

**COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
AGL – CAMDEN GAS PROJECT**

MEETING NO. 43

Held in the RPGP Conference Room, Menangle on 11 March 2015 at 5.30pm

MINUTES

Member / Guest	Attendance Type
Mrs Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MM) Chair	Present
Mr Brad Staggs (BS)	Apologies
Mrs Diane Gordon (DG)	Apologies
Mr Fred Anderson (FA)	Apologies
Ms Jacqui Kirkby (JK)	Present
Mr Peter Bloem (PB)	Present
Mr Simon Hennings (SH)	Present
Mr Troy Platten (TP)	Present
Mr Paul Reynolds (PR)	Present
Mr Aaron Clifton (AC)	Present
Ms Jenny O'Brien (JO)	Present
Mr Andrew Spooner (AS)	Present
Ms Nicola Fry (NF)	Present
Mr David Henry (DH)	Present
Ms Johanna Lee (JL)	Present
Ms Suzanne Westgate (SW)	Present
Mr Bede Millner (BM)	Present

Meeting Opened at: 5:35pm

ITEM	ACTION
<p>1.0 Welcome Welcome and Introductions by Chair – MM</p>	
<p>2.0 Apologies As above.</p>	
<p>3.0 Confirmation of Previous Minutes</p> <p><i>JK – Concern that she had lodged amendments to the minutes of Meeting No. 41 and they had not been accepted. Did this mean they were considered irrelevant?</i></p> <p>MM – This matter was discussed at length at the last meeting (No. 42), the committee decided minutes were adequate and no further amendments were deemed necessary.</p> <p><i>JK – My understanding was that you could only confirm the minutes if you attended the previous meeting</i></p> <p>MM – Yes and preferably by a representative other than AGL. Neither AGL nor I confirmed the minutes.</p>	

<p><i>JK – Has ongoing issue with the minutes. Does not believe AS was present at previous meeting and therefore not able to second.</i> MM – AS was present at meeting no. 41 as noted therein and those minutes have now been confirmed by the Committee. MM noted JK dissension. Meeting #42 minutes</p> <p>Moved: PR Second: TP</p>	
<p>4.0 Correspondence In 11/12/14 - email from AGL with links to NSW Gas Plan & EPA CSIRO study 17/12/14 - email from AGL attaching 2013/14 AEMR 9/2/15 email invitation from AGL on Camden Open Day 12/2/15 - email from AGL on SMH article with link 14/2/15 - email from AGL media release in response to SMH article 4/3/15 - email from AGL update on compressor 5/3/15 - email from AGL update on pressure safety valve 11/3/15 - letter from Wollondilly Council advising representation on CCC Out -</p>	
<p>5. Presentation delivered by Nicola and Bede. Copies of the presentation were made available.</p> <p><i>JK – where is the water being taken from, across all 11 sites?</i> NF – confirms 11 sites, 4 at Denham Court, 4 Menangle Park, 3 Glenlee Detailed information about each monitoring bore and how deep, updated at least once a day. Current and historical data available.</p> <p><i>JK – Are the Menangle Park bores near the river included?</i> NF – yes they are the Menangle Park monitoring bores.</p> <p><i>TP – is there any information about what the state of this land was before wells were installed?</i> AC – No, as the historical water quality data has been poor.</p> <p><i>TP – samples before and since? Would be interesting to see comparison.</i> NF – Other companies have found shopping trolleys and other items buried during initial investigations in the area.</p> <p><i>TP – What about water data from farmers bores?</i> NF – that information is on the Office of Water website and anyone can look at it, may be compromised and not meet Government standards, we do monitor some bores and compare from historic data</p> <p><i>JK – has it been done?</i> NF – No, AGL has not taken before and after measurements of farmers bores in the Camden Gas Project. Water data is the property of the</p>	

landowner, information from Office of Water is available. We do have summary data on the website but not site specific

MM – Isn't the Office of Water doing a regional monitoring program?

NF – Yes but it is not a priority for this area

TP – Is this study being undertaken in Dalby and Chinchilla as well?

NF – these areas are on edge of great artesian basin, not uncommon to see people making this connection. Maybe not opinion of scientist.

JK – recalls an interview on TV and it was their opinion that there has been changes in water quality.

NF – definitely documented around the Surat region, CSG and farms, QLD water commission did underground water report and it was published

DH – are there interpretive notes for people?

NF – yes there are including FAQs.

It is also important that we receive feedback as we are looking for ways to improve the site and make it as easy to navigate and understand as possible.

BM – easy contact details on the website and appreciate feedback.

EPA Spring Farm 05 Update (Peter Bloem)

EPA completed investigation in relation to the pressure safety valve incident at Spring Farm on 31 August 2014 - AGL breached a condition of their Environment Protection Licence (EPL) and community concerns have been taken seriously. EPA wants to ensure that AGL is operating in a proper and efficient manner at all times.

The EPL condition breach related to failure to maintain and operate plant and equipment in a proper and efficient manner.

An infringement of \$15,000 has been issued to AGL, which recently increased 10 fold from the previous maximum for Penalty Infringement Notice.

AGL is also required to follow up a number of issues on top of measures already implemented.

Some of these measure include manual checks, employee to physically attend and take pressure sensor readings at gas wells, someone present for start-up, which previously did not take place, changes to alarm systems.

Details of previous actions undertaken by AGL have already been made publicly available through an incident report on their website.

The EPA's regulatory response to this incident raises awareness and addresses AGL's behaviour.

Measures have been put in place to protect environment.

The Penalty Infringement Notice also had further actions for AGL to follow up:

- Provide further information to the EPA and other relevant government agencies that evaluates and documents the risks from pressure safety valve releases, failures of pressure sensors and/ or high pressure switches.
- Review PIRMP to include notifications from gas well pressure releases.

