

AGL CAMDEN GAS PROJECT COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR 2021

AGL Camden Community Consultative Committee Details

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| CCC / Project Name: | AGL Camden Community Consultative Committee | Reporting Period: | January - December 2021 |
| Independent Chairperson: | Margaret MacDonald-Hill | Proponent Contacts: | Rachel Marks and David Mudd |

1. Executive Summary

The AGL Camden Community Consultative Committee was first established in July 2002 as part of a Consent Condition of Approval for Sydney Gas Operations. The history of the committee began prior to this as a community advisory panel convened by the former Department of Mineral Resources. Two of the original panel members still retain membership on the current committee.

The Camden Gas Project is located sixty five kilometres south-west of Sydney in the Macarthur region of New South Wales, across the three Local Government areas of Camden, Campbelltown and Wollondilly. The project currently produces approximately 5% of NSW's gas supply and consists of gas wells, 100 kilometres of low-pressure underground gas gathering lines, a high-pressure supply line, gas plant facilities and associated infrastructure.

The pilot plant known as the Ray Beddoe Treatment Plant was constructed by Sydney Gas, with the first delivery of gas produced in NSW into the AGL network in May 2001. The pilot plant was later decommissioned and rehabilitated with the new gas plant at Rosalind Park becoming operational as part of the Stage 2 approvals in February 2004. The joint venture between Sydney Gas and AGL ended in November 2005 when AGL acquired sole interest as the operator of the project. Further proposed stages did not proceed and in February 2016, AGL subsequently announced that it would progressively decommission wells and rehabilitate sites at the Camden Gas Project and cease all production by 2023.

The Committee operates in accordance with the Department of Planning and Environment's 2019 Community Consultative Committee Guidelines for State Significant Projects.

The committee is currently comprised of:

- three local community representatives;
- two representatives from the Barragal Landcare Group;
- three Local Government representatives from Camden, Campbelltown and Wollondilly Councils;
- two AGL representatives, with attendance from other AGL personnel as required;
- one independent Chairperson.

The committee met quarterly between 2002 to 2016, biannually from 2016 to 2019 and with the Department's concurrence, reduced its meeting schedule to annual until 2023, when gas production activities have ceased, all rehabilitation completed and the end of life of the project on target for 2026. A further review of the meeting frequency will occur between

2023 and 2026, if necessary, to address any requirements for additional community consultation in the final stage.

Covid-19 impacted slightly on the proposed meeting date for 2021, with the committee finally meeting via video conferencing in September. Staff and corporate changes within AGL also delayed the Local Community Investment Program and assessment of funding applications which the committee takes an active role in twice a year. A review of the applications was undertaken online by the committee during May with the second round opening in November.

The committee receives quarterly AGL reports between meetings advising of business, operations and environment updates, well decommissioning and rehabilitation progress, correspondence, landowners, community and stakeholders updates, including those with local councils and Members of Parliament and the Local Community Investment Program grants.

As a very long term committee, a good rapport is well established among all parties and occurs outside the meeting schedule. AGL continues to raise awareness of its activities and has clearly demonstrated that community interests are heard and responded to. There have been no community complaints regarding environmental concerns for several years now, indicative of the fact that over many years, AGL has established itself as a good neighbour. Coupled with its broad range of community engagement initiatives and support of local communities, it has earned the respect of the landowners, the community at large, including the three local councils and local politicians in the region.

For the reporting period, topics of discussion included but were not limited to:

- operations update including well status
- decommissioning and rehabilitation program and landowner satisfaction
- general environmental management and monitoring
- environmental compliance including noise, air emissions and produced water
- Annual Environmental Performance Report
- land and approvals update
- updates on Local Community Investment Program
- AGL business updates including notice of demerger into two separate energy companies
- complaints and non-compliances
- broader community engagement and sponsorship
- Triennial Independent Audit.

As the Camden Gas Project approaches the end of operational life and enters the decommissioning and site rehabilitation stages, the committee is well briefed on the regulatory requirements and the phases leading to closure. It is proactive in seeking this information disseminated widely to the public through AGL's website and through the local councils.

The reporting process to the committee is comprehensive at meetings with informative PowerPoint presentations and in the context of the regular written updates. AGL is responsive to the committee's interests and suggestions at every level.

The commitment of all members has made this committee a very effective communication and educative forum between the community, the councils and the company.

2. CCC activities over last 12 months

- The committee met via video conference in September during the reporting period.
- Online discussions for the Community Grants Program took place in the first half of 2021 because of Covid-19.
- Attendance at meetings is well attended. Meeting dates are set at the end of each year, in consultation with the members, for the ensuing year to avoid any known conflicts.
- No site visit was undertaken during the period because of Covid-19.
- There are no other active coal seam gas projects within NSW other than the Santos Narrabri project therefore no joint CCC's were held.

3. Key issues

The main focus for the committee as the Camden Gas Project approaches end of operational life over the next few years is the decommissioning and rehabilitation of all well sites and associated infrastructure.


| Issue | Actions Taken | Next Steps |
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| Land management and remediation | Close liaison with Camden, Campbelltown and Wollondilly Councils, landowners and broader community through dissemination of timely information. | Ongoing. |
| Future urbanisation of area | Identification of decommissioned well sites, notification process for councils and future land owners - register held by Government, access provided to local councils. | Ongoing. Updates from AGL/EPA as required. |
| Local Community Investment Program | Review of funding applications biannually. Invitation/Video compilation of grant applicants. Reporting of funding allocations and contribution to community projects. | Scheduled prior to ordinary meeting. CCC members involvement between meetings as required. |
| Long term legacy project | Concept raised at September 2021 meeting | Ideas for a legacy fund to be discussed at September 2022 meeting. |

4. Focus for next 12 months

The planned activities for 2022 will be guided by the contributions of the CCC members. Updates on the progress of the AGL demerger will be provided to the committee, together with reports for the quarters the committee does not meet. Involvement with the AGL Local Community Investment Program will continue throughout the year.

To the best of my knowledge, there are no outstanding or emerging issues that have not been addressed or are in the process of being so, to the committee's satisfaction.

Committee Meeting minutes and presentations are available on the website within two weeks of each meeting.

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| Signature of Chair: |  |
| Date: | March 15 2022 |