

# Gloucester Gas Project Community Update.

## What is the Waukivory pilot well program?

As part of the exploration activities being undertaken for the Gloucester Gas Project, AGL will install four pilot wells near Forbesdale. This is the Waukivory pilot well program.

This work will be undertaken to increase AGL's knowledge of the geology and hydrogeology of the area. In fact, the independent expert who examined AGL's surface water and groundwater studies noted that the Waukivory program should proceed as soon as possible to build knowledge of the connectivity of the different groundwater systems across the area.

The exploration approvals for AGL's Waukivory pilot program were granted in October 2011. In December 2011, AGL voluntarily suspended this work program until two commitments were met:

- › An independently peer reviewed hydrogeological study of the Stage 1 area had been completed and the results made public. This study was made publicly available in May this year, and
- › The Land and Environment Court released its ruling on the validity of State Government's approvals for the project. This decision was handed down on 27 August, upholding the approvals for the Stage 1 program.

Both of our commitments have now been met.

Local contractors will prepare the four sites where AGL will drill the wells. The well sites are located on private property south of

Jacks Road and to the north east of Fairbairns Lane. The preparatory work will include construction of access roads and drill pad sites. This work is expected to take a month to complete and will be carried out between 7am and 6pm on weekdays, and between 8am and 1pm on Saturdays. This work will not be carried out on Sundays.

Traffic volumes on local roads will increase during this time. The extra traffic will include gravel truck movements, earth moving equipment, crew vehicles, as well as water and fuel trucks. We apologise for any inconvenience the residents of Gloucester might experience as a result of the temporary increase in traffic volumes on local roads during this phase of the project.

The four wells will be drilled using a drill rig specifically designed to operate with sensitivity to the environment. We expect the drill rig will be at each of these locations for about eight days. Drilling operations will take place 24 hours per day over this period.

There will be about 30 heavy vehicle loads associated with mobilising the drill rig, as well as approximately 10 daily deliveries of supplies, and crew movements.

We will monitor noise levels, and take steps to keep noise levels to a minimum during all site preparation and drilling activities. If you have any complaints about noise levels, please notify us as soon as possible on 1300 886 170.

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