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Attention: Clay Preshaw

Dear Mr Reed

**Proposed Camden Gas Project Northern Expansion (Stage 3)
Review of Response to Submissions and Amended DA**

I refer to your email dated 2 November 2012 requesting comments on the Submissions Report and Amendments for the proposed Camden Gas Project Northern Expansion as prepared for AGL Energy Limited.

The Division of Resources and Energy (DRE) of the Department of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure & Services (DTIRIS) provides the following comments:

1. The recommendation to conduct a groundwater assessment of the impact of fracking activities has been adequately addressed.
2. A Rehabilitation Management Plan (RMP) condition be inserted in the approval conditions.

AGL accepted the requirement for a RMP. They currently have a Landscape and Rehabilitation Management Plan (LRMP) which they plan to update prior to the commencement of construction. However, the original wording of the RMP condition proposed by DRE may lead to confusion and AGL may produce a separate plan in addition to the Petroleum Production Operations Plan (PPOP) which is the regulatory instrument that DRE should be using as the "rehabilitation plan" as this is enforceable under the conditions of a PPL and the *Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991*.

To ensure that there is no confusion about the format of the RMP and to reinforce the statutory responsibility of DTIRIS with regard to rehabilitation, the RMP condition should be re-worded as follows:

Rehabilitation Management Plan

The Proponent shall prepare and implement a RMP to the satisfaction of the Director General DTIRIS. The RMP must:

1. be prepared in accordance with the relevant DTIRIS guideline

2. be prepared in consultation with DTIRIS, DECCW (or their new equivalent title), DoP&I, NOW and Camden Council and;
3. be submitted for approval by the Director General DTIRIS prior to the commencement of construction.

Note: The preparation and implementation of a PPOP or its equivalent will satisfy the document format requirement of this condition.

The DTIRIS has no objections to the Amended DA.

Should you have any enquires regarding this matter please contact Steve Cozens, Senior Project Officer, Industry Coordination on (02) 8281 7335.

Yours sincerely


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