

COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE AGL - CAMDEN GAS PROJECT

MEETING NO.22

Held in the RPGP Conference Room, Menangle on 19 March 2009 at 5.30pm

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Mrs Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MM)	Chair
Mrs Diane Gordon (DG)	Community Member - Camden
Mr Simon Hennings (SH)	Community Member
Mr Michael Hingley (MH)	Campbelltown City Council
Mr Michael Banasik (MB)	Wollondilly Shire Council
Ms Alexandra Vella (AV)	Landcom Senior Development Manager
Mr Aaron Clifton (AC)	AGL Gas Production (Camden) Pty Limited
Ms Siobhan Barry (SB)	AGL Gas Production (Camden) Pty Limited
Mr Adam Lollback (AL)	AGL Gas Production (Camden) Pty Limited
Miss Wendy Thompson (WT)	AGL Gas Production (Camden) Pty Limited

APOLOGIES

Mrs Shirley Winn (SW)	Community Member
Mr Michael Pring (MP)	Landcom Development Director
Mr Greg Warren (GW)	Councillor / Chairman Traffic Committee
Mr David Hunt (DH)	Environmental Group Representative
Mr David Kelly (DK)	AGL Gas Production (Camden) Pty Limited
Mr Fred Borg (FB)	Campbelltown City Council
CR David Funnell (DF)	Camden Council
Mr John Milicic (JM)	Campbelltown City Council

Meeting Opened at 5.32pm

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION/CLOSE OUT	DATE BY
1.0	Introduction		
22-1.1	Welcome by the Chair - MM. Welcomed to the meeting, AV. Margaret advised committee members that she is engaged by AGL as an independent chair. Margaret declared to committee members that she is also a member of the Mine Subsidence Board and the Ministers Arbitration panel.		
2.0	Apologies - As Above		
3.0	Last Meeting Minutes		
	Moved by MH, seconded SH		
4.0	Business Arising		
22-4.1	SB - AGL will provide official correspondence to the committee representatives confirming the appointment of Aaron Clifton and Adam Lollback to the committee in place of Mike Roy and Siobhan Barry.		

22-4.2	<p>MM and SH – Thanked SB on behalf of the committee for her contribution and professionalism during her time on the committee.</p> <p>MM – (<i>Refer previous minutes 21.6-18</i>) With regards to the Springs Road and Richardson Road, we are awaiting an update after AC emailed to the traffic committee on 17/12.</p> <p>AC – Has spoken to GW. The incident report was forwarded to the Camden Council Traffic Committee who have taken on board the recommendation and will implement. The committee was impressed that AGL has investigated the incident and provided suggested improvements.</p>		
5.0	Correspondence		
22-5.1	<p><i>Correspondence Out</i> Nil</p>		
22-5.2	<p><i>Correspondence In</i> MM - Received a copy of the email AC sent to A Wilkinson of the Camden Council Traffic Committee</p>		
6.0	Reports on AGL's operations and future plans		
22-6.1	<p>Community and Government</p> <p>AL – Tabled draft map of the Proposed Northern Expansion development, which will involve a new gas plant, approx 20 well surface locations, low-pressure gas gathering lines, high pressure sales pipeline and access roads. AGL is looking at an option of trying to keep the spine of the gas gathering through the upper canal Sydney catchment. Options of gas plant locations are also being considered.</p> <p>AV – How does this compare to the sub-regional strategies plan? This shows where proposed locations for villages, town centres, guiding plans, road corridors are at a high level, which may assist with your plans.</p> <p>SB – This is only at a scoping report level. We will look at this plan.</p> <p>MH – What approval level is this at?</p> <p>AL – Part 3A approval. The report has been lodged (tabled) and is available on the AGL website or committee members may request a copy. The council has until 20/3 to provide comments and AGL is looking at lodging EIS at the start of July. We will conduct studies over the next few months for flora and fauna and heritage.</p> <p>SB – Our plan is that the EA will be on public exhibition in September and subject to planning, anticipate approvals in January 2010, then commence drilling in the new year, with the new plant construction commencing mid 2010.</p> <p>AL – All of this is pending agreements, including landowner agreements. We will study noise, air, flora and fauna, hazard and risk, ground water and visual reports.</p> <p>AL – Tabled “Briefing: Camden Gas Project” (copy attached to the minutes)</p> <p>AC – As we have undertaken this task before with the Camden Project, we will use the experiences gained to apply to this project.</p> <p>MM – Is there still as much opposition? It seems more accepting now.</p> <p>MB – It has been pretty fiery at a few meetings a few years ago. It hasn't been an issue, and no news is good news.</p> <p>SB – We are in this region and are known more.</p>		

