

Narrabri Gas Project CCC - Meeting # 34

17 July 2018

Date/Time:	Tuesday 17 July, 11.00am – 2.00pm	
Location:	Narrabri RSL, 7 Maitland Street Narrabri	
Attendees:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jock Laurie – Land and Water Commissioner (Chair) • Cr Robert Kneale – Narrabri Shire Council (Proxy) • Jocelyn Cameron – Country Women’s Association • Jack Warnock – Lower Namoi Cotton Growers Association • Tony Pickard – People for the Plains • Conrad Bolton – North West Local Land Services • David Scilley – NSW Farmers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harry Henderson – Department of Premier and Cabinet • Stephen O’Donoghue – Department of Planning and Environment • Andrew Cowan – Environment Protection Authority • Megan Prowse – Environment Protection Authority • Simon Taylor – Environment Protection Authority • David Banks – Santos • Neale House – Santos • Annie Moody – Santos
Guests:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Craig Dalton – Hunter New England Health • Diane Crosdale – Division of Resources and Geoscience 	
Apologies:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cr Ann Loder – Narrabri Shire Council • Cr Ron Campbell – Narrabri Shire Council • Lynn Trindall – Narrabri Local Aboriginal Land Council • Russell Stewart – Narrabri Chamber of Commerce • Jon-Maree Baker – Namoi Water 	
Meeting Chair:	Jock Laurie	
Secretariat:	Annie Moody	

Agenda Item	Discussion/Outcomes	Action
<p>Department of Planning and Environment (Division of Resources and Geoscience) – Gas Community Benefit Fund</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diane Crosdale, Director Resources Policy from DRG provided the committee with an update on the status of the Gas Community Benefit Fund. The guidelines were developed when AGL at Camden was the only producing gas field. DRG acknowledge that current guidelines do not address feedback received from Local Government and community members and will need to be amended over time. • No decision will be made on the fund until the final assessment has been determined for the Project. The fund is voluntary and there is no compunction under the Petroleum Onshore Act for a company to establish the fund, however there is a commitment in the EIS from Santos to do so. All of this will be considered by the Independent Planning and Assessment Commission in their consideration of the Project as the consent authority. • DRG advise that guidelines won't be finalised until there's an application which resulted in discussion amongst members that it would be best to work out the structure and how the fund would work now so that it's clear and ready to go if/when the fund is established. • A member asked whether the commitment from Government to match funding dollar for dollar was money going into the fund or just a discount on royalties – DRG advised it was dollars contributed up to the value of 10% of royalties to match what is contributed by the proponent. • A member commented that in their view the fund should be a 'future fund' as a better long-term option for the community than dispersing funds on an annual basis. There was a comment that contributing funds to the capital cost of a project doesn't factor in the ongoing operational costs and referred to Broken Hill as an example with capital projects leaving the community with an operational cost liability. DRG representative said that the current guidelines only allow for capital funding, not operational or recurrent funding. • Comment from member that Narrabri Shire Council's 10 year Strategic Plan would be suitable to help guide investment but other member disagreed as he feels that the community doesn't have input to the priorities of that plan and the fund is for the community, not the Council. • Take home message is that DRG recognize that current guidelines are not the best fit for the Narrabri example; acknowledge that there is frustration in relation to how long this has been under discussion; will take feedback from Committee back to Government. 	
<p>Santos Operations Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Santos Monthly Activity Update for July 2018 was distributed in hard copy to members and emailed out of session on 4 July 2018. • A member stated that Modification 6 for the Narrabri Coal Seam Gas Utilisation Project was not clear that it was only for the wells Dewhurst 26-31 and the Tintfield wells and that it could be interpreted to be for all wells in PEL 238. A Santos representative advised that the modification application was clear that it was only for the Dewhurst 26 – 31 and Tintfield wells. A DPE representative advised that DPE only considered the twelve wells that Santos had listed in the application and it did not apply to all wells in PEL 238. • A member advised that a NSW Water representative had advised him that they were installing water level monitors in the Government monitoring bores on Plumb Road. The member referred to the Groundwater Modelling Plan from 2006 and commented that he doesn't consider that the flow direction from Aquifer Monitoring Bores had been 	

