

## COMMUNIQUE 4

# Narrabri Gas Project Community Consultative Committee (CCC)

### Summary of 14 April 2015 meeting

- Santos Operations Update
- EPA – Effluent Irrigation Guidelines
- OCSG REF Assessment Process
- Regional Development Australia funding

### 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).

The Chair of the Narrabri Gas Project (NGP) Community Consultative Committee (CCC) noted that the board of the NSW EPA will be attending NGP CCC #6. The meeting date/time will be amended to Tuesday 19 May, 2015, 3 pm – 5:30 pm; the venue being Narrabri Bowls Club.

Santos provided the monthly operations update; the Review of Environmental Factors (REF) for Leewood Produced Water Treatment and Beneficial Reuse Project is available on the Santos website. Santos stated that there was also one community site tour to the Wilga Park Power Station.

The EPA discussed the development of the governance structure for the Coal Seam Gas Industry (CSG) as lead regulator. The EPA suggested they prepare a presentation for the NGP CCC on the governance structure of CSG industry.

Also discussed by the EPA, was the Effluent Irrigation Guidelines and they're relevance to the CSG industry; EPA stated that these guidelines are the best available at the present time.

The EPA stated their approval of the restart of the Dewhurst Pilot Wells following their incident investigation.

Discussion was held about the NSW Gas Plan following on from the Chief Scientist and Engineer Report. The legislative framework flow chart will be updated to reflect the new legislative framework and the role of the EPA as lead Regulator.

Discussion was also held on Regional Development Australia funding. Focus is now on jobs and regional development. It was noted that Narrabri is now the No. 1 agricultural shire in the country. It was stated that a number of projects have been put forward for funding.

Current plans for funding include:

- Energy Coop business plan is to be developed by Regional Development Australia with people within the region to own the coop. One option is for CSG access to be developed for local farmers.
- Agricultural education program for young people.

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