

AGL UPSTREAM INVESTMENTS PTY LTD CAMDEN GAS PROJECT

Six-Monthly Produced Water Quality Monitoring Report

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Foreword

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1. Introduction

The Camden Gas Project (CGP) is owned and operated by AGL and is located in the Macarthur region 65 km southwest of Sydney, in the Wollondilly, Camden and Campbelltown Local Government Areas (Figure 1). The CGP has been producing gas for the Sydney region since 2001 and consists of 144 gas wells, low-pressure underground gas gathering pipes and a gas plant facility. Not all production wells are currently operational and many have been decommissioned. The production wells are licensed with Water Access Licences, Works Approvals and Use Approvals under the Water Management Act 2000 (NSW), including an allocation of 30 megalitres (ML) per year for the existing CGP and associated dewatering activities from the coal seams. In the 2021-2022 financial year, approximately 744 KL of water was produced from the coal seams for the entire CGP operating wellfield.

This Monitoring Report relates to the groundwater monitoring activities specified in Part 5, Monitoring and Recording Conditions, of the Environment Protection Licence 12003. The Licence conditions stipulate groundwater monitoring is required to be carried out at the locations as shown in Table 1. The specific analytes and frequency tested are shown in Table 2.

Water samples are taken from each gas well at the separator. The deep groundwater (when brought to the surface) is known as produced water. The water quality samples are analysed by an external NATA certified laboratory (ALS Environmental, Smithfield), in accordance with the EPA Approved Methods Publication "Approved Methods for the Sampling and Analysis of Water Pollutants in New South Wales" (EPA, 2004), with the exception of dissolved methane, phenols and PAHs, which were analysed with an alternate method following written approval from the EPA (EPA, 2014) (refer to Table 2 for analytical methodology).

Many of the operating wells within the CGP produce very low volumes of water; frequently, there is not enough water present to allow for sampling at these monitoring points.

This report (including amendments) is prepared in accordance with the Requirements for Publishing Pollution Monitoring Data (EPA, 2013) (Publication Requirements).

Table 3 displays the results of this monitoring round.

Produced water from the coal seams at the CGP ranges in quality as a result of localised natural variations within the coal. Electrical conductivity (which is a measure of salinity) typically varies between about 7,000 and 15,000 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$. However, it is not unusual to see values outside of this range. Low volume water producing wells frequently show very low electrical conductivity values as a result of evaporation and condensation processes occurring in the well bore (PB, 2013). These very low values are not representative of formation water samples. It is noted that the results obtained from this monitoring event are typical values of electrical conductivity for produced water within the CGP.

More information on the hydrogeology and groundwater of the CGP is available in the Hydrogeological Summary (AGL, 2013) which can be viewed at the CGP website: agl.com.au/camden

Table 1 – Groundwater quality monitoring points (as per EPL 12003)

EPA monitoring point	Location	Easting (m)	Northing (m)
13	MP07	293375.45	6226186.09
15	MP09	294530.71	6226543.64

