

# Narrabri Gas Project CCC - Meeting # 21

## 29 November 2016

Date/Time:	11 October 2016, 11.00am – 2.00pm		
Location:	Narrabri RSL, 7 Maitland Street Narrabri		
Attendees:	Jock Laurie – Land and Water Commissioner (Chair) Cr Ann Loder – Narrabri Shire Council Cr Ron Campbell – Narrabri Shire Council Jack Warnock – Lower Namoi Cotton Growers Association Jocelyn Cameron – Country Women’s Association Russell Stewart – Narrabri Chamber of Commerce Tony Pickard – People for the Plains Libby Guest – North West Local Land Services	Andrew Cowan – Environment Protection Authority Kyle Horner – Environment Protection Authority Addy Watson – Environment Protection Authority Bridie George – Environment Protection Authority Nick Butler – Division of Resources and Energy Peter Mitchley – Santos Neale House – Santos Annie Moody – Santos	
Guests:	Prof. Damian Barrett, Research Director, Onshore Gas Program – CSIRO Tsuey Cham, Communication and Stakeholder Management Advisor – CSIRO Nicola Proctor, Engagement and Communications Advisor – CSIRO Kathrine Riley, A/Manager, Onshore Gas Section – Dept. Industry Innovation and Science Cai von Ahlefeldt, A/Assistant Manager, Onshore Gas Section – Dept. Industry Innovation and Science Kyle Horner – Environment Protection Authority Andrew Cowan – Environment Protection Authority Armon Hicks – Santos		
Apologies:	Lynn Trindall – Narrabri Local Aboriginal Land Council Conrad Bolton – North West Local Land Services Matt Norrie – NSW Farmers Jon-Maree Baker – Namoi Water	Carmen Dwyer – Environment Protection Authority Samantha Wynn – Environment Protection Authority	
Meeting Chair:	Jock Laurie		
Secretariat:	Annie Moody		
Agenda Item			
Discussion/Outcomes			
Action			
CSIRO Presentation – GISERA Research Project Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Prof. Damian Barrett presented an update on research projects being undertaken by GISERA in NSW and discussed some of the research that has been undertaken in Queensland over the past 5 years.</li><li>Prof. Barrett presented information on the funding model and governance structure of GISERA. The representation on the ten-member NSW GISERA Regional Research Advisory Committee is two members from gas industry, four Independent members; two members from Government and two members from</li></ul>		

	<p>CSIRO. Prof. Barrett spoke about the CSIRO governance standards for research and internal and external peer review processes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An overview was provided to members on current projects and members were advised of the information available on the GISERA website (which is in process of being restructured to a better user interface) on current research projects and reports.</li> <li>• Prof. Barrett acknowledged that many community questions and concerns in relation to the industry in NSW were related to groundwater and there has been a focus on addressing this topic in the prioritisation of research projects. Approximately 40% of the total research budget in GISERA is spent on research projects relating to water. Prof. Barrett spoke extensively on the geology and hydrology of the Gunnedah and Surat basins and answered members' questions in relation to groundwater and the methodology of research activities being undertaken.</li> <li>• GISERA will be undertaking a health related project in NSW as there is limited research in this field relating to the gas industry nationally or internationally, some work has been undertaken by the Qld Department of Health.</li> <li>• GISERA will attend the Narrabri Gas Project CCC again in 2017 to provide updates on research projects to members.</li> </ul> <p><b>Presentation/Handout/Links:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. GISERA website <a href="http://www.gisera.org.au/">http://www.gisera.org.au/</a></li> <li>2. GISERA research outputs, updates and fact sheets are available from <a href="http://www.gisera.org.au/publications/researchoutputs.html">http://www.gisera.org.au/publications/researchoutputs.html</a></li> <li>3. Information on the GISERA governance structure can be found at <a href="http://www.gisera.org.au/governance.html">http://www.gisera.org.au/governance.html</a></li> <li>4. A copy of the November 2016 presentation to CCC from GISERA will be available from <a href="https://narrabrigasproject.com.au/community/consultative-committee/november-2016/">https://narrabrigasproject.com.au/community/consultative-committee/november-2016/</a></li> </ol>	
<b>EPA Presentation – Tintsville Ponds Monitoring – PRP Closure Update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Kyle Horner from the Environment Protection Authority presented groundwater monitoring results from EPA monitoring in the vicinity of the Tintsville Water Management Facility. The EPA has completed an assessment of groundwater monitoring data and determined that the Tintsville Water Treatment Facility is not impacting on the local groundwater system.</li> </ul> <p><b>Presentation/Handout/Links:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. A copy of the EPA presentation in relation to Tintsville Water Management Facility will be available from <a href="https://narrabrigasproject.com.au/community/consultative-committee/november-2016/">https://narrabrigasproject.com.au/community/consultative-committee/november-2016/</a></li> <li>6. A copy of the investigation report <i>Santos Narrabri Tintsville Water Management Facility: Groundwater Monitoring</i> is available from <a href="http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/licensing/investigations.htm">http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/licensing/investigations.htm</a></li> </ol>	
<b>Department of Planning and</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copy of the final <i>Community Consultative Committee Guidelines – State Significant Projects</i> that were</li> </ul>	