	<p>measured.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member referred to a paper presented to the Scientific Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracturing in the Northern Territory Fracking that stated that the presence of hydrogen sulphide may affect casing. Reference – Huddleston-Holmes, CR, Wu, B, Kear, J, and Pandurangan, R. 2017. <i>Report into the shale gas well life cycle and well integrity</i>. EP179028. CSIRO, Australia. Page 25 <p>Presentation/Handout/Links:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Santos Monthly Activity Update July 2018 is available from https://narrabrigasproject.com.au/community/consultative-committee/july-2018/ 2. EP179028. CSIRO, Australia - <i>Report into the shale gas well life cycle and well integrity</i> is available from https://frackinginquiry.nt.gov.au/inquiry-reports?a=494321 	
<p>EPA Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An EPA representative provided a draft Narrabri CCC EPA Newsletter June 2018 with final newsletter to be available on EPA website and through newsletter subscription • EPA advised that the newsletter has included an interest article “Oil and Gas Industry Acronyms and Commonly Used Terms” and welcomed suggestions from members for future articles. <p>Presentation/Handout/Links:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Final Narrabri CCC EPA Newsletter June 2018 is available from http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/licensing-and-regulation/gas-industry/gas-industry-in-nsw/community-involvement 	
<p>Hunter New England Health - Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Craig Dalton from NSW Health, Hunter New England Local Health District provided an overview of NSW Health’s approach to assessment of health impacts associated with mining and gas industry. • NSW Health focus on identifying the issues and assess hazards and exposure pathways and risk evaluation. • Spoke about emissions and their potential health risk. NSW Health provided response to the Narrabri Gas Project EIS which is on DPE website. • Happy for committee members to contact Hunter New England Health for further information as consider that uncertainty is one of the biggest problems and happy to help community find information. • EPA will send through the link to the committee to the air monitoring data that is publicly available for this area (monitoring station at airport). • GISERA health project in first phase only of planning the study, there has not been a commitment for the next phase of the project as yet. Discussion whether GISERA could provide a fact check to information that community may have questions about. • NSW Health representative not attending the Coal Seam Gas and Public Health Conference being held in Narrabri on 15 August. Happy to provide information if CCC members or the community has questions or wants more information on a particular health topic. <p>Presentation/Handout/Links:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. The Hunter New England Local Health District presentation to the Narrabri Gas Project Community Consultative 	

	<p>Committee 17th July 2018 will be emailed to members and also available from https://narrabrigasproject.com.au/community/consultative-committee/july-2018/</p> <p>5. The link to the Narrabri air quality monitoring station at the Narrabri Airport which is funded through the Namoi Air Quality Monitoring Network, operated by the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage and supported by the NSW Environment Protection Authority will be emailed to members and also available from http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/air/monitoring-air-quality/regional-and-rural-nsw/regional-monitoring-stations/narrabri</p> <p>6. Information on the broader network of air quality monitoring in regional and rural NSW is also available on the Office of Environment and Heritage website at http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/air/monitoring-air-quality/regional-and-rural-nsw</p>	
DPE Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DPE representative advised that they had received additional submissions in relation to topics including waste, groundwater and fugitive emissions and Santos would be given an opportunity to respond to the matters raised and that will form part of the assessment documentation. • The applications for Modification 6 <i>Narrabri Coal Seam Gas Utilisation Project</i> and the Modification 2 <i>Dewhurst Gas Exploration Pilot Expansion</i> were currently being assessed. 	
Santos presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Santos representative provided a presentation that was requested by a committee member at the last meeting as was made to the Narrabri Shire Council in February 2017. An additional slide in relation to expected employment associated with the Narrabri Gas Project was also included from Chapter 27 of the EIS. A copy of that chapter was distributed to members in hard copy. • Committee was advised that further appraisal activities would occur in the Project area in the first phase of the Project. • Preference to expand the generation capacity at the Wilga Park Power Station to use gas beneficially rather than flaring. This prompted a discussion on options of local electricity generation. <p>Presentation/Handout/Links:</p> <p>7. The Santos presentation to the Narrabri Gas Project Community Consultative Committee 17th July 2018 will be emailed to members and also available from https://narrabrigasproject.com.au/community/consultative-committee/july-2018/</p>	
Next Meeting	Thursday 27 September 2018, Narrabri RSL Club 11.00am – 2.00pm	
Meeting closed	2.15pm	

Action Items

REF	Action	Entity/Person	Status
34.1	Distribute EP179028. CSIRO, Australia - <i>Report into the shale gas well life cycle and well integrity</i> to members	Secretariat	
34.2	Distribute the link to the Narrabri air quality monitoring station at the Narrabri Airport to members	Secretariat	Complete 19/7/18
33.1	Provide PFTP Questions from April meeting in final format and redistribute to members in order	Secretariat	Complete 6/7/18
33.2	Redistribute report that EPA commissioned with CSIRO titled "Methane and Volatile Organic Compound Emissions in New South Wales" that was distributed to CCC members in March 2017	Secretariat	Complete 10/7/18
33.3	Distribute recently released Independent Planning Commission guidelines in relation to Public Meetings and Public Hearings to members.	Secretariat	Complete 10/7/18
32.1	Questions to Santos from People for the Plains	Santos	Complete 10/7/18
32.2a	Questions to EPA from People for the Plains (redirected to multiple agencies)	DPE	Complete 10/7/18

Future Agenda Items

REF	Agenda Item	Entity/Person	Status
33.1	Provide a presentation to the CCC such as was made to the Narrabri Shire Council in February 2017 in relation to employment from the project in the Narrabri area.	Santos	July 2018 Complete 17/7/18
33.2	Update on progress on implementing Recommendation 9 of the <i>Final Report of the Independent Review of Coal Seam Gas Activities in NSW</i> in relation to <i>Environmental risk & responsibility and insurance arrangements for the NSW CSG industry</i> .	EPA	TBA – Quarter 3 2018
32.1	DPE representative to arrange to have representative attend future meeting to provide committee with further information and update on Community Benefit Fund	DPE	July 2018 Complete 17/7/18
26.3	Update on <i>Water Monitoring Strategy for Coal Basins in NSW – Gunnedah Basin</i> when final site selection is determined	NSW Water	TBA – Quarter 3 2018