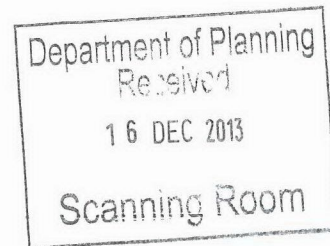




Your reference: MP 08_0154 MOD 1
Our reference: DOC13/92671, File No. EF13/8686
Contact: Cameron Perry, (02) 4908 6808
Electronic correspondence to: hunter.region@epa.nsw.gov.au

Department of Planning and Infrastructure
GPO Box 39
SYDNEY 2001

Attention: Mr Clay Preshaw



Dear Mr Preshaw

**AGL GLOUCESTER GAS PROJECT
MINOR PIPELINE CORRIDOR REALIGNMENTS (MP 08_0154 MOD 1)**

Reference is made to a letter from AGL Upstream Infrastructure Investments Pty Limited to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) dated 28 November 2013 providing the Environmental Assessment (EA) prepared in respect of the above proposal. Reference is also made to your email to the EPA on 11 December 2013 inviting comments and recommended conditions of approval of the proposal.

It is understood the proponent seeks to modify the existing pipeline network as follows:

- Connection with AGL's approved Newcastle Gas Storage Facility (NGSF) at Tomago, rather than the Hexham Delivery Station (HDS).
- Minor realignments are proposed to four sections of the pipeline corridor and the end of pipeline facilities are proposed within a compound at the NGSF connection point, referred to as the Tomago Receiving Station (TRS). The four sections are:
 - Approximately 0.65km section of pipeline corridor at East Seaham - straightened and realigned up to 100m north, mostly within a cleared area within and adjacent to a TransGrid transmission line easement.
 - Approximately 5km long section of pipeline corridor near Brandy Hill - straightened and realigned generally up to 335m west.
 - Approximately 2.5km long section of pipeline corridor at Millers Forest - realigned around 50m east, to avoid the recently constructed TransGrid electricity transmission line.
 - Approximately 6.5km long section of the pipeline corridor's southern end - realigned to connect with the NGSF at Tomago via the Tomago Receiving Station. The proposed realignment avoids a wetland area, reduces disturbance to acid sulfate soils and only involves one crossing of the Hunter River (rather than the two crossings approved).

Due to the relatively minor nature of the proposed changes and the likelihood that the changes will not directly alter the existing noise, air and water impacts, the EPA does not have any specific comments or recommended conditions of approval to provide in respect of the proposed modification.

If you require any further information regarding this matter please contact Cameron Perry on (02) 4908 6808.

Yours sincerely

Hamish Rutherford 12/12/2013

HAMISH RUTHERFORD
A/Head Regional Operations Unit – Hunter
Environment Protection Authority