



AGL Gloucester Community Update.

NSW Chief Scientist releases initial report into coal seam gas.

AGL welcomes the release of the initial report into coal seam gas by the New South Wales Chief Scientist and Engineer Professor Mary O’Kane.

Professor O’Kane highlighted the need to build relationships with local communities and maintain world-class operational standards to the future success of the industry.

The report found community concerns about coal seam gas could be offset with engineering best practice, thorough monitoring and compliance by regulators.

At AGL, we always strive for industry best practice and try to maintain positive relationships with our community members and stakeholders. AGL’s Gloucester Gas Project is listening to community concerns about water. Our discussions with Gloucester Shire Council continue as we work together to advance a basin-wide water study. The agreement being developed with council will reflect the community’s request for independence and greater transparency in AGL’s water studies.

Professor O’Kane is continuing her independent review of coal seam gas activities state-wide with the final report due in 2014. Read her interim report: <http://bit.ly/13iqw3>

Irrigation trial harvest.

AGL is blending water from deep in coal seams with fresh water to grow triticale and lucerne. The first harvest has taken place on AGL’s Tiedman’s property as part of the irrigation trial using produced water.

A local contractor has harvested 177 round bales of silage cut from the 12 hectare site; 165 bales of triticale, and 12 bales of lucerne.

The varieties sown by AGL were the commercially available ‘Monstress’ Triticale and ‘L91’ Lucerne. A separate trial plot has also been established with the traditional rye, chicory and clover sown into kikuyu pasture and is being used for grazing.

Members of the Gloucester Gas Project Community Consultative Committee inspected the irrigation trial following the June meeting.

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