

COMMUNIQUE 3

Narrabri Gas Project Community Consultative Committee (CCC)

Summary of 17 March 2015 meeting

- CCC #3 action items
- Santos Operations Update
- Gloucester Dialogue Update
- Well infrastructure photographs
- Leewood Phase 2 Planned Activity Presentation

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 CSG in the Gunnedah Basin.

Chaired by the NSW Land and Water Commissioner, members of the dialogue include Narrabri Shire Councillors and officers, independent community members, senior Santos representatives and senior agency officers from the Office of Coal Seam Gas (OCSG), the Division of Resources and Energy (DRE), the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA), the NSW Office of Water (NOW) and the Department of Planning and Environment (DP&E).

NoW introduced the OurWater website; <http://www.ourwater.nsw.gov.au/>. This is the first phase of this website, and new information and features are planned to be added progressively. As this is the first phase of the brand new interface, it was suggested that feedback or suggestions (positive or negative), regarding the website may be forwarded to: water.enquiries@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

NoW also provided links to papers discussing subsidence in the Namoi region due to groundwater pumping. The Chief Scientist in her initial report in 2013 provided a basic overview:

http://www.chiefscientist.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0016/31246/130730_1046_CSE-CSG-July-report.pdf

The remaining documents developed by the Independent Expert Scientific Committee including fact sheets on subsidence and CSG, the Background review on subsidence & CSG and the Report on monitoring and management of subsidence associated with CSG were forwarded to CCC members prior to Narrabri Gas Project CCC #3. These documents may be accessed via

<https://narrabrigasproject.com.au/community/consultative-committee/february-2015/>.

OCSG provided the requested signed minute to committee members that outline the reasons for the decision for PEL238, PAL2 Dewhurst Northern Water and Gas Flow Lines Activity Approval.

OCSG also provided the NSW Government Code of Practice for Coal Seam Gas Well Integrity

EPA provided further clarification on terminology; this centred on the use of the term 'effluent'.

Santos provided the Sulphate Reducing Bacteria powerpoint presentation to committee members; this document was presented at a prior CCC meeting on 24 April 2013).

Responses to questions tabled by the People for the Plains representative were provided via email to all CCC members prior to CCC meeting #3.

Santos provided a general operation update and also presented the Leewood Phase 2 Planned Activity update, with hard copies of this presentation given to all committee members present.

The Narrabri Gas Project CCC Chair provided a brief update on the progress of the Gloucester Dialogue.

The People for the Plains representative provided a slide show of well infrastructure. The representative for People for the Plains also tabled a document containing questions from the community.

Please access <https://narrabrigasproject.com.au/community/consultative-committee/february-2015/>, for a complete record of presentations and documents relevant to the Narrabri Gas Project CCC #3.

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