# COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE AGL - CAMDEN GAS PROJECT

#### **MEETING NO.25**

Held at the Camden Civic Centre, Camden on 15 July 2010 at 5.30pm

### **MINUTES**

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Mrs Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MM) Chair

CR David Funnell (DF)

Mr Simon Hennings (SH)

Camden Council

Community Member

Mrs Diane Gordon (DG)

Community Member – Camden
Mr Michael Hingley (MH)

Campbelltown City Council
Mr David Henry (DH)

Campbelltown City Council
Mrs Renee Winsor (RW)

Campbelltown City Council

Mr Bill Mutton (BM) Landcom

Mr Aaron Clifton (AC)

Mr Adam Lollback (AL)

Miss Wendy Thompson (WT)

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**APOLOGIES** 

Mr Michael Pring (MP)

Mr Michael Banasik (MB)

Landcom Development Director

Wollondilly Shire Council

## Meeting Opened at 5.40pm

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION/ CLOSE OUT	DATE BY
1.0	Introduction		
25-1.1	Welcome by the Chair – MM.		
	Round table introduction of Meeting attendees, and involvement on the Committee.		
	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 DF, seconded SH.		
4.0	Business Arising		
25-4.1	MH - Requested it be noted that Jai Rowell, of Campbelltown Council		
	would like to be added to receive the minutes and meeting invitations.		
25-4.2	AC – ( <i>Refer previous minutes 24-7.1</i> ) The Plug and Abandon programme of the Stage 1 wells is to be undertaken using AGL's internal resources. As AGL has removed some of the equipment used for these activities from service, and are replacing the workover rig which is due to arrive in late		

	2010, it is a priority that this programme will be done accordingly. The delay in decommissioning these wells was not expected.		
25-4.3	AL – ( <i>Refer previous minutes</i> 24-7.2) Discussions have been held with Camden North Landowners to seek an expression of interest to join the Committee, but have not had a keen interest. AGL welcomes any other member suggestions. RW suggested Jackie Kirkby who is the Head of the Varoville Community.	RW to provide AGL details of Ms Kirkby who will request attendance	
5.0	Correspondence		
25-5.1	Correspondence In  MM – 11.03.2010 – Letter from Mike Roy and Aaron Clifton regarding Incident on Spring Farm property.		
25-5.2	MM – 24.03.2010 – Copy of slide presentation of previous meeting emailed to members from AL.		
24-5.3	Correspondence Out MM – 23.03.2010 – Letter to David Hunt thanking him for his contribution on the committee and wishing him well in the future.		
6.0	Reports on AGL's operations and future plans		
	HSE Field Compliance and Operations - AC		
25-6.1	Drilling Drilling at the Spring Farm 20 site continued and was completed on the 05 June.		
	An onsite meeting with Camden Council was held in March to inspect SF20 drilling operations and associated environmental controls.		
	Extensive independent attended noise monitoring has been undertaken during drilling at SF20 site.		
	The drill rig completed some minor maintenance on the MP30 well in June.		
	Drilling commenced at the MP23 site (adjacent to the Hume Highway, Menangle) on 18 June. The next planned well site is MP03, (located adjacent to the Hume Highway and railway line) on land owned by Landcom.		
25-6.2	Gas Gathering Line Aboriginal heritage clearance monitoring was undertaken during the civil earthworks for SF17-20 underbore.		
	Works were completed connecting Spring Farm field to the existing gas gathering line network at Glenlee.		
25-6.3	Rosalind Park Gas Plant Quarterly air emissions monitoring was undertaken for RPGP operations with all results compliant.		
	Independent quarterly noise monitoring for RPGP operations have been undertaken. The plant continues to operate without significant operational issues.		

## 25-6.4 General Field Operations

An onsite meeting was held with Worth Recycling and DECCW - EPA to discuss proposed beneficial industrial reuse of produced water from Camden operations. DECCW requested AGL to undertake a 5 week water sampling program to characterise the produced water. DECCW will then review all results prior to issuing approval for suitable beneficial industrial reuse.

