



Project	Gloucester Coal Seam Gas Project	From	Melanie Layton
Subject	Community Consultative Committee	Tel	2 9239 7100
Venue/Date/Time	Friday 3 April 2009 Gloucester Country Club, 11am – 1pm	Job No	21/17714
Copies to	All attendees		
Attendees	Glenn Wilcox – Gloucester Shire Council David Mitchell – Avon Valley Landcare Terry Kavanagh – Dungog Council Councillor Richard Webb – Gloucester Shire Council Garry Smith – BGSP Alliance Councillor Karen Hutchinson – Great Lakes Council Terry Cox – Lower Waukivory Residents Group Marianne Johnson – The Gloucester Project Stuart Galway – AGL Ian Shaw – AGL Mark Bonisch - AGL Melanie Layton – GHD (Facilitator)	Apologies	Rod Williams – Community Representative Glenn Handford – Great Lakes Council Sally Whitelaw – Port Stephens Council Councillor Daniel Maher – Port Stephens Council Councillor Peter Ainsworth – Dungog Council Tim Hickman – Community Representative

1. Welcome & Introductions

Action

1.1 Actions outstanding from third CCC meeting:

- a) AGL has agreed for the Environmental Assessment to be on exhibition for 30 business days
- b) AGL is looking at a fourth location for the compression facility, which is located in the Gloucester Coal premises south of the Rail loop off Parkers Road.
- c) AGL will have specialists available at the staffed drop-in-sessions during the exhibition of the EA. They will be available to answer questions.
- d) A Geologist will do a presentation to the CCC when the hydrogeology studies are underway.

1.2 AGL advised the CCC that the exploration programme in the future would include 2D and 3D seismic, which will entail significant landholder discussions.



1.3 AGL advised the CCC that aeromagnetic survey will also be carried out in the coming months and the community will be advised in advance.

Note: A CCC representative advised that the DPI and other companies have already carried out this work in the past.

2. Update on Environmental Assessment (EA)

2.1 At this stage, exhibition of the EA is planned for early May 2009

2.2 Extra modelling is required, as the project will be scaled back to 80 Terrajoules of gas per day in the long term. The EA will need to be reviewed in light of this change of scope.

2.3 Exhibition of the EA

- The Department of Planning will advertise the exhibition in the local newspapers
- Copies will be made available at key locations along the study area
- Hard copies and CD versions will be provided to the CCC
- Hard copies and CD copies will be available for the public
- Hard copies will be provided to Councils and agencies by the Department of Planning
- AGL will prepare executive summary documents that are easier to read than a large EA document
- The EA will be available on the Department of Planning website
- The Department of Planning receive submissions and then forward to AGL to prepare a submissions report
- Four drop-in-sessions will be held throughout the exhibition period (2 at Clarence town and 2 at Gloucester)

3. Fraccing program

3.1 The fraccing program will commence on the 28th and 29th April and will be for 4 sites only.

3.2 Stratford 7 will be conventionally fraced and the Waukivory 3, Stratford 10, and Craven 6 will be fraced by the coil tubing method, which is faster.



3.3 There will be a further 6 exploration wells in the south of the lease around Wards River and 2 near Gloucester.

Six of these will potentially be 24-hour operation and the other two on 12 hours programmes due to the proximity of houses.

These are planned as exploration wells however if significant coal thicknesses were found then a surface casing may be set.

Those wells that do not have surface casing set will be plugged and abandoned.

3.4 Fracking program will take place from 6am – 6pm weekdays, and 8am – 1pm Saturday. No night work will take place.

3.5 There will be 6 drill rigs working in a 24-hour period to reduce time.

3.6 Core holes will be drilled as part of the production test hole to get a better understanding of the area. The core holes will be approximately 4 inches in diameter.

4. Gas migration

4.1 Two consultants have been engaged to develop a plan on how the survey work should be undertaken.

Successful consultant to attend next CCC meeting if possible.

The tender should be awarded in the next couple of weeks.

5. Legacy Program / update from community

5.1 Q. Will the community be provided with the conditions of easement?

A. Yes. AGL is in the process of getting the conditions finalised. When finalised this will be distributed to all landholders.

5.2 Q. What is the process of acquiring an easement?

- A. AGL in consultation with the landholder will agree to the alignment
- B. The route is then determined and confirmed
- C. Negotiations begin with the landholder and the valuer
- D. If the landholder is not satisfied with the compensation amount, the landowner has the right to obtain independent advice. \$3,000 will be included as part of the compensation to reimburse landowners if they wish to obtain independent advice

5.3 Will there be a provision of meetings where people can discuss issues associated with the EA?

A. Yes, there will be opportunity throughout the EA exhibition period.

5.4 Q. Will all agreements made by A.J Lucas be honoured by AGL?



A. Yes

5.5 Q. When will the guidelines for the community fund be available?

A. AGL will aim to have the guidelines prepared after Easter.

5.6 Q. What has AGL done in the past with the Statement of Commitments?

AGL to provide update at next CCC meeting.

A. AGL to provide response at next CCC meeting.

5.7 Q. Will a geologist be available to review the plan, addressing gas migration?

A. This is the same study. In the process of selecting a geologist to undertake this work. If available, a geologist will attend the next CCC meeting.

5.8 The lateness of the minutes going out to the CCC was raised, so to was the inability of AGL to put these up on the website.

AGL to distribute minutes before Easter.

AGL to look into placing minutes on website.

6. Questions raised throughout the meeting

6.1 Q. Will AGL use Parkers Road to access the new proposed location of the compression facility?

A. At this stage, however there are visibility issues with Parkers Road, which may necessitate moving the entrance south onto the pipeline route.

6.2 Q. When will a decision be made on the location of the compression facility?

A. AGL is currently in negotiations with Gloucester Coal. A number of studies will also need to be undertaken to ensure this location is achievable. AGL hope to have a decision made in the coming weeks.

6.3 Q. Will the Parkers Road access be included in the EA?

A. Yes. The EA indicates slip lanes to be constructed to allow safe access to Parker Road.

6.4 Q. Has Gloucester Coal agreed to this new location?

A. AGL is currently in negotiations with Gloucester Coal.



6.5 Q. Does the planned aeromagnetic survey or seismic works have anything to do with the geothermal lease advertised in the local newspaper?

A. No

Note: A CCC rep mentioned that he called Gradient Energy and they stated that they would be looking at deep drilling in the future however they will only be using available information in the next three years.

6.6 Q. Will 80 Terrajoules per day alter the configuration of what the CCC saw at the Camden site tour?

A. The project will probably commence with smaller relocatable generators and then move up to 8 larger units when in full production.

6.7 Q. Will the fourth location of the compression facility be included in the Environmental Assessment?

A. No. The EA will show both Tiedman's and Stratford and a variation will be applied for once we obtain consent from Gloucester Coal.

6.8 Q. The \$3000 document preparation fee was not originally conditional on the signing of the Access Agreement?

A. The payment of \$3000 document preparation fee has always been included as part of the initial compensation payment of which is paid after signing.

6.9 Distribution of the EA

All CCC members to receive a hard copy of the Executive Summary and 5 CD Roms each

1 x hard copy of the EA to Karen Hutchinson, Terry Kavanagh and Garry Smith.

Please note: The Department of Planning distribute the EA to all Councils and agency representatives.

5. Close

Next meeting

AGL to advise the CCC by telephone / email as soon as the Department of Planning announces the exhibition period.

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