	<p>MB - It's the unknown. AC - Sydney Gas didn't know either. It is about using the lessons we have learnt and educating the area we are moving into. Providing upfront education without any grey areas will help. MM - We are in the internet age, but technology isn't the knowledge age. SH - You should provide information to the community now. SB - We have raised the knowledge with councils. We don't have plans but they are aware that we intend to develop, as we need to get in where the gas is. SH - Is there an option to go further North? SB - I would never say never. MB - What about South? SB - We are up against the mining lease in that area. The geologists provide the locations based on the difference in the gas coal permeability. DG - So the built up areas are the ones with the good coal. AC - There is still good land at the Oaks and Picton areas, but the reserves of gas don't look favourable. DG - This option seems to be the hardest way. AC - We are targeting alternative seams with our current well locations, and some existing wells are producing better with age. We want to try and get as long as we can out of the gas plant. SB - Over time we are trying to drain gas reserves of the good wells. We have never plugged and abandoned a good producing well, and we are 9 years and counting. AC - It has been 10 years since our first spudded well. SB - If there are any issues regarding this project we may have an extra-ordinary meeting. MM - Let AC, AL or SB know if you have any queries or something to discuss.</p>		
<p>22-6.2</p> <p>22-6.3</p> <p>22-6.4</p> <p>22-6.5</p> <p>22-6.6</p>	<p>HSE Field Compliance</p> <p>AC - Quarterly air emissions monitoring for the RPGP plant operations was undertaken in Dec 08. All results received were complaint with no exceedances.</p> <p>AC - A two yearly visual assessment audit was completed by Distinctive Landscape Planning, with no significant issues identified.</p> <p>AC - Quarterly attended noise monitoring for RPRP operations was undertaken in Jan 09 and all results were compliant with all three compressors operating.</p> <p>AC - In Feb 09 an internal Lifeguard HSE management system audit was undertaken. A draft report has been received, but thus far no significant issues have been identified.</p> <p>AC - The RBTP site has now been fully decommissioned and rehabilitated. The landowner has inspected the site and is satisfied with the standard of rehabilitation. AGL is now preparing to surrender the lease by 31 March. We still have one existing well on the site, which is covered under a separate lease. The EPA has inspected the site during rehabilitation and are satisfied with the</p>		

<p>22-6.7</p> <p>22-6.8</p> <p>22-6.9</p>	<p>standard of works.</p> <p>AC - A variation to the Environment Protection Licence 12003 was made to eliminate the need for frequent applications to vary licence due to new wells and gas gathering lines.</p> <p>AC - Annual Returns submitted for RPGP. 3 non compliances were reported as previously discussed.</p> <p>AC - Department of Primary Industries - Minerals were onsite to inspect Lucas core rig and AGL work over rig for safety and operation procedures. No significant issues were raised. The drill rig has now been demobilised.</p>		
<p>22-6.10</p> <p>22-6.11</p> <p>22-6.12</p> <p>22-6.13</p> <p>22-6.14</p>	<p>Operations</p> <p>AC - Landscape design work has been prepared by Distinctive Landscapes to improve the aesthetics of SL02 well site as a pilot demonstration site.</p> <p>AC - We have had two medical treatment incidents. One was in the workshop, resulting in a crushed fingers injury. Another was a failure to an air compressor hose, resulting in a loud noise, causing non-permanent ringing in the ears of two operators. The third party hose supplier have admitted liability due to the incorrect installation of their hose fittings. AGL is now working with this third party to help improve their equipment and fittings.</p> <p>AC - While our operators were working at our RB07 (Razorback) well site, an adjoining property owner heard the well open up and was concerned by the noise so called the AGL emergency line. As this was a general line (Melbourne) they were unaware of the site location, so the neighbour contacted the Police who attended to site. 2 local fire brigades also turned up to assist. As a result of this misunderstanding AGL has purchased new equipment to make the well activity quieter.</p> <p>SH - Why did the Police or Fire Brigade not contact AGL?</p> <p>MB - They are not allowed to. They must legally attend at site.</p> <p>SH - If they make contact with AGL there would be an opportunity to reduce the emergency greatly, instead of putting themselves and others at risk.</p> <p>AC - As an example, when we know that our flare will be on, we contact them to advise that if they get a call from the F5 freeway regarding a fire, then it is likely our flare.</p> <p>SH - If contact is made the emergency responders don't have to come all guns blazing. They can reduce their high velocity attendance. AGL can also attend to site as well should there be a need.</p> <p>AC - It does send a sense of panic. We have a new emergency response map, we can offer that to them and ask them to contact AGL if they are able to.</p> <p>AC - Our project has been LTI free for 480 days.</p> <p>AC - Since November 08 we have completed site rehabilitation on the ARTC wells and GL17 site. We have commenced rehabilitation</p>	<p>AC - To provide Emergency Response map to local Police and Fire Brigades and request contact where possible.</p>	

	at 2 EMAI well sites. There are only 5 well sites now remaining, 3 of which are planned to be rehabilitated during the first half of 2009.		
22-6.15	AC - We have completed drilling at the ARTC sites, and the drill rig has moved to Gloucester. The core rig is currently drilling at ED02, off Springs Road which is exploration only to assist with the development of the Spring Farm field. The next wells to be drilled will be at Spring Farm and Menangle Park commencing following signoff from Landcom.		
22-6.16	AC - Gas gathering line works have commenced to install a gas gathering line from the ARTC corridor to connect to the existing gas gathering line and feed this gas through to the RPGP. Installation works included an under bore of the railway spur, which started last week. Approval has been received from DWE to twin the gas gathering line from KP05 to LB field. AGL is currently assessing gas production prior to installing the line.		
22-6.17	AC - The RPGP plant has been operating above 99% availability during November to March, with no major problems in the gas plant.		
7.0	General Business - Other Matters Raised during the Meeting		
22-7.1	SH - Would like to offer a vote of thanks to AGL for the after dinner function at the last meeting, and for their hospitality.		
22-7.2	AC - Spoke to David Hunt when he recorded an apology he noted that he was attending the Tahmoor Colliery Community Consultation meeting.	AC - To make contact with the Tahmoor Colliery Community Committee to meeting check dates for crossing with this committee's	
8.0	Next Meeting		
	Thursday 16 July 2009		
	Meeting Closed 6.55pm		

Note:

- Item numbering in column one shows the meeting number first then the section number to allow for the actions to be tracked for close out.
- Items in **BOLD** are the comments made to close out an action raised in a previous meeting.