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Minutes: Santos Community Committee – Narrabri Shire
Wednesday, August 15, 2012
Narrabri Shire Council Chambers, Narrabri

Attendance: David Ross (Chair), Cate McMahon (Santos), Annie Alexander (Santos), Judy Simmonds, Tony Pickard, Michael Guest, Terry Hinch, Ian Duffy, Lisa Montgomery, Ken Flower, Gerrit Nehr Korn, Victoria Hamilton, Pat White (observer), Catherine Redding

Apologies: Brendon Warnock, Maria Towns, Jane Trindall, Ron Campey, Lester Kelly.

	Discussion	Action/By Whom
1. Welcome and introductions	<p>The chair opened the meeting at: 5.38pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Chair welcomed members and outlined how the Committee will operate; in particular, that the Committee will, collectively, determine what key issues are to be discussed at each meeting.- Chair invited the Committee to introduce themselves.- Committee members introduced themselves and explained what communities, organisation and areas they were representing.	
2. Roles and responsibilities Walk CCC members through the Community Committee Charter	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Chair went through the Draft Terms of Reference. Outlining the responsibilities of Santos, the Chair and the Members. <i>(See attachment)</i>- Chair suggested that meetings are to be held monthly; however meeting frequency is negotiable amongst the Committee through time.- Chair introduced the topic of media protocols: <i>(see attachment)</i> sets an expectation on speaking on behalf of the Committee, chair suggests that he has the initial conversation with the media. But states that this does not restrict members to speak with media, however they must make the media aware that they are representing themselves or their affiliated groups and not the view of the Committee. <p>Chair explained that he will respond to media enquires in timely manner and all</p>	

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media releases will be forward to Committee. Chair and Secretary will be responsible for creating these on behalf of the Committee and not Santos. Santos will get access to the media releases and minutes at the same time as all other members of the Committee.

3. Overview of Santos' proposal

- Santos representative made presentation on Santos Exploration in the Narrabri area. *(Copy of the presentation attached.)*

Santos representative: introduces herself and her background.

- Explanation that Santos is an Australian company and further background on company presented.
- Overview of Santos and exploration in Narrabri area, with the assistance of area regional location map.
- What CSG is, and how it is extracted. Why we need CGS. The future for Santos in Narrabri area.
- Explanation of processes of Santos from Seismic survey to rehabilitation.
- Images of core hold drilling area and the rehabilitation of those areas.

- Chair asks Committee for questions, stating that this is an opportunity to clarify things from Santos presentation.

Questions: Committee member asks Santos Representative what her area of expertise is. Santos Representative: background in human resources, animal health and agronomy. Committee member: Does Santos representative have a background in Geology? Santos Representative: Clarifies that she does not. Chair reminds Committee that if they would like a geologist to present at future meetings that opportunity can be arranged, either by Santos or an independent.

- Chair asks Committee if Santos presentation was clear. Committee accepts and agrees that it was.

4. Prioritising issues to be

- The Committee broke into two groups to determine what the priorities were

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considered by the CCC

- for the Committee to address. Chair explains that priorities made would be added to the minutes and then would continue to stay on the minutes for future reference. These will assist in setting expectations through time.
- Numerous issues were identified by the members (*see Attachment 1*)

Santos to provide Committee with information on legislation information at next meeting.

The main issues identified to address at the next meeting are:

1. The legislation governing the coal seam gas industry.
2. Clarification of the steps in the exploration process.

Santos to investigate into logistics of transporting Committee members on a tour of the CSG sites.

Chair to draft a discrepancies flow chart for future discussion

5. General Business
- Next Meeting
- Media interviews

- Chair states minutes will be available / distributed to all members and uploaded to Santos website.
- Committee agrees statements made by members at meetings recorded in the minutes will remain anonymous.
- Committee member makes suggestion that minutes could be linked to Narrabri Shire Council website. Narrabri Council representatives believe that this would not be appropriate protocol for the website. Committee agrees.
- Santos representative clarifies what the Committee would prefer to be referred to as. Committee agreed on "Narrabri Shire CCC" as official title for Committee.
- Committee agrees that future meetings be held at same time 5.30pm to 7.30pm.
- Next meeting Tuesday September 11th.

