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LOCALS GIVEN THREE MONTHS TO COMMENT ON CAMDEN GAS PROJECT

Residents of south-west Sydney will have additional time to comment on AGL's plans to expand its coal seam gas operations near Camden.

Planning and Infrastructure Minister Brad Hazzard today requested the Department of Planning and Infrastructure to extend the public exhibition of the Camden Gas Project Stage 3 expansion until **Friday 8 February 2013**.

The exhibition started on November 6 and was due to finish tomorrow, meaning the community will have just over three months to provide feedback.

The decision follows representations from community groups and local MPs Chris Patterson, Bryan Doyle and Jai Rowell, who have requested additional time to lodge submissions.

"There is clearly a great deal of community interest in this project and I want to make sure that local feedback is received by those who will be assessing the project," Mr Hazzard said.

"In particular, Chris Patterson, Bryan Doyle and Jai Rowell have all made strong representations on behalf of their communities seeking additional time.

"The views of local residents will be an important consideration in the decision-making process."

Today's extension follows the Minister's recent decision to request the independent Planning Assessment Commission (PAC) to undertake a review of the project, including public hearings.

"With the extension of time and the independent PAC review, this project will go through the most rigorous of assessments.

"This assessment will also take place in full public view so residents of south-west Sydney can have confidence that decisions are made based on a transparent and thorough process.

Information on the project, including how to make a submission, can be found by visiting <http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au> and searching for "Camden Gas Project".

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