



**AGL UPSTREAM INVESTMENTS PTY LTD**  
**Newcastle Gas Storage Facility**  
**Annual Noise Monitoring Report**

Reporting Period: June 2017

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## Foreword

<b>PREMISES</b>	Newcastle Gas Storage Facility 5 Old Punt Road TOMAGO NSW 2322
<b>LICENCE DETAILS</b>	<a href="#">Environment Protection Licence 20130</a>
<b>LICENCEE</b>	AGL Upstream Investments Pty Limited
<b>LICENCEE'S ADDRESS</b>	Locked Bag 1837, St Leonards, NSW 2065
<b>MONITORING DATE</b>	27 June 2017
<b>MONITORING BY</b>	EMM Consulting Pty Limited
<b>ANALYSIS BY</b>	EMM Consulting Pty Limited (report number J17068RP1)
<b>OBTAINED DATA DATE</b>	17 July 2017
<b>REPORT DATE</b>	19 July 2017
<b>REPORT PREPARED BY</b>	Aaron Clifton Environment Business Partner

### SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY

The Newcastle Gas Storage Facility (NGSF) is located in Tomago, New South Wales.

The NGSF includes:

- A processing plant that converts pipeline natural gas to liquefied natural gas (LNG) by cooling it to  $-162^{\circ}\text{C}$ . It is capable of processing up to 66,500 tonnes of LNG per year.
- An insulated, non-pressurised LNG storage tank capable of containing 30,000 tonnes or  $63,000\text{ m}^3$  of LNG, equivalent to 1.5 petajoules (PJ) of natural gas, and an associated containment area.
- A re-gasification unit to convert the LNG in the storage tank back into natural gas.
- A flare stack with a height of approximately 15m to combust hydrocarbons discharged from the process.



- A truck loading facility to allow the dispatch of up to 1,000 tankers of LNG per year.
- Infrastructure and utility connection and an emergency access road.

This Monitoring Report relates to those noise monitoring activities specified in Part 5, Monitoring and Recording Conditions, of the Environment Protection Licence. The Licence conditions stipulate noise monitoring is required to be carried out as per the assessment periods at the locations and frequency set out in the table below.

This report is prepared in accordance with the *Requirements for Publishing Pollution Monitoring Data* (EPA, October 2013) (**Publication Requirements**).

## NOISE MONITORING LOCATIONS

Point	Location	Assessment Period	Minimum Duration	Minimum Frequency
2	Hunter Botanical Gardens	Day, Evening, Night	15 minutes	Yearly
3	5 Grahame Drive Tomago	Day, Evening, Night	15 minutes	Yearly
5	45 School Drive Tomago	Day, Evening, Night	15 minutes	Yearly
6	Tomago Village Van Park	Day, Evening, Night	15 minutes	Yearly
9	Tomago Aluminium Company Meteorological Station	N/A	N/A	N/A

## NOISE MONITORING MEASUREMENT PARAMETERS

Point	Time Period	Measurement Parameter
2	Day	Day – LAeq (15 minute)
	Evening	Evening – LAeq (15 minute)
	Night	Night – LAeq (15 minute)
3, 5, 6	Day	Day – LAeq (15 minute)
	Evening	Evening – LAeq (15 minute)
	Night	Night – LAeq (15 minute)
	Night	Night – LAeq (1 minute)

## Noise Monitoring Results Summary, 27 June 2017

Monitoring Point	Monitoring Location Description	Period	Start time	Total Measured Noise Level			Project Contribution		EPL Noise Level	
				LA1	LAeq	LA90	LA1	LAeq	LA1	LAeq
2 – Hunter Botanical Gardens	A point along the NGSF northern access road at a similar distance from the NGSF as the nearest corner of Botanic Gardens.	Day	15:53	44	38	36	IA	IA	N/A	50
		Evening	19:13	45	39	36	IA	IA	N/A	50
		Night	23:08	44	40	37	IA	IA	N/A	50
3 – Grahame Drive Tomago	In front of 5 Grahame Drive	Day	17:02	67	61	54	IA	IA	45	35
		Evening	18:00	64	58	52	IA	IA	45	35
		Night	22:00	64	53	45	IA	IA	45	35
5 – 45 School Drive Tomago	In front of 45 School Drive	Day	16:42	67	61	56	IA	IA	45	35
		Evening	18:23	66	60	52	IA	IA	45	35
		Night	22:20	64	53	40	IA	IA	45	35
6 – Tomago Village Van Park	Adjacent to Old Punt Road on Tomago Village Van Park boundary	Day	16:19	77	65	52	IA	IA	45	35
		Evening	18:46	71	58	51	IA	IA	45	35
		Night	22:42	62	58	54	IA	IA	45	35

IA = Inaudible; N/A = Not applicable

Weather conditions were recorded at Monitoring Point 9 during the noise survey were determined suitable for noise monitoring.

## CONCLUSION

Results show noise from the project is inaudible at all specified noise monitoring points and therefore EMM Consulting Pty Limited determined compliance with the noise levels in Condition L5.1 of the EPL.