<b>Environment Revised Community Consultative Committee Guidelines (November 2016)</b>	<p>published by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment in November 2016 was distributed in hard copy to members.</p> <p><b>Presentation/Handout/Links:</b></p> <p>7. A copy of the final guidelines is available from  <a href="http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/CommunityConsultativeCommittees">http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/CommunityConsultativeCommittees</a></p>	
<b>Santos Operations Update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Santos Monthly Activity Update November 2016 distributed to members out of session 4 November 2016 and distributed at meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>Presentation/Handout/Links:</b></p> <p>8. Santos Monthly Activity Update November 2016 will be available from  <a href="https://narrabrigasproject.com.au/community/consultative-committee/november-2016/">https://narrabrigasproject.com.au/community/consultative-committee/november-2016/</a></p>	
<b>EPA Monthly Update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided a draft Narrabri CCC EPA Newsletter November 2016 with final newsletter available on EPA website</li> </ul> <p><b>Presentation/Handout/Links:</b></p> <p>9. Final Narrabri CCC EPA Newsletter November 2016 will be available from  <a href="http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/resources/licensing/narrabri-ccc-newsletter-november2016.pdf">http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/resources/licensing/narrabri-ccc-newsletter-november2016.pdf</a></p>	
<b>General Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chair sought member input to cancel the December meeting and the January meeting be held toward the end of January 2017 as a result of member availability over the holiday period. A member requested that the December meeting proceed, the Chair put it to other members with the majority indicating support to cancel the December meeting, with the next meeting in late January. Through discussion, Tuesday 31 January 2017 was set as the preferred meeting date. A schedule of 2017 meetings will be set then, at which time the 2017 Narrabri Shire Council meeting date schedule will be known.</li> <li>• The invitation to member groups to make a submission to the EPA's review of the Load-Based Licensing (LBL) scheme was distributed to members out of session via email on 22 November 2016. A member had further questions on the relevance of the LBL scheme to the Narrabri Gas Project and the EPA will liaise with that member directly to provide further information. The EPA will accept submissions on the issues paper for the LBL review up until 5pm on 23 December 2016.</li> <li>• A member requested a copy of the response to Action Item 19.3 Information Request – Tintfield Pond that was emailed to members on 10 October 2016 to be sent again as there had been a fault with his email server</li> <li>• A member requested that information from meetings be available on the Narrabri Shire Council website. A check was made and there is already a link to Narrabri Gas Project CCC available on the Narrabri Shire Council website at <a href="http://www.narrabri.nsw.gov.au/index.cfm?page_id=1074">http://www.narrabri.nsw.gov.au/index.cfm?page_id=1074</a> (or by clicking through Home – Economic Development – Narrabri Shire Industries – Mining and Gas Exploration)</li> </ul>	

	<b>Presentation/Handout/Links:</b> 10. The issues paper and further information on making a submission to the Load-Based Licensing (LBL) Review are available on the EPA website at <a href="http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/licensing/lbl/lblreview.htm">http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/licensing/lbl/lblreview.htm</a> 11. A copy of the letter inviting submissions for the LBL Review is available from <a href="https://narrabrigasproject.com.au/community/consultative-committee/november-2016/">https://narrabrigasproject.com.au/community/consultative-committee/november-2016/</a> 12. The Narrabri Shire Council website has a link to Narrabri Gas Project CCC information at <a href="http://www.narrabri.nsw.gov.au/index.cfm?page_id=1074">http://www.narrabri.nsw.gov.au/index.cfm?page_id=1074</a>	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	Tuesday 31 January 2017, Narrabri RSL Club 11.00am – 2.00pm	
<b>Meeting closed</b>	2.15pm	

## Action Items

REF	Action	Entity/Person	Status
<b>21.1</b>	Is Santos still using organic polymers in drilling program?	STO	
<b>21.2</b>	Is there a sunset date for current Narrabri Gas Project CCC?	DRE	
<b>21.3</b>	Do the revised Community Consultative Committee Guidelines for State Significant Projects apply to the Narrabri Gas Project CCC?	DRE	
<b>21.4</b>	A member requested a copy of the response to Action Item 19.3 Information Request – Tintfield Pond that was emailed to members on 10 October 2016 to be sent again as there had been a fault with their emails	STO	Complete
<b>21.5</b>	Questions received from a member after meeting. In relation to the Leewood Irrigation Project, can you please clarify that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Leewood Pivot irrigation system being installed is on the eastern side and only approx. 50 hectares</li> <li>2. No work on the drip irrigation has commenced</li> <li>3. Will the pivot irrigation system be finalised by the 1st quarter of 2017?</li> <li>4. No produced water plan been finalised and submitted.</li> <li>5. Name of company doing the work and are they employing locals as contract workers?</li> </ol>	STO	Complete
<b>19.5</b>	Query about process to respond to callers who ring the EPA hotline number	EPA	Complete
<b>19.6</b>	Letters to member groups in relation to sending a proxy to meetings as attendance is poor from some representatives	Chair	Complete

19.8	Status of the NSW Government draft Community Consultation Committee guidelines – have they been finalised?	DRE	Complete
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#### Future Agenda Items

REF	Action	Entity/Person	Status
1	Methane emission survey update when report available (Santos)	STO	Q1 - 2017