MM – Is it very saline? AC explained that the salinity of the water is influenced by the number of times it is reused within drilling operations before it is disposed or recycled offsite. If AGL only uses town quality water once then disposes or recycles off site, generally the salinity levels will be low, but overall water consumption will be high. Alternatively, AGL can reuse the water, then dispose or recycle higher salinity water offsite, reducing the overall water consumption.

#### 25-6.5 <u>Significant Incidents</u>

(As per letter dated 10 March 2010), On 23 February, an AGL work crew was preparing a well for general maintenance when a sudden and momentary release of gas pressure from the well impacted two nearby workers. There was no explosion or fire and the well was immediately secured.

One man was treated for a cut lip. The second man received treatment for skin damage caused by debris emitted from the well.

Following the incident, AGL co-operated fully with the DII in its investigation, which is a measure of how seriously AGL takes safety matters. To that end, we worked with the DII to implement some additional measures which will further enhance our existing robust safety procedures.

We are unable to say much more than that because the DII has not announced the outcome of its investigation so the matter is still therefore not concluded. The injured person has returned to work and has recovered well.

#### 25-6.6 Community Complaints

Two complaints were received during drilling at the SF20 site, which is adjacent to the Gundungurra Reserve, Narellan Vale. These are the first two complaints received since February 2008.

Complaint #1 – 01 March 2010. Complaint to EPA regarding vibration from drilling on 28 February 2010.

AGL Response: AGL immediately spoke with the resident to understand their concern, which was only in relation to vibration from drilling activities on the night of the 28 February. AGL checked all drilling records for that day and there was no drilling activity. AGL provided a contact number to enable a quick response should the resident experience the same vibration again, but AGL has since received no further complaints.

Complaint #2 – 24 May 2010. General complaint to EPA regarding the noise and lighting from drilling, particularly during the night and early morning.

	AGL Response: AGL immediately spoke with the resident to understand		
	their concerns. They were not complaining about a particular event, but wanted some clarity on when the drilling would be finished. Their house is not directly impacted by the site's lights due to the hill between the two. AGL explained the nature of the operations and that all activities would be ceasing within two weeks, and that in the meantime, AGL would continue to ensure no unnecessary noise or lighting. AGL provided a contact number to enable a quick response should the resident experiences further problems, but received no further complaints. AGL contacted the resident when the drilling activities had ceased and they were appreciative of the notification.		
	Community and Government - AL		
25-6.7	Reviewed Slides of SF20 site, and showed new member attendees the noise wall set up, which will be used on future projects.		
25-6.8	Tabled Camden North map with proposed plant location and well sites. As there has been a lot of misconception in the media, AL showed members the proposed well locations. The proposed gas plant has now been taken out of this application, one of the reasons being community concern. The reason for proposing the plant in this area was the distance to the current RPGP facility. The proposal is to now have a compression station in field to send the gas along the Southern fields to the existing plant. The well locations for the project remain the same. AGL is currently revising the environmental assessment, removing the proposed gas plant and resubmitting. The full Environmental Assessment should be available for public exhibition by the end of July. There will also be newsletters going out to the public.	AL to advise Committee members when it goes on public display	
	MM – How densely populated is the area? AL – <i>Referenced the area on the map</i> – Not as dense as the current Spring Farm project. The proposed gas plant was not close, but there was a lot of misconception on where the plant was going to be. With the compression infield this could be a win:win for AGL and the community. Negotiations are still being undertaken with the SCA for the gathering lines.		
25-6.9	AL – AGL is currently undertaking a strat well exploration programme, on 3 locations approved by the DII. One well on the El Caballo Blanco property, already drilling, one in the Central Hills, which commenced last week and one on RTA land where construction is underway. AGL is trying to define the ethane boundary in this area to confirm gas compositions. Once exploration is complete AGL will plug and abandon these start wells in the next few weeks.		
7.0	General Business		
25-7.1	DF - Advised AGL that when maps are tabled they are excellent, as it shows all the details of the discussion.		
8.0	Next Meeting		
	Thursday 14 October 2010		
	Meeting Closed 6.31pm		

## Note:

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