- Increase public access to relevant and meaningful information on the Spring Farm wells including location, operation, management and safeguards in place to protect the environment.

JK – how does it relate to the enforceable undertaking that AGL was given by the EPA?

PB – They are different and not related. The enforceable undertaking was related to the continuous emissions monitoring requirement at Rosalind Park Gas Plant.

TP – Had monitoring stopped?

PB - Two things concerned the EPA. A pressure sensor was not operating accurately and operators were getting different information as the gas sensor was not relaying correct information. Another pressure switch which should shut down gas well was not activated during this incident, but has now been shown to operate properly on two occasions.

JK – this wasn't mentioned originally.

PB - Emerged through follow up on the incident report requiring more information, to understand the circumstances of the incident.

AS – where can I locate a copy of the report?

PB – a request could be put through the Committee back to EPA for release of report. EPA directed AGL to provide more information, not just to Spring Farm but now applied across all sites.

TP – are all these documents online, is there a records system?

PB – not online but outcomes are online. We have a document management system, normal GIPA provisions apply should you wish to access the information.

TP – in the future should someone need to access this information it would be good to be recorded.

PB – A formal record of AGL licence non-compliance is made on the EPA Public Register. This summarises AGL compliance history.

AS – Suggests it would be good to have further information available relating to this incident; improvements, status, risk management.

JO – the information has been updated twice and can be revisited.

JK – Is risk assessment a general requirement?

PB – It is already required as part of planning consent requirements, risk and hazard analysis, focus mainly on breakages of pipes, failures of pressure sensors not required, looking to review and require regular risk assessment.

JK – Is AGL internally doing anything further about how these matters are approached, 200m from houses, no notification to the community and a general perception of casual disregard?

SW –Yes we have done internal changes, community concerns are utmost in minds at AGL

JO – number of things we did after the event and included a letterbox drop in September letter around Spring Farm providing an update of the incident and advising of corrective actions. In December there was a second letter box giving an update on what corrective actions had been completed, and in February an invitation to the Camden open day.

JK – remedial action considering the incident was so close to residential areas and no one onsite?

JO – We have been working hard to keep the community informed of the incident.

SW – AGL does not want this to happen again and has taken preventative measures.

JO – only time that it has happened.

JK – AGL has wrongly communicated that there was no harm done. People were frightened.

JO – In AGL correspondence we have stated that there was no harm to health or the environment and that was also acknowledge by the EPA. We understand how the community would have been concerned.

SH – Do wells coming back online over weekend happen all the time?

JO – It was unfortunate that this had happened, the pressure safety valve incident is not a common occurrence. The wells have been brought back on line over the weekend previously and this has not happened. As part of the corrective actions there will now be operators at the wells.

AC – The project operates 24/7. For all planned works such as well workovers, 14 days notification is given to the community.

Unfortunately though, not all can be work planned in advance and so prior community notification is not always possible.

TP – in response orders, what action are you required to undertake to inform community?

JO – under AGL’s emergency response plan there are procedures to follow. On that particular night there was contact with the media, phone calls to numerous community members and stakeholders, information placed on social media, we wanted to ensure that the community was informed of the incident.

TP – The fire brigade stated during an interview that there was no harm to the environment, didn’t hear AGL say anything like that.

JO – AGL responded in first media release, which advised that there was no harm to environment, spoke to many people and understand how the community might be concerned.

AS – has fined been paid yet?

AC – The fine has not been paid yet, but will be within the required timeframe.

SH – was this the minimum fine?

PB – \$15,000 is the set penalty for this type of offence.

MM – Asked if PB could report back on the CSIRO methane gas study when it is finalised in 2016?

<p>PB – happy to report back.</p>	
<p>6. AGL Update</p> <p>Presentation delivered by SW. Copies of the presentation made available.</p> <p><i>JK – any indication of expansion?</i> SW - Camden North still suspended. Has been contacted by DP&E who have been advised that it is still suspended.</p> <p><i>JK – Concerned with statement in NSW Gas Plan on sustainable gas development and its implications for the northern expansion of the CGP.</i> SW – Understanding of that statement is that Camden (Stage 1 and 2) is existing, Gloucester and Narrabri will progress and once the projects safely progress the industry may then expand across the State.</p> <p>DH – Wollondilly Council meeting has resolved to reaffirm its position on Coal Seam Gas in response to the Final Report by the Chief Scientist, as well as the NSW Gas Plan.</p> <p>AC presentation Copies of the presentation made available.</p> <p><i>PR – has there been any noise monitoring around Reynolds drive?</i> AC – done in January, noise attenuation implemented, they are currently compliant but there may be further work undertaken in the future to improve even further. PR – subdivision application currently being assessed for this location and the residential lots are getting close to the site.</p> <p>JO presentation Copies of the presentation made available.</p>	
<p>7. Business arising</p> <p>GENERAL business</p> <p>SH – Thanked AGL for hosting Christmas Dinner after December meeting.</p> <p>AC – TP had question at last meeting re monitoring contractor performance. AGL presently doing a lot of work in this area to improve contractor performance monitoring. Some of our key contractors are already providing regular reports on works undertaken and AGL will be driving this with more of our contractors.</p>	
<p>8. Next meeting date 17 June 2015</p>	

Meeting Closed at: 6:48pm

Acronym Index

CCC	Community Consultative Committee
EPL	Environment Protection Licence
EU	Enforceable Undertaking
OCSG	Office of Coal Seam Gas
PIRMP	Pollution Incident Response Management Plan
CGP	Camden Gas Project