

Media Release

AGL close legacy drill holes

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AGL will commence minor work in the Forbesdale area near Gloucester next week to close four legacy drill holes as part of its long-term strategy to safely rehabilitate past exploration activities.

These holes were drilled more than 30 years ago as part of coal exploration programs that pre-date AGL's presence in the area.

Using a truck-mounted drilling rig, a team of expert engineers and drillers will close the four small drill holes over the next two weeks. This involves re-drilling the holes and cementing them from the bottom, to one and half metres below the surface. The land is then rehabilitated.

AGL is undertaking this work to ensure legacy drill holes don't pose any safety risks.

Traffic movements to and from each drill hole location will be minimised, however water will need to be delivered to the sites for the drilling process.

Residents in the Forbesdale area have been informed of this work by a recent letter box drop.

"The community has previously expressed concern about legacy exploration holes in this area. We're undertaking work to close these holes – even though they were drilled well before AGL commenced operations in the Gloucester area," said Julie Delvecchio, Head of Community Relations at AGL.

"At AGL we are committed to working side by the side the local community and ensuring all of our operations are conducted safely."

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