

MINUTES:	SANTOS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE – UPPER HUNTER Tuesday, October 23, 2012 Barry Rose Room, Upper Hunter Shire Council office.
Attendance:	Wayne Bedggood, Sean Constable, Sam Crafter, Peter Bishop, Kathy Burns, Paula Stevenson, David Ross (Chair), Cr Wayne Bedggood, Deena McMullen, Graham Brown, Peter Miller, Cate McMahon, Steve Guihot
Apology:	Nil

	Discussion	Action/By Whom
1. Welcome	<p>The Chair opened the meeting at 6.23pm.</p> <p>There were no apologies.</p> <p>The Chair outlined that a 12 month review of the committee’s purpose is to be the focus of the night following on from discussions at last month’s meeting.</p> <p>DR: confirms Polly Yuille will continue in role as Committee Secretary.</p>	
2. Review of Previous Minutes	<p>GB: Expressed concern over description in previous minutes of trees suffering from ‘dieback’ as opposed to trees being poisoned, which is what they were prosecuted for. Requested this misinformation be rectified. NB: <i>it was later identified that the description had been made in the last update Santos had provided on works in the Pilliga.</i></p> <p>GB & SG not received copies of Ann Stewart’s presentation from last month’s</p>	CM to identify if copies

meeting.

Santos confirmed that Hunter Valley Research Foundation is happy to include CSG questions as part of their next survey which is due in December. With specs required asap the committee determined that the following issues should be addressed by the survey:

- Awareness of CSG activity in the Upper Hunter
- Degree of concern about CSG activity
- Level of understanding about the industry and about the source of gas generally

DR: confirmed that Chris Hartcher and George Souris will take copies of the minutes as per a recommendation from last month's meeting.

were mailed out.

CM: to ask if HVRF can supply their questions to SCC-UH prior to survey.

CM: to ask about the feasibility of HVRF undertaking a survey specific to CSG

3.What is the CCC purpose:

DR: We'll begin the discussion now around the purpose of SCC - UH following on from conversations at our last meeting.. These are the objectives we talked about at first meeting last year and they come from the charter for the committee:

- Establish a forum for open discussion between Santos and the community;
 - Keep the community informed of Santos' exploration activities and findings;
 - Identify and address community issues and opportunities during decision making;
 - Engage with the diverse range of interests, representative groups and areas of the community; and
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- Provide an opportunity for advice on community investment.
 - Facilitate positive working relationships between Santos and the Upper Hunter community.

Are these still relevant?

SG: Point one is still relevant and you facilitate that well. Think you've done a good job at facilitating open discussion. There are opportunities for things to blow up but you do a good job of keeping things in control.

PS: It's probably in the semantics: community is very broad in what it means. Are we the community?

SG: I think we're part of the groups and interests of the broader community that I think you're talking about.

DR: As you've raised SCC-UH might be one way of getting info out, but it can't be the be all and end all.

PS: It's very limited

DR: What are your thoughts on the purpose of the committee?

PS: To tick the boxes for Santos.

GB: I'd like to say that as well

PB: We can't exclude Santos – it's the Santos CC therefore the purpose is to tick the box so when they do the REFs they can say they consulted the community

SG: There's some truth to what Paula's saying and in general terms they're seen as a

tick the box exercise. I'm not saying it's the same here but in all community committees there is an element of what Paula is saying – it's like the elephant in the room. I take it there is value for Sam and Santos in the committee meetings, I imagine it's a pain for them sometimes but that it's something that has to be done. If it wasn't something that Santos has to do I'm not sure there'd be that commitment from Santos.

DR: If SCC - UH was working what would it look like?

SG: With regards to responding on insurance assessors etc, there is a tendency to go to the legal department and get the standard company line . If there's a 'genuineness' about things there's a flexibility as well. I'm not sure we're getting that flexibility.

DR: Is that the legal thing you had raised as a concern before?

SG: Yes

GB: I'd just change the words to rubber stamp.

DR: If SCC - UH was working, how would you like it to be?

GB: I'm not interested in discussing that, I'll just skip it.

DR: We're having these discussions after last month's meeting. After 12 months we want to make sure you get greater value out of these meetings, but that's dependent on input, we need your direction.

