COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE AGL – CAMDEN GAS PROJECT

MEETING NO.32E

Held in the RPGP Conference Room, Menangle on 28 June 2012 at 5.30pm

MINUTES

Member / Guest	Attendance Type
Mrs Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MM) Chair	Present
Mr Brad Staggs (BS)	Present
Mr David Henry (DH)	Present
Mrs Diane Gordon (DG)	Apology
Cr Fred Anderson (FA)	Apology
Ms Jacqui Kirkby (JK)	Present
Mr Jeff Lawrence (JL)	Present
Mr Michael Banasik (MB)	Absent
Mr Michael Hingley (MH)	Present
Mr Paul Hourigan (PH)	Absent
Mr Peter Bloem (PB)	Apology
Mr Simon Hennings (SH)	Present
Mr Troy Platten (TP)	Present – Arrived 5.44pm
Mr Aaron Clifton (AC)	Present
Mr Adam Lollback (AL)	Present
Ms Jenny O'Brien (JR)	Present
Miss Wendy Thompson (WT)	Present

Meeting Opened at: 5.35pm

ITEM	ACTION
1.0 Welcome	
Welcome and Introductions by Chair – MM.	
Welcomed Jenny O'Brien, Community Relations Manager for AGL (Camden).	
2.0 Apologies	
As above.	

3.0 Reports	
AL – Community and Government Update	
Slide 2 MM – Advised that DoP&I have confirmed no final decision has been made on the boundaries for the Southern Highlands SRLUP in response to query by JK at previous meeting.	WT to send email with minutes
 JL – Queried what AGL thinks of these changes and their responses to their changes. AL – Responded that AGL has been supportive of the changes, has been involved in the process changes. JK – Queried if decisions on Stage 3 will be made prior to 1 November Government response to the GPSC5 recommendations. MM – This question is for the Government to respond. 	
Slide 3 JK – Queried exactly where the groundwater monitoring locations are. AL – Advised of general locations, one being on a property on Raby Road and one on a property next door to Marist Brothers near Currans Hill.	
 JK – Queried if these properties were the same as those recommended by Campbelltown Council. AL – These locations were put forward by landowners. JK – Were access agreements negotiated and do they carry over into mining gas. AL – Access agreements for water monitoring. Separate access 	
agreements will be negotiated for extracting gas at Varroville and Currans Hill. JK – Asked if there was an obligation on landowners to carry forward access agreements to CSG mining. AL – No obligations. JK raised concern where landowners had said no to wells on their land could still be impacted by horizontal drilling and would have no compensation rights.	
Members requested maps from presentation be provided so they can be enlarged.	WT to send viewable maps with minutes
Slide 4 JK – Requested if Varroville 03 (VV03) location is on the same property as one of the water monitoring locations. AL – Confirmed that Varroville 03 (VV03) is replacing Varroville 07 (VV07) and Varroville 11 (VV11) location and will be on the same property as the water monitoring.	
AL – No well locations will be on the Sydney Catchment Authority property. Gas gathering line will be within the Sydney Catchment Authority corridor.	

MH – Requested a map showing the intended well locations and intended gathering line locations. AL – This will form part of the response and be available for viewing on the DoP&I's website.	
JL – Queried the changes in well locations and whether these will go on public exhibition as part of applications for project amendments. AL – The changes to well locations will be part of the preferred project and response to submissions.	
JK – Queried whether the two well sites at Eschol Park were still going ahead with access via a quiet suburban cul-de-sac. AL – Yes, but stated that access is one of the more negotiable issues.	
JK – Requested if in-field compression or further infrastructure will form part of this. AL – The in-field compression facility is not part of this application and the location has not been confirmed. Details of the requirements cannot be confirmed, for example size etc.	
 JK – Noted that the full impact of the project cannot be understood by the community if the full requirements are not known. JL – Important part of the project that modifications be understood. Wish to confirm that if further modifications to the project were submitted that they would be publicly exhibited. AL – AGL will make all modifications public, by website, submissions and any requirement for public exhibition. 	MM to write letter to DoP&I
JL – Suggested that any modifications be publicly exhibited. Members: Requested Chair to write letter advising that this committee wish for any modifications be publicly exhibited for the Camden Gas Project. Moved: JL Seconded: JK Agreed by All	
BS – Suggested that if information is put on the website, including such public avenues like media, newspapers. AL – Agreed with this process of public notification being utilised if the Department does not publicly exhibit.	
 SH – Queried what classifies a modification. AL – All modifications are specified in the definitions of the development consents set for each area. JK – Referred to meeting in 2010 where understanding from AGL was that they were unsure of how to get the gas back under pressure to Rosalind Park for up to 60% of the well locations in Stage 3. AL – Disputed the figure of 60%. AC – When wells are drilled there is still an element of risk as to whether the wells will produce gas. 	
JK – Queried if to a certain extent all drilling and production is still exploration.	

AC – Provided examples of wells drilled that were approved that do not	
end up proving gas resources.	
BS – Queried the element of risk of drilling a well, and then not gaining	
subsequent approvals.	
AC – Always element of risk associated with that. Approvals can be	
granted, AC provided current example of approvals that have been gained,	
but where land access has not been agreed.	
SH – Noted that all information cannot be known and there is risk. Cited	
examples of drilling activities that occur where nothing is found.	
AL – Noted that as much as could be known about the project is included	
in the project basis, and an element of risk. Advised that you cannot	
absolutely define the amount of gas that would be found.	
SH – Provided example of well locations near Cawdor that have not be	
successful.	
JK – Not concerned with financial risk to AGL. Concern is this can be	
extrapolated to not fully knowing the environmental impacts prior to	
drilling when moving into the Sydney Metropolitan Area.	
AL – A full environmental assessment process is followed, and heavy	
regulations are enforced during production and followed through to	
rehabilitation.	
TP – Queried the drivers to the projects changes.	
JK – Suggested that the changes that have been made align with the	
landowners who said yes or no.	
AL – Noted that this is not the process and that in the responses to	
submissions will show that changes have addressed community concerns	
where it could. AGL will be doing a letter box drop next week distributing	
community updates with maps to 9500 households in the project area, and	
conduct tours of the Camden Gas Project.	
4.0 Nort Mosting Data	
4.0 Next Meeting Date	
16 August 2012	
15 November 2012 (proposed)	

Meeting Closed at: 6.55pm

Acronym Index

DoP&I	Department of Planning and Infrastructure
SRLUP	Strategic Regional Land Use Plan
GPSC5	(NSW Parliament Legislative Council) General Purposes Standing Committee 5