Coordinate reference system: Map Grid of Australia 1994 Zone 56

Table 2 – Analytes monitored, frequency (as per EPL 12003) and methodology

Analyte	Units of measure	Frequency	Sampling Method	Analytical method
Aluminium	milligrams per litre	Every 6 months	Grab sample	USEPA (1992a) method 3005A then USEPA (1994f) method 6020
Ammonia	milligrams per litre	Yearly	Grab sample	APHA (1998) section 4500-NH3
Arsenic	milligrams per litre	Every 6 months	Grab sample	USEPA (1992a) method 3005A then USEPA (1994f) method 6020
Barium	milligrams per litre	Every 6 months	Grab sample	USEPA (1992a) method 3005A then USEPA (1994f) method 6020
Benzene	milligrams per litre	Yearly	Grab sample	USEPA (1996b) method 8260B
Beryllium	milligrams per litre	Every 6 months	Grab sample	USEPA (1992a) method 3005A then USEPA (1994f) method 6020
Bicarbonate	milligrams per litre	Every 6 months	Grab sample	APHA (1998) 2320
Boron	milligrams per litre	Every 6 months	Grab sample	USEPA (1992a) method 3005A then USEPA (1994f) method 6020
Bromide	milligrams per litre	Every 6 months	Grab sample	APHA (1998) section 4110
Cadmium	milligrams per litre	Every 6 months	Grab sample	USEPA (1992a) method 3005A then USEPA (1994f) method 6020
Calcium	milligrams per litre	Every 6 months	Grab sample	APHA (1998) section 3030B then APHA (1998) section 3120
Carbonate	milligrams per litre	Every 6 months	Grab sample	APHA (2012) 2320B
Chloride	milligrams per litre	Every 6 months	Grab sample	APHA (1998) section 4110
Chromium	milligrams per litre	Every 6 months	Grab sample	USEPA (1992a) method 3005A then USEPA (1994f) method 6020
Cobalt	milligrams per litre	Every 6 months	Grab sample	USEPA (1992a) method 3005A then USEPA (1994f) method 6020
Copper	milligrams per litre	Every 6 months	Grab sample	USEPA (1992a) method 3005A then USEPA (1994f) method 6020
Electrical conductivity	microsiemens per centimetre	Every 6 months	Grab sample	APHA (1998) section 2510 B
Ethyl benzene	milligrams per litre	Yearly	Grab sample	USEPA (1996b) method 8260B
Fluoride	milligrams per litre	Every 6 months	Grab sample	APHA (1998) section 4500-F- C
Iron	milligrams per litre	Every 6 months	Grab sample	USEPA (1992a) method 3005A then USEPA (1994f) method 6020
Lead	milligrams per litre	Every 6 months	Grab sample	USEPA (1992a) method 3005A then USEPA (1994f) method 6020
Magnesium	milligrams per litre	Every 6 months	Grab sample	APHA (1998) section 3030B then APHA (1998) section 3120
Manganese	milligrams per litre	Every 6 months	Grab sample	USEPA (1992a) method 3005A then USEPA (1994f) method 6020
Mercury	milligrams per litre	Every 6 months	Grab sample	Preliminary treatment APHA (1998) section 3030B; Then APHA (1998) section 3112
Methane	milligrams per litre	Yearly	Grab sample	In house static headspace GC/FID technique
Molybdenum	milligrams per litre	Every 6 months	Grab sample	USEPA (1992a) method 3005A then USEPA (1994f) method 6020
Nickel	milligrams per litre	Every 6 months	Grab sample	USEPA (1992a) method 3005A then USEPA (1994f) method 6020
Nitrate	milligrams per litre	Yearly	Grab sample	APHA (1998) section 4500-NO3-F
Nitrite	milligrams per litre	Yearly	Grab sample	APHA (1998) section 4500-NO3-F (with cadmium column removed)
Phenols	milligrams per litre	Yearly	Grab sample	USEPA (1996a) method 8270 D
Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons	milligrams per litre	Yearly	Grab sample	USEPA (1996a) method 8270 D
Potassium	milligrams per litre	Every 6 months	Grab sample	Preliminary treatment APHA (1998) section 3030B then APHA (1998) section 3120
Reactive Phosphorus	milligrams per litre	Yearly	Grab sample	APHA (1998) section 4500-P B; followed by APHA (1998) section 4500-P E
Selenium	milligrams per litre	Every 6 months	Grab sample	USEPA (1992a) method 3005A then USEPA (1994f) method 6020

