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Dear Mr Ko

Review of Environmental Assessment – AGL Newcastle Gas Storage Facility – MOD 3 (MP10_0133 MOD3) – 5 Old Punt Road, Tomago

I refer to your email dated 2 November 2017, seeking review of the Environmental Assessment for a modification proposal for the AGL Newcastle Gas Storage Facility (MP10_0133 MOD3); located at 5 Old Punt Road, Tomago, in the Port Stephens local government area. OEH understands that this major project modification is on public exhibition from 2 November to 17 November 2017.

The Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) has undertaken a review of the EA titled '*Newcastle Gas Storage Facility Modification 3 Environmental Assessment - Tail gas project*' (prepared for AGL Energy Limited by EMM and dated 20 October 2017). OEH understands that the proposal includes: processing and transferring tail gas into the local gas network, construction and operation of a maintenance flare, and minor changes to the infrastructure and operations on site to ensure tail gas sent to the local gas network meets Australian gas quality standards.

OEH notes that the site of the proposed modification falls entirely within the approved footprint of the AGL Newcastle Gas Storage Facility, and does not impact on biodiversity, Aboriginal cultural heritage or flooding matters. As a result, OEH has no further comment or recommended conditions of consent for this proposal.

If you require any further information regarding this matter please contact Steve Lewer, Regional Biodiversity Conservation Officer, on 4927 3158.

Yours sincerely

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