

Gloucester Gas Project Gets the Green Light.

The Commonwealth Government last week approved the development of the Gloucester Gas Project, subject to strict conditions.

The approval, under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth) (EPBC Act), follows a four year application and consultation process.

It includes 36 conditions to minimise potential environmental impacts. These conditions are in addition to the 92 conditions contained in the project approval granted in February 2011 by the NSW Government.

The project has now been assessed by the Independent Expert Scientific Committee on Coal Seam Gas and Large Coal Mining Development. This committee was established to review and assess, on a scientific basis, projects like AGL's Gloucester Gas Project, following recommendations by Independent Federal MPs Rob Oakeshott and Tony Windsor.

These approvals and assessment mean the Gloucester Gas Project will be constructed and operated within one of the most stringently regulated industries in Australia.

The project approval is for the development of up to 110 wells. Recent suggestions that the approvals equate to a new well for every seven to 10 residents in the shire are incorrect and misleading.

AGL is committed to being a part of the local community

and listening to community concerns. We have a local project team living and working in Gloucester. As the project develops there will also be significant local employment opportunities created during both construction and the operation of the project.

Once operational the Gloucester Gas Project will meet the annual gas needs of about one million homes in New South Wales. The gas will not be exported.

Protecting our water

AGL uses the best available science and technology to explore for and extract natural gas safely, and to protect the environment.

AGL will continue to address the community's concerns about water. The project has been conducting water studies in the Gloucester area since 2007. These studies, which have been independently reviewed, provide the most comprehensive assessment of Gloucester water resources ever undertaken.

AGL's works program includes further water investigations and on-going water monitoring, as well as additional water studies and modelling required as per the approval conditions.

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