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GAS PLANT NOT ALLOWED AT VARROVILLE

AGL will not be permitted to construct a gas treatment plant at Varroville in Sydney's south west.

Minister for Planning, Tony Kelly, said following discussions with the Department of Planning and Campbelltown City Council about its proposed Camden Gas Project, AGL has written to the Department confirming it would remove the gas treatment at Varroville plant from its plans.

"The proposed gas plant was not permissible or appropriate in this area under the council's planning provisions," the Minister said.

"The Department of Planning made it clear to AGL this issue meant its proposal would not be progressed in its existing form, now or in the future, which has led directly to AGL's decision to revise its plans."

Mr Kelly said this process was a perfect example of how the NSW planning system delivers the right outcome for local communities.

"Our major projects assessment system (Part 3A) has enabled this proposal to be publicly scrutinised early in the process, well before the public exhibition stage," the Minister said.

"Had the proposal gone through the normal development application process with the local council, it is unlikely the community would have had the chance to review the plans until the assessment process was much further advanced.

"When revised plans, minus the gas plant at Varroville, are lodged, the Department of Planning will again review the adequacy of the proposal before allowing it to proceed to public exhibition."

Member for Macquarie Fields, Dr Andrew McDonald and Member for Camden, Geoff Corrigan, welcomed the announcement.

"This a great result for the community which has fought hard against this proposal," Dr McDonald said.

"I note the concerted efforts of Campbelltown City Council and community representatives in achieving a great outcome for Sydney's south west," Mr Corrigan said.

Mr Kelly said at this stage, AGL's alternative plans involve connection of the proposed Northern Expansion gas field to the company's existing gas treatment plant at Rosalind Park.

"It is up to AGL to determine the technical practicalities of this approach," the Minister said.