Analyte	Units of measure	Frequency	Sampling Method	Analytical method
Silica	milligrams per litre	Every 6 months	Grab sample	APHA 21st ed., 3120
Sodium	milligrams per litre	Every 6 months	Grab sample	USEPA (1992a) method 3005A then USEPA (1994f) method 6020
Strontium (dissolved)	milligrams per litre	Every 6 months	Grab sample	USEPA (1992a) method 3030(E-K) then USEPA (1994f) method 6020
Sulfate	milligrams per litre	Every 6 months	Grab sample	APHA(1998) section 4500 SO42--E
Toluene	milligrams per litre	Yearly	Grab sample	USEPA (1996b) method 8260B
Total dissolved solids	milligrams per litre	Every 6 months	Grab sample	APHA (1998) section 2540C
Total petroleum hydrocarbons	milligrams per litre	Yearly	Grab sample	USEPA (1996h) method 8015B
Uranium	milligrams per litre	Every 6 months	Grab sample	USEPA (1992a) method 3005A then USEPA (1994f) method 6020
Vanadium	milligrams per litre	Every 6 months	Grab sample	USEPA (1992a) method 3005A then USEPA (1994f) method 6020
Xylene	milligrams per litre	Yearly	Grab sample	USEPA (1996b) method 8260B
Zinc	milligrams per litre	Every 6 months	Grab sample	USEPA (1992a) method 3005A then USEPA (1994f) method 6020

