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**Position Statement from The Gloucester Project to AGL  
re extraordinary meeting of the GCCC**

The Gloucester Project directs its representative Marianne Johnson not to participate in the extraordinary meeting to recommend a peer reviewer for the AGL CSG stage 1 project.

- The Gloucester Project (TGP) supports the Gloucester community's call for a comprehensive and transparent assessment of the impacts and risks associated with AGL's industrial practices.
- TGP believes that AGL has attempted to retain control of the assessment process to the detriment of our region's water security.
- The GCCC is not constituted, nor does it have the expertise to approve AGL's control of the assessment process
- If AGL is confident that their industrial practices carry no risk to our region's capacity to be a significant food and water supplier to Gloucester and downstream communities, it should not need to manoeuvre to retain control of the assessment process.
- TGP cannot give credibility to AGL's strategy of using the GCCC to endorse its restrictive program by participating in the January extraordinary meeting.
- TGP believes that the assessment procedure, as expressed by the BGSPA led community group is fair, comprehensive and transparent and only seeks to establish a true picture of this region's hydrogeological characteristics. We believe that the impact of drilling, fracking and the excavation of other mining industries carries inordinate risks for this region. Only by a full and open process can the real conditions and risks be assessed.
- The Gloucester Project is prepared to continue to contribute in a positive way, to the legitimate aspects of the GCCC, and calls on AGL to negotiate fairly and openly with the BGSPA led community negotiating group

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