

# COMMUNIQUE 22

## NARRABRI GAS PROJECT COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CCC)

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### About the CCC

The Narrabri Gas Project Community Consultative Committee (CCC) brings together community, industry, local and state governments to explore and discuss issues relating to the exploration and extraction of natural gas in the Narrabri Gas Project area.

Chaired by the NSW Land and Water Commissioner, members of the dialogue include Narrabri Shire Councillors, independent community members, senior Santos representatives and senior agency officers from the Division of Resources and Geoscience (DRG), the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA), the Department of Primary Industries Water (DPI Water) and the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE).

### Summary of 10 October meeting

- Santos Operations Update
- EPA Monthly Update and introduction of new staff member
- Santos update on the rehabilitation progress of sites in the Pilliga
- Change to People for the Plains representative on committee

The Chair welcomed members and guests to the meeting. A Member questioned whether gas from the Narrabri Gas Project would supply New South Wales, which prompted a discussion amongst CCC members. A Member commented that the guarantee of supply to NSW would make people more supportive of the Project and said CCC members needed to satisfy themselves that the gas could be reasonably expected to go to NSW. A Santos representative responded that the company recognises that NSW needs gas and that it has a commitment to satisfy the local market. A Santos representative advised, that while gas can move around via the connected pipeline network, the proposed Western Slopes Pipeline runs south to connect into the Moomba Sydney Pipeline, not to the north. In summary, the Chair noted that while the pipeline system allows gas to move around, Santos has reiterated that the gas will be made available to the NSW market and that the CCC feel it is extremely important all options need to be explored to ensure the local community benefit from the local production of natural gas.

A Member raised the issues of sulphate reducing bacteria, SRB resistant cement and whether it was used in Santos' operations. The Member also asked, in response to a community enquiry, for information about Santos' plans for the Tooraweenah area. These questions were formally tabled to the Chair and a response will be circulated to all members.

Mr Tony Pickard announced he was resigning as the representative member for People for the Plains and that Stuart Murray would be taking over as the new representative. The Chair and various members of the CCC acknowledged Tony's contribution to the committee over a number of years.

There was a discussion amongst members that the GISERA meetings recently held in Narrabri were by invitation and not all members of the CCC attended. It was resolved to follow up with GISERA to request that future presentations in Narrabri included the CCC. In relation to the GISERA meeting held on decommissioning of wells, a Member stated that they did not think Government representation was sufficient to cover off on the issue of future long-term monitoring and regulation of decommissioned wells. A government representative will be invited to a future CCC meeting to address the committee on this subject and Santos will also present on the decommissioning process at the same meeting.

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The Chair informed members that the representative from DPE had resigned from his role, prompting a general discussion amongst members as to how actions raised at the CCC can be addressed if the Government liaison role is not filled.

There was a discussion on the Gas Community Benefit Fund. Members wish to ensure the Narrabri community is well placed to reap the benefits should the Project go ahead and that the local community should prepare early to maximise the benefits and ensure the Community Benefit fund becomes a “future fund” for the Narrabri community. The Chair undertook to follow up with Government to see how plans for the administration and framework of the fund are tracking.

There was general discussion around the future role of the CCC should the Project be approved with the general view being that the CCC would have a valuable role to play as a forum for constructive debate and a focus on securing opportunities and benefits for Narrabri community.

A Santos representative provided an update to the group on the progress of site rehabilitation and the Secretariat notes from the update will be distributed to Members.

A Santos representative provided copies of the Monthly Activity Update that is emailed to Members each month and answered questions arising from the update. A copy of the Monthly Activity Update for October is available from the Narrabri Gas Project website.

An EPA representative provided a draft copy of the monthly Narrabri CCC EPA Newsletter to Members for August-September 2017, with the final newsletter being available from the EPA website and via the subscription service. Newly appointed, Narrabri-based EPA Connected Communities team member, Megan Prowse, was introduced to the CCC.

After discussion amongst members, it was agreed that the next meeting of the CCC will be held on Tuesday, December 12.

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