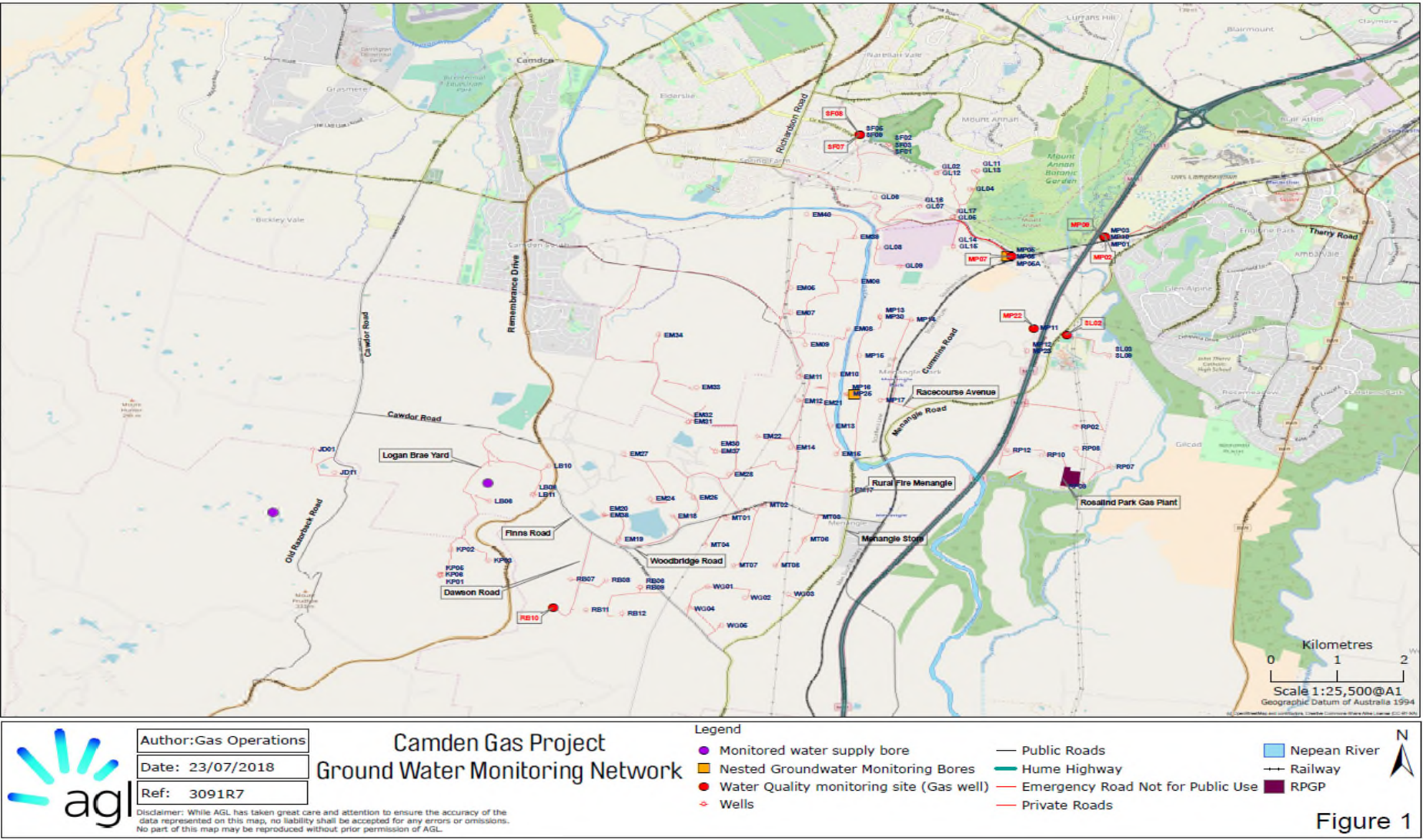
2. Groundwater Monitoring Results

Table 3 - Produced water monitoring results: September 2022

		Monitoring point	13	15
		Location	MP07	MP09
		Sampled Date	02/09/2022	02/09/2022
		Data obtained	09/09/2022	09/09/2022
Analyte	Units	Limit of reporting		
Aluminium	mg/L	0.01	<0.01	<0.01
Ammonia	mg/L	0.01	6.44	5.54
Arsenic	mg/L	0.001	0.003	0.002
Barium	mg/L	0.001	19.0	8.57
Benzene	mg/L	0.001	<0.001	0.002
Beryllium	mg/L	0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Bicarbonate	mg/L	1	8840	7660
Boron	mg/L	0.05	0.27	0.35
Bromide	mg/L	0.01	0.676	1.2
Cadmium	mg/L	0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001
Calcium	mg/L	1	32	21
Carbonate	mg/L	1	79	267
Chloride	mg/L	0.1	496	867
Chromium	mg/L	0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Cobalt	mg/L	0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Copper	mg/L	0.001	0.001	<0.001
Electrical conductivity	µS/cm	1	14400	14400
Ethyl benzene	mg/L	0.002	<0.002	0.01
Fluoride	mg/L	0.1	1.4	1.8
Iron	mg/L	0.05	0.32	0.29
Lead	mg/L	0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Magnesium	mg/L	1	5	5
Manganese	mg/L	0.001	0.011	0.008
Mercury	mg/L	0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001
Methane	mg/L	0.01	2.11	4.92
Molybdenum	mg/L	0.001	0.004	0.010
Nickel	mg/L	0.001	0.020	0.004
Nitrate	mg/L	0.01	0.07	0.07
Nitrite	mg/L	0.01	<0.01	<0.01
Phenols	mg/L	0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons	mg/L	0.0005	<0.0005	0.002
Potassium	mg/L	1	14	15
Reactive Phosphorus	mg/L	0.01	0.15	0.12
Selenium	mg/L	0.01	<0.01	<0.01
Silica	mg/L	0.1	1.4	13.2
Sodium	mg/L	1	3910	3880
Strontium (dissolved)	mg/L	0.001	5.02	3.24

		Monitoring point	13	15
		Location	MP07	MP09
		Sampled Date	02/09/2022	02/09/2022
		Data obtained	09/09/2022	09/09/2022
Analyte	Units	Limit of reporting		
Sulfate	mg/L	1	<1	<1
Toluene	mg/L	0.002	<0.002	<0.002
Total dissolved solids	mg/L	10	10300	9830
Total petroleum hydrocarbons	mg/L	0.05	<0.05	<0.05
Uranium	mg/L	0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Vanadium	mg/L	0.01	<0.01	<0.01
Xylene	mg/L	0.002	<0.002	0.007
Zinc	mg/L	0.005	0.010	<0.005

Figure 1- CGP and produced water monitoring locations as listed in EPL 12003 (CSG wells)



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