

To the Gloucester community

Focus group meetings

Some of you may be aware that over the past few weeks we have been conducting focus group research in Gloucester and Stroud Road to help us better understand how the community would like us to consult about our program of activities.

Two of the key findings of the focus groups (which will be presented fully to the next Community Consultative Committee in November) were the accessibility to, and the transparency of information about our project. This column is an immediate initiative towards building greater awareness about upcoming project activities. We hope that through regular updates, this sharing of information will go some way to providing you with better insights to our program of work as our gas project gets underway.

Earning your trust

We are acutely aware of the level of uncertainty within the community about potential environmental impacts of our project. At AGL we are absolutely committed to strengthening community confidence about the work we undertake. We want the community to know that our exploration project will be conducted within the rigorous framework provided by the State government and industry best practice. This will ensure our practices are safe and meet, if not exceed regulatory requirements. Beyond this, we want to work in partnership

with you to ensure that any potential impacts are mitigated to the fullest extent practical and that you are fully aware of all mitigation steps we will be taking. Earning your trust will be a critical part of our project and we know this will take time.

November – December: Program Update

Drilling

We are expecting a drill rig to arrive in late November/early December to develop a pilot well near Forbesdale on private land. The key preparation work to build this pilot well will require upgrading an existing gravel road in consultation with the land owner. Upgrading the access road is scheduled to commence in the second or third week of November. A number of heavy vehicles (approximately 27 loads) will then begin delivering equipment to the site. We have advised the locally affected community and are currently in the process of meeting the neighbours and discussing this project activity in more detail.

Seismic Surveys

In late November / early December we are planning to commence seismic surveys on some local properties where owners have agreed to participate. To provide an opportunity for more detailed discussion about the seismic surveys, and about other project work in general, we will be conducting three information sessions in

late November. We encourage you to come along to discuss these matters with our local project team members. The information sessions have been scheduled for:

Stroud Road Hall, Stroud Road
Tuesday 15 November, 4pm – 7pm

Gloucester Country Club, Gloucester
Wednesday 16 November, 4pm – 7pm

Stratford Hall, Stratford
Thursday 17 November, 4pm – 7pm

All times and locations will be confirmed in an advertisement in next week's paper.

Ongoing program of work

In our next column we will describe what work is expected to take place over the next 6 to 12 months.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or would like to discuss parts of our project we encourage you to contact the Project team at;

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