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Attention: Clay Preshaw

Dear Clay

EXHIBITION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT MODIFICATION – GLOUCESTOR GAS PROJECT – PIPELINE MODIFICATIONS

Thank you for your correspondence of 11 December 2013 seeking Hunter Water's comments on AGL's application to modify its project approval for the Gloucester Gas Project under Section 75W of the Environmental Assessment and Planning Act 1979. Hunter Water values the opportunity to make the following comments.

Whilst Hunter Water has no objection to the proposed modification of the pipeline route, it does have a number of general comments to make about the pipeline itself.

1. The proposed gas pipeline will cross the Chichester Trunk Gravity Main (CTGM) in two places (Nelsons Plains and Seaham). The CTGM is a critical asset which carries essential water supply to the Lower Hunter Valley and is located in a corridor of freehold land owned by Hunter Water. Formal Agreement between AGL and Hunter Water setting out terms for construction and the eventual formalisation of easements for these crossings has been negotiated and documentation for a License Agreement and Agreement to Grant Easements is currently with Hunter Water's Legal Counsel for approval and execution.
2. Adequate clearances and essential asset protection is required for all pipeline crossings, with design of each crossing point to be submitted to Hunter Water for review. Minimum clearance requirements between the proposed gas pipeline and the CTGM have previously been identified and provided to AGL.
3. The proposed gas pipeline traverses the Williams River and Tomago Sand beds: both are key components of the Lower Hunter water supply and Drinking Water Catchments as defined in the *Hunter Water Regulation 2010*. This will need to be considered as part of the project environmental impact assessment and any potential impacts during construction of the proposed pipeline will need to be appropriately mitigated.

Hunter Water has no objections to the application and recommends that compliance with the Licence conditions, design requirements and reference to the protection of key Drinking Water supplies are included as conditions of consent.

Should you require further clarification or assistance please do not hesitate to contact Malcolm Withers on 4979 9545.

Yours faithfully

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