



**GAS IMPORT JETTY AND PIPELINE PROJECT
ENVIRONMENT EFFECTS STATEMENT
INQUIRY AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

TECHNICAL NOTE

TECHNICAL NOTE NUMBER: TN 008
DATE: 7 October 2020
LOCATION: Crib Point Jetty Works and Pipeline Works
EES/MAP BOOK REFERENCE: Chapter 18 and Mitigation Measures
SUBJECT: Response to RFI 133 – Section 14.1 Social
SUMMARY The information provided in this technical note outlines detail on AGL's Community Fund commitment.
REQUEST: Explain how the commitment to a Community Fund of \$7.5 million would be realised.

NOTE:

Summary

1. As part of the Crib Point Gas Import Jetty and Pipeline Project, AGL has committed to establishing a Community Fund of \$7.5 million.
2. The fund will be designed to support programs that provide sustainable benefits to communities potentially impacted by the Project, whether that's school programs, social services, job programs, environmental or infrastructure.

Community Fund Overview

3. At a board meeting on 19 June 2018, the AGL Board approved a Community Fund and related expenditure. Approval was also given to commence community engagement in relation to governance of the fund. The fund was announced in July 2018 at a community meeting held at Balnarring.
4. The \$7.5 million is not conditional on the profit of the Project – it will be made available upon AGL making a financial decision to proceed with the Project, if the Project is approved.
5. A community committee will be appointed to manage the fund. At an appropriate time once regulatory approval has been achieved, AGL will advertise for expressions of interest for members of the community who may wish to be involved in the fund.

Scope of Community Fund

6. AGL wants to ensure the Project brings benefit to the local community. The fund would be there to support programs that provide sustainable benefits to communities potentially impacted by the Project, whether that's school programs, social services, job programs, environmental or infrastructure.

Community Fund Reference Group

7. The Community Fund Reference Group was established as a starting point for discussions regarding the Community Fund.
8. Members of the reference group were identified by AGL through discussion with local community members and organisations such as Mornington Peninsula Shire Council, Mornington Peninsula Foundation and Crib Point Community House.
9. This group does not represent the final community committee which will oversee the fund – it is neither age, ethnically or gender diverse. It is a starting point for conversations in the community. Many may ultimately have more interest in applying for funding rather than sitting on the governance body if and when the fund is put in place.
10. The Community Fund Reference Group met with AGL's Stakeholder Relations Team in late July 2018 to socialise the Community Fund and:
 - explore areas needing support
 - identify other people, projects or groups AGL should pre-brief on the fund
 - socialise benefits of the fund out through community contacts.
11. Members of the reference group subsequently met with AGL's Board in November 2018 when the Safety, Customer & Corporate Responsibility Committee held its meeting in Hastings. This meeting provided the opportunity for the AGL Board Committee to speak to the Community Fund Reference Group about the Project and community concerns.

Governance Model

12. The Fund is to be community led, meaning the community:
 - will co-design with AGL how the Fund operates (within AGL governance parameters)
 - will assess grant applications to the Fund
 - will provide oversight on the implementation of projects supported by the Fund
 - will be subject to audit acquittal processes on behalf of AGL, and
 - will benefit from projects supported by the Fund.
13. Mitigation Measure MM-SO05 "Community Fund", in Chapter 25 of the EES, states that:

Detailed arrangements for the community fund will be resolved in partnership with relevant community stakeholders. In particular, there will be community led involvement in how the fund will be set-up, managed and spent.
14. Mr Owen Boushel recommended in his social expert witness statement, filed with IAC on 25 September 2020, that MM-SO05 be amended to include the following:

"If desired by the community stakeholders, an independent facilitator can be appointed to assist the establishment of the community fund and its governance."
15. AGL accepts this recommendation.
16. Further planning will be required to ensure the Fund is structured to provide the necessary legal, financial and taxation oversight.

Next steps



17. If the Project receives regulatory approval, AGL will proceed in accordance with MM-SO05. Initial actions to establish the Community Fund include:

- Arrange a facilitated workshop for interested community members to discuss governance arrangements
- Advertise widely to attract a broad cross-section of the community
- Present a number of potential models that could be discussed/picked apart and put back together to suit this community

CORRESPONDENCE: NA

ATTACHMENTS: NA