Santos to provide Chair with a copy of the presentation and other documents to go out with minutes.

Action for Santos and chair to bring calendar of proposed meeting dates for next six months.

Meeting Closed: 7:55pm

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Attachment 1. Key Issues to be discussed at future CCC meetings.

Issue Prioritised	Progress Made
Social and Economic	
- Employment – how many local?	
- We want mixed and disadvantaged people	
- Will surrounding areas benefit / or be disadvantaged	
- Expectations: walk out of meetings with knowledge and facts to feel confident in answering to the public.	
- Is there a proposed service for Narrabri when in production (staying local)	
- Community meetings – general public. The community – fits into it (updates). More open forums for the community as a whole.	
- New compensation packages for landholders and the community.	
- Flow on effect with fly in fly out workforce; medical, dental, mental health and other community and emergency services.	
- Does Santos recognise Namoi Valley, as one of the most important farming valleys in Australia?	
- What are Santos thoughts on community? Any problems the CCC can help with.	
Environmental	
- The quality of extracted water and what are the uses and potential uses for this.	
- Aquifers – have Santos conducted studies on cross contamination.	
- Has any testing taken place in Narrabri in regards to a base level on bores prior to drilling?	
- Is there going to be extensive studies on ground water dependant eco systems in the area proposed for further exploration.	
- Complete H2O analysis of all three water ponds.	
- Know status ponds / conditions of ponds liners and walls	
- Hydro – H2O – water monitoring around wells being drilled how it works, how it applies (PEL 238)	
Construction, Production and Operation	
- What would be the number of total employees in production?	
- The expected gross revenue per year?	
- Accommodation / Infrastructure – what to expect	
- Is Santos doing anything to support these needs?	

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- What has Santos done at other construction sites?
- Would like basic / common questions answered. Address issues (relevant) e.g.:
 - Impacts before reuse in general.
 - General exploration process
 - Management of impacts (start to finish)
- What if it all goes pear shaped? Dangers of explosions and fires
- Any fracking?
 - What is it?
 - Why do we do some areas and not others?
 - Scare factor!
- Supply of pipelines – what areas are they planned for?
- Detailed understanding of process, exploration and production
- **Clarification of the steps in the exploration process**
- Time Frame – full production. Early involvement of committee with production issues
- Case study on where activities have taken place (real life experience) e.g. Camden, QLD, Shale vs. CSG
- Has integrity testing occurred of existing wells been undertaken by ESG

Miscellaneous

- Not satisfied with term “Gunnedah Basin”, suggestions to alter this term to:
 - Narrabri Energy Region or Namoi Valley Basin. (Committee agreed that when speaking of the region as a whole Namoi Valley Basin was preferred)
- In all presentations the term “Narrabri Shire” should be used.
- Is future planning considered along with other major infrastructure, e.g.: inland rail
- Information out there – are Santos utilizing the current information. Independent view from a third party. Proof peer reviewed science to back up that there will be no impact.
- Resolution of facts, discrepancies, facts.
- Site tour – independent party showcasing all sides
- Legal framework for approvals – who is responsible for approvals?

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- REFS – what is in it
- Study on Aboriginal heritage / Indigenous heritage talk on flora fauna
- **The legislation governing the coal seam gas industry.**

Attachment 2. Actions

Action Raised	Date Raised	Progress Made
Santos to send info on how to access minutes and media releases.	15 th August.	
Santos and chair to provide proposed meeting dates for next six months, at next meeting	15 th August.	
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Attachment 3. Media Protocols

The spokesperson for the Santos Community Committee – Narrabri is the Chair.
Members of the Committee may speak to the media as individuals or on behalf of other organisations they represent, but need to be clear it is not on behalf of the Committee.
The Chair may appoint a member of the Committee to speak on behalf of the Committee at their discretion.
The Chair will respond to media enquiries in a timely manner and foster good communication with the media on behalf of the Committee.
A copy of the minutes will be provided to the interested media.
The Chair will issue regular media releases following Committee meetings and key developments.
Copies of media releases will be circulated to Committee members.