



SAVE WESTERNPORT (SWP)– No AGL gas terminal for Crib Point 1st June 2018 Issue #1

Welcome to our first update in newsletter style. Since our 'Save Westernport - No AGL Gas' public meeting on 8 May attended by over 120 residents, it's been a breathtakingly busy time. We've submitted the first batch of signed petitions, started an online Change.org petition, the website draft is live, every week there has been articles and letters in local papers, stints on ABC Radio Melbourne..... and more! So, without any further ramblings here's the news:

Crib Point Action Group (CPAG): SWP members were invited to attend the monthly CPAG meeting. It was great to get together and share our ideas to achieve the residents' goals for Crib Point. SWP benefitted from learning from the experienced CPAG team and gaining deeper insight into the history of the Crib Point community vision for the future. And guess what? It doesn't include a floating gas terminal! A CPAG member may join the SWP steering committee if they can fit it in. Either way, we look forward to working together to support the future of Crib Point.

Jeff Nottle – Preserve Westernport: Jeff kindly gave up some of his time to come and talk to some of us about the Preserve Westernport Stop the Port campaign. SWP absorbed an extraordinary amount of information in a couple of hours from strategy to fundraising to printing and editing and so on. We really appreciated having access to hard-earned experience from a three-and-a-half-year battle to stop the container port going ahead.

On 28 May, AGL advised that they have now placed the last of their draft assessments on line and will receive comments from the public until 15 June. They intend to lodge their referral with the Hon Richard Wynne, State Planning Minister late June. Visit EngageAGL website for more: <http://www.engageagl.com.au/> Contact Jay Gleeson: 0499 027 630

Delegation to Ministers – Neale Burgess has already informed the shadow ministers about the horror gas ship and we persist in trying to set up a meeting with the relevant state government departments to express our concerns. Frankston Labour MP, Paul Edbrooke presented our information to Hon Lily D'Ambrosio (Minister for the Energy, Environment and Climate Change). SWP emailed a letter on 24 May formally requesting a meeting with Ms D'Ambrosio.

Social Media

The NO AGL Gas Terminus for Crib Point Facebook page continues to grow as does the Twitter feed – Save Westernport. For the tweeters out there – get busy so our cause gets noticed.

Savewesternport.com is just about to go live. It will be a really useful tool for sharing our research, events, ideas and for letting the wider world know what's at stake.

Visit our website every now and then to see how it is progressing.



First petition handover

It was a great moment to see Rod handing over the first batch of signed petitions. 1370 signatures to be presented to the Legislative Assembly. Of course, that is just the beginning and we need to keep up the momentum to show the politicians how many people care about Westernport and are against AGL's proposal.

Please help us keep the petition going. Print the attached form and off you go..

Media

ABC Radio Melbourne Tuesday 29th May

Jon Faine with Premier Daniel Andrews and callers

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/nmui7dtrvri8az/Premier%20Louise%20and%20Leissa%20on%20Jon%20Faine%202018%2005%2029.m4a?dl=0>

ABC Radio Melbourne Wednesday 30th May

Emma Germano, President of the Victorian Farmers Federation Horticulture Group spoke with Jon Faine

<https://www.dropbox.com/preview/Save%20WesternPort/Audio%20and%20Transcripts/VFF%20on%20Jon%20Faine%202018%2005%2030.m4a?role=personal>

The Bridge Magazine – Pages 8 & 9

www.bridgemag.com.au/

Check out our front page spread in the 22nd May Edition of the Fossil Fool Bulletin

Refer attached PDF

Upcoming events:

Sunday 3 June 11am - Mabo Day Reconciliation Walk

Hastings - Starts Pelican Park. <https://www.mornpen.vic.gov.au/Events-Activities/Willum-Warrain-Gathering-Place-Reconciliation-Walk>

Wednesday 6 June 7.30pm - Muso Night

Balnarring Hall. Come along. We're planning on having a night out (and spreading the word of course!)

CANCELLED - Thursday 7 June, Cerberus Ward Meeting We are advised this has been cancelled which is disappointing as we were looking forward to chatting with Cr Kate Roper.

Monday 25 June 7.30pm – AGL Community Consultation Balnarring

Venue to be advised. Upon request, AGL have confirmed that they will hold another community consultation. More details to come.

Tuesday 26 June 5pm 6pm 7pm – Mornington Peninsula Shire Council Meeting

Hastings Hub, 1973 Frankston Flinders Rd, Hastings. Members of the public invited for public briefings at 5 pm, dinner at 6 pm, council meeting at 7pm. RSVP for the dinner is essential.

Contact the Shire on council.reports@mornpen.vic.gov.au or telephone 5950 1439. *NB: Questions to the council must be submitted in writing by 6.45pm that day. Forms are available on the MP Shire website or at the door on the night. Maximum 2 questions per person.*

Save Westernport is in the process of organising a rally to make our voices loud and clear. As soon as we have the details, we'll let you know.

And on a rather perplexing note, at the last council meeting, SWP put four questions to the council on behalf of Westernport residents. Their response was woeful. The same week, Greg Hunt basically gave the same reply when he was contacted by another worried local. Their advice to us is pretty much summed up in this letter to the editor published in the **Western Port News Letters 29th May 2018** -

'Go to websites for answers' – MP, CEO

Greg Hunt's advice to Sylvia Simon and the community to "engage in AGL's feedback process via Jay Gleeson of AGL" left me open-mouthed. The icing on the cake was receiving the same brush off from Mornington Peninsula Shire Council. Last Tuesday night, the 22nd May, four questions regarding the proposed floating gas terminal at Crib Point were asked at the public meeting held in Rosebud. The response? CEO Carl Cowie took the questions and announced that AGL's community engagement website was the best avenue. One of the questions touched on the Kawasaki coal to hydrogen project which will ship out of Hastings. Same gob-smacking advice - refer to the Hydrogen Energy Supply Chain website. Funny. I didn't realize that AGL and Kawasaki were looking after constituents' concerns. Nor did I comprehend that they were now representing residents. Perhaps they would like to receive my next rates payment. We should be very deeply concerned that our paid representatives feel it is acceptable to tell us to engage with corporations whose sole strategic goal is profit.



Action Required

1. Print the attached petition and collect signatures
2. Write to state and federal government, newspapers, keep talking about it, ring radio stations
3. Stay tuned with us on Facebook, Website, Twitter
4. Let everyone know about our upcoming events
5. Sign the online petition here: <https://www.change.org/p/unique-westernport-bay-is-not-an-industrial-site-stop-agl-s-gas-terminal-at-crib-point>
6. If you are an AGL customer, you could change providers and of course make sure you tell them why you are quitting AGL

Reference material for further research:

Former WA Premier Colin Barnett's idea for a gas pipeline to the East coast:

<http://www.afr.com/business/energy/gas/west-east-pipeline-emerges-as-threat-to-lng-import-plan-20180228-howrhw>



A good comment from one manufacturer is: *'LNG terminals are not the answer. LNG won't keep a cap on prices as LNG prices will go up. LNG may work for peak demand but for people like us, it is not going to solve the problem.'*

For those who don't know much about the AGL – APA pipeline:

<https://pakenham.starcommunity.com.au/gazette/2018-04-06/pakenham-pipeline-under-fire/>

Analysis: Australia mulls LNG imports; inflow will alter trade flows, regional markets

<https://www.platts.com/latest-news/natural-gas/singapore/analysis-australia-mulls-lng-imports-inflow-will-27988921>

Book: The Town That Said No to AGL – How Gloucester was saved from coal seam gas by John Watts. Available here -

<http://thetownthatsaidnotoagl.com/67-2/>