public. <p>Southern Coalfield expansion \$22.8m capital expenditure over next 5 years. Sites of interest shown in presentation. In discussion with Local Government and engaging with community and CCC's in the region.</p> <p>General discussion by CCC on need for ample community engagement to ensure the community is made aware this is part of Government program and not gas exploration, need for sites to be vandal proof and adequate signage as to their purpose.</p> <p>Further information is available on website: www.water.nsw.gov.au/water-management/groundwater/water-monitoring-framework</p> <p>Chair thanked RB for his presentation and sharing this information with the CCC.</p>		
<p>3.0 Declarations of Interest MM – confirmed no change to previous declarations. MM – requested those who had not completed DP&E forms to do so and return to her</p>	<p>CCC to complete DP&E forms and return to MM</p>	<p>Prior to next meeting</p>
<p>4.0 Confirmation of previous minutes The minutes were: Moved: DH Seconded: AC</p>		
<p>5.0 Business arising Chair confirmed RW as new Campbelltown Council representative. Still awaiting confirmation of Camden Council representative.</p> <p>Advised there is a stakeholder group vacancy on CCC in accordance with consent approval. MM has consulted with Camden, Campbelltown and Wollondilly Councils, who have recommended someone from National Parks Association local branch would be an appropriate representative.</p> <p>MM advised Robert Wheeler was an applicant when the committee was expanded in 2011 and read out his nomination and qualifications, including NPA member for over 41 years. She has spoken to Mr Wheeler and he has confirmed his interest in becoming a CCC member. The committee endorsed Mr Wheeler's nomination to be forwarded to DP&E for approval.</p> <p>AGL complaints and feedback documents AF - both documents have been circulated incorporating CCC comments. See item 8.0 for detailed discussion.</p>	<p>MM to write to DP&E nominating Robert Wheeler to the CCC</p>	<p>Prior to next meeting</p>
<p>6.0 Correspondence In Nil Out June/July – Community newsletter General consensus this was an innovative way of way of exchanging information to the CCC between meetings.</p>		
<p>7.0 Reports and Presentations The following information and documents were presented in the slide pack tabled to the CCC and discussed in more detail in item 8.0.</p> <p>Operations & Environment - decommission and rehabilitation program</p> <p>Land and approvals</p> <p>Community and stakeholder update</p> <p>Local community investment program</p>		

Community complaints and feedback policy		
<p>8.0 AGL Update</p> <p>A copy of the presentation was provided to the Committee</p> <p>Business Update (AF)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainability/annual report – how AGL works within different communities. Linked in the presentation. • Also includes approach to rehab for power generation sites (flagged that this information is relevant for AGL’s power generation sites in Hunter and Latrobe Valley, and not so much for the Camden Gas Project) <p>Operations Update (RM)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RM introduced herself as the Rehabilitation Manager for the Camden Gas Project. • Since the last meeting 7 wells have completed decommissioning and are in the process of surface rehabilitation. • Of 144 wells AGL have <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 92 that are currently producing ○ 24 that are suspended ○ 1 in process of decommissioning ○ 27 completed subsurface decommissioning ○ 7 wells in process of surface rehabilitation ○ 20 wells fully rehabilitated and returned to landowner • Ongoing stakeholder consultation for Camden rehabilitation project • Initial approvals before subsurface decommissioning. This will be a long process, started in January. • Permanent decommissioning of wells began in June and intending to finish in December next year. • Decommissioning is weather dependent. • Once surface rehabilitation is complete it requires 12-18 months of monitoring before being signed off. • Note: this is in relation to stage one of the Camden Gas Rehabilitation Project <p>RW – asked how many stages and percentage of wells? RM – further stages haven’t been identified as yet, this stage about 15%, the rest of the wells won’t be addressed for while AC – the stage 1 wells (17) are the ones that are at the end of the economic life. RW – queried if decommissioned wells are registered on’ dial before you dig’? AC – no, however it is not a constraint in terms of preventing future growth, wells can be cut deeper to allow construction on top. RM – advised of the map that the NSW government has of wells across the state. MM confirmed this is held by DRG. AC, PB and MM discussed changing land use status and currency/custody of the records once AGL has completed rehab process and all operations finalised. RW – asked what species of seed are being used? RM - advised seed mix in consultation with landowner, if required. AC – explained some property owners prefer to cultivate themselves to suit their needs. Some landowners request pasture or crop as per their requirements</p> <p>Environment Update (AC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine noise and air monitoring. Results compliant. • Air emissions – working with EPA on continuing monitoring emissions trial. AC will give committee update at next meeting • Emergency mock drill of security breach – identified 	<p>PB and MM to raise as concern with DRG/EPA/DP&E</p> <p>AC to provide update to CCC on emissions monitoring trial</p>	<p>Prior to next meeting</p> <p>Next update or meeting</p>

