



## Media Release

### **AGL to fund economic development roles at Gloucester Shire Council**

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AGL will fund two economic development roles – one at Gloucester Shire Council – to help attract new investment and facilitate beneficial economic opportunities for the local area.

A full-time economic development officer role will be based at Gloucester Shire Council with an aim to “promote local business development needs and opportunities for growth”. This role will be co-funded by both the Council and AGL.

AGL will also fund another full-time role of which the focus will be attracting economic investment to the broader region.

Both roles will prioritise opportunities for regional employment, strengthen the region’s industrial sector and support agricultural opportunities.

Julie Delvecchio, Head of Community Relations, said AGL worked closely with the council to developed a mutual agreement on the roles.

“AGL has its approvals for stage one of the Gloucester Gas Project and council has been understandably vocal on what our project means in terms of benefits for the local community,” Ms Delvecchio said.

“And we’ve listened. The roles AGL are funding will specifically look at ways to promote Gloucester as an attractive business location for new investment from commercial and industrial sectors.

“In addition, the roles will canvas potential uses for locally produced natural coal seam gas, electricity and water from AGL’s project.”

Both roles will be for two years and the part time community and economic development role and will be advertised in local media this month.

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