

COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE  
AGL – CAMDEN GAS COMMITTEE

**MEETING NO. 55**

Rosalind Park Gas Plant, 11 September 2019

**MINUTES**

<b>Member/Guest</b>	<b>Attendance Type</b>
Aaron Clifton (AC) AGL	Present
Andrew Cowan (ACo) (EPA)	Present
David Henry (DH) Wollondilly Council	Present
David Mudd (DM) (AGL)	Present
Diane Gordon (DG) (Community)	Apology
Ernesto Calderon (EC) (AGL)	Present
Fred Anderson (FA) (Community)	Apology
Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH) ( <b>Chair</b> )	Present
Mitchell Clark (Campbelltown City Council) (MC)	Apology
Rachel Marks (RM) (AGL)	Present
Pauline Stamedes (PS) (Barrigal Landcare)	Present
Sally Mayberry (SM) ( <b>Minutes</b> )	Present
Sally Perry (Environment Protection Authority) (SP)	Present
Simon Hennings (SH) (Community)	Apology
Shane Bottin (SB) (AGL)	Present
Troy Platten (TP) (Community)	Present
Jayne Christie (Camden Council) (JC)	Present
William Benson (Barrigal Landcare) (WB)	Apology

**Meeting opened: 5:15pm**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>DUE DATE</b>
<b>1.0 Welcome, Introduction and Apologies</b> MMH – Welcome and Introductions. Apologies as above.		
<b>2.0 Declarations of interest</b> MMH is the independent chair appointed by the secretary of Planning Industry and Environment (DPIE). Chairs several CCC's and is a paid chair of this meeting. All members' declarations remain current.		
<b>3.0 Confirmation of previous minutes</b> The minutes were: <b>Moved:</b> DH <b>Seconded:</b> TP		
<b>4.0 Business arising</b> Relevant links, per action items in Meeting 54 were included in the minutes for Meeting 54.	Complete	
<b>5.0 Correspondence</b> The tabled correspondence was included on the agenda. There was		

no further discussion.		
<p><b>6.0 Reports and Presentations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AGL update (EC)</li> <li>• Operations and Environment (DM) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Decommissioning and rehabilitation program (RM)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Land and Approvals (DM)</li> <li>• Community and Stakeholders (EC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Local community investment program (EC)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<p><b>7.0 AGL Update</b></p> <p>Aaron Clifton is moving to another role within AGL and is handing over his role to David Mudd. AC thanked the committee for their work over the years. On behalf of the CCC, MMH acknowledged AC's contribution over many years to the success of the CCC and his professionalism and integrity</p> <p>Ernesto Calderon (EC) introduced himself and delivered update from AGL. RM provided update on well decommissioning and rehabilitation.</p> <p><b>Question TP:</b> <i>Have AGL had any landowners that are not happy with the rehabilitation of decommissioned wells?</i> <b>RM:</b> <i>We don't expect surprises because we rehabilitate in consultation with the landowners – it's a personalised approach rather than a standardised approach.</i></p> <p><b>Question DH:</b> <i>Is it possible to get a list of decommissioning wells?</i> <b>RM:</b> <i>We decommission wells as they stop producing gas; we decide according to circumstance and production.</i></p> <p><b>Question SP:</b> <i>Is end of life determined by gas production?</i> <b>RM:</b> <i>Mostly the end of life of a well is determined through lack of production. Sometimes the end of life will be determined as well by landholder consultation</i></p> <p>A <a href="#">well rehabilitation video</a> was shown to the meeting.</p> <p>DM gave an overview of the environmental compliance. No noise complaints were received during the last quarter. Air emissions monitoring was completed in September and is being prepared for submission. The annual leak detection program is scheduled for end of September. The annual report will be uploaded to the AGL website once completed. Biosis Pty Ltd have been engaged to relocate Aboriginal artefacts found on a property during scouting for access roads. The artefacts will be relocated within the same property.</p> <p><b>Question JC:</b> <i>Can landowners develop over the decommissioned wells?</i> <b>RM:</b> <i>Wells are filled with cement to surface then cut off 1.5m below ground level (or deeper if required by landowner) with a metal plate welded onto the decommissioned well, backfilled with soil, and rehabilitated to original surface conditions with consideration to surrounding or future land use</i></p> <p><b>Question JC:</b> <i>Will the decommissioned wells be present on titles of land in the long term?</i> <b>RM:</b> <i>Each well has information sent to Government that is publicly available. Locations of wells are also given to councils along with an open invitation to contact AGL to discuss well details.</i> <b>SP:</b> <i>EPA to provide link to DRG map of decommissioned wells.</i></p> <p>Links provided below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Common Ground website</a> maintained by NSW Division of Resources and Geosciences</li> <li>• And the <a href="#">SEED Portal (Sharing and Enabling Environmental Data)</a> with a range of environmental information including CSG wells</li> </ul>		

<p><b>Question DH:</b> Are there any dates for the upcoming meetings with councils?  <b>EC:</b> No dates yet but they are in planning phase.</p> <p>EC gave an overview of finished initiatives of the most recent community investment program. 'My Gateway' to buy toolboxes for Camden High School was very grateful. Rotary Club Yandelora School teaching aids were well received. Fisher's Ghost Youth Orchestra has held a concert with the grant money helping organise the concert.</p> <p>The Oaks Pony Club have been having trouble completing the toilet blocks. They have committed to completing them by November 2019.</p> <p>Five applications from four different groups for the next round of the Community Investment Program have been received and were invited to present prior to this CCC.</p>		
<p><b>8.0 General Business</b></p> <p>ACo – EPA has carried out 75 inspections (including leak detection and rehabilitation/decommissioning) at AGL in the last six months. DH noted that there will be a new CEO at Wollondilly Council. MMH discussed the relationship between the end of life of the project with the reduction in meeting attendance. Meeting attendees asked whether an annual meeting can be considered (instead of twice/year), to ensure the community involvement. The Chair will seek advice from the Department. General discussion on meeting frequency, format and maintaining community consultation through various stages and forums . MMH to discuss options with absent members prior to discussing with DPIE. The next meeting date to be advised with suggestion that it coincide with a round of community grant applications.</p> <p>EC invited CCC members to attend the presentations for the community grant applicants every six months.</p> <p><b>Question JC:</b> When was the last time there was a complaint?  <b>SB:</b> In 2016 when the closure of the plant was announced, there were some, but since then there has been none.  Chair noted the complaints list were presented to the CCC at meetings and the numbers had been very minimal.  SB advised that AGL will become more visible during the more active phase of decommissioning in a couple of years' time.  MMH suggested with DPIE concurrence, it would be appropriate for the meeting frequency to increase at this phase if complaints increase.</p>	<p>MMH to consult with Department of Planning regarding reduction of meeting frequency. MMH to advise CCC members of the next meeting date.</p>	<p>Prior to next meeting.</p>
<p><b>9.0 Next meeting date</b>  TBA – MMH to advise.</p>		

**Meeting closed at: 6:30pm**

Acronym Index

- CCC Community Consultative Committee
- DPIE Department of Planning & Environment
- EPA Environment Protection Authority
- DRG Department Resources and Geoscience