<p>opportunities for improvement which are being implemented. (use of satellite phones as an example)</p> <p>Land and approvals (AC) Development approval for Rosalind Park Gas Plant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DA approval and Environment Protection Licensing have taken different directions. Looking to eliminate duplications and inconsistencies. 13th modification has been next step towards this. • Will provide better community understanding and assist auditors with their tasks. • Allows predictive emissions monitoring vs conditions monitoring systems. • Both EPA and AGL representatives agree the move to understand the responsibilities of each organisation increases efficiency. Also creates certainty for company and community. • EPA to act as a regulator for development consent conditions and the EPL. Everything except WHS <p>Landholder updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 days before rig moves – letter box drop to affected landowners. No complaints to date. <p>Community and Stakeholders AC and AF briefed the Federal Member for Macarthur, Dr Freeland on the Camden Gas Project Local community sponsorship and support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investment program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Local community investment program (draft) how to formalise processes with community applications for funding. ○ Two rounds of \$25,000. Grants of up to \$5000 ○ Would like to see implemented as soon as possible - welcome comments and invite feedback. Some committee members to sit on panel to assess ○ AF – wanted to open October 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Call for sponsorship will also require advertising. CCC members asked to use contacts and networks within the community to inform there is funding available. <p>Complaints and feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consistent feedback across AGL that is specific to each asset • Guidance notes in feedback and complaints process • AF – committee happy with suggestions and if happy for AGL to be accountable to communities. • AC – another line in guidance notes could also refer to funding opportunities available to link policies together. • Document is specific to Camden, but sits under a whole standardised policy which is currently being consulted on. 	<p>CCC Comments on Community Sponsorship program to AF</p> <p>CCC to consider feedback process and give comments</p> <p>Give feedback on AGL standard feedback policy at agl.com.au/community-engagement</p>	<p>29 September 2017</p> <p>29 September 2017</p> <p>29 September 2017</p>
<p>9.0 General Business AC – At last meeting Lisa Hutton spoke about CSIRO Study on Methane and Volatile Organic Compound Emissions in NSW, which was distributed to the committee. Given the volume of the document would the EPA be interested in presenting a summary version to the next meeting. PB – Advised we can organise. Perhaps presented by CSIRO. AW - Advised of EPA monthly newsletter made available for the Narrabri Gas Project and if it would be of benefit/interest to Camden CCC. It was agreed this be organised through MM with AW to send a website link. General discussion on topics of interest, guest speakers, meeting format for future meetings to maintain members' interest given</p>	<p>EPA/CSIRO to present the findings of the Fugitive Emissions study at the next meeting.</p> <p>AW to send Chair copy of Narrabri newsletter for distribution to CCC to gauge interest in a similar newsletter for Camden CCC</p>	<p>14 March 2018</p> <p>As soon as practical and prior to next meeting</p>

reduced schedule.	members.	
10.0 Next meeting date Wednesday 14 March 2018		

Meeting closed at: 7.10pm

Acronym Index

CCC Community Consultative Committee
DP&E Department of Planning & Environment
EPA Environment Protection Authority
NPA National Parks Association
DRG Department Resources and Geoscience