PS: I can see these meetings provide information about Santos' direction and about their drilling but it has all been provided before. We're able to acquire it independently of SCC-UH. We don't need to be spoon fed by an engineer from Santos,

as nice as they might be.

GB: I don't really need it, maybe we should move on to something else. I'm just ropeable.

PM: I disagree. I guarantee everyone in this room knows more about CSG than 12 months ago. I feel quite confident about the processes we have in place. As you're aware I'm a supporter and the information they've brought to this committee is good for me. If people ask me questions I can give them facts and figures that are true. The sheer fact that I know more today than 12 months ago – I'm very happy with what's going on.

PS: I don't like being included in comment that we know more than before. You're not hearing truth you're hearing information provided by a company

PB: I agree that Santos have certain criteria they need to meet. I understand this probably ticks one of those boxes, however I think that there are advantages that we can build on, in terms of keeping ear to ground in what the company is doing. Yes, we can source information independently. Most people don't have the time to look it up unless they're directly affected by it. So I think that in terms of getting info out of these sessions, the committee is fulfilling its purpose but there's a lot more we can be doing as a committee. We should be trying to find out hard core evidence. What are the legal implications of going on to farms? What are the legalities around insurance? Can we get hard evidence on property evaluation from the Valuer- General's office. It'd be good to know what their opinion is, and to get that out to community. I see stuff in the media, but I haven't seen anything concrete, it would be good if we could work down those paths. I'd like to see more honest info from Santos at board level. I read quarterly activity reports and saw one comment from a board member that this pilot well was the tip of iceberg what was board's opinion on that? Sam can say

DR to investigate seeking presenters with positive and negative experiences of having CSG on their land

they're limited on number of rigs but I'd like to know more.

DR: Is that an action?

PB: They're probably limited by commercial and confidence, I read a release to the ASX totally that was different to what we hear.

SC: I can get that info together, I'm happy to go through any press releases and I can go back through our files.

SC to obtain non-commercial in confidence information on Santos's strategic views for Upper Hunter

PB: I can probably dig up that press release.

GB: People have monitors on different forums, you find anything you want to know. It's there and that's how we know what's actually going on. Peter is learning a lot, has got a lot to learn and Pete can use it too.

PB: We need to get access to that.

GB: You set your emails to a siphon that'll throw up every time there's a new link to Santos or Dart.

PB: Like a google alert?

GB: It's not just media it's also things like the ASX, it might only be there for an hour but you've still got access to it.

PB: I'd still like to know the board's thoughts.

PS: I don't think belonging to this committee gives us an ear to the ground.

DR: Do you want greater evidence when we have these conversations?

PS: I don't want to detract from anything PB said. I agree with everything you said.

DR: Kathy since you raised the issue (on the committee's purpose), what are your thoughts?

KB: I'm thinking it's a rubber stamping exercise, so what's the point of it?

DR: What would you want out of the committee?

KB: Mine is more grass roots. I believe that as a committee one of the roles is to hear what Santos is doing. But the main issue is with government, we can't regulate Santos. If government doesn't regulate, and these things keep going the way they are.... I believe the regulations haven't been put in place, we've seen it in the coal industry, I don't believe we would ever stop things from happening, but we need to be making sure everything is being done properly.

DR: Do you want more people here to talk to?

KB: We have asked people from government and were told yes they were coming but we never got water people. Not for lack of trying, it's just no one wants to come and talk. Santos have supplied everyone they should, government all run a million miles but that's where I see as a committee we should be heading. Regulation over the industry.

PM: Has anyone read the CSG report released by the government? A lot of the information I agree with you. They have so much to get through before they even get a hole in ground, we have more regulations in NSW than Qld, they do have to go through processes and it is well regulated.

KB: That's a good point but we can not just let them keep going where water is

concerned.

DR: So it's not just the approvals that you're concerned about, but what comes after the auditing. Who's checking that's happening? You want to see the government accountable for what's going on?

PS: This is not our role, I understand your point. There are a lot of regulations, a lot are monitored, some aren't. There are now more people on the ground doing this, it's not in our realm, we don't have the power.

KB: But can't we bring it to the public's attention?

SG: It's an issue that there's a perception out there that regulations are not enforced enough and I think what Kathy is saying is quite right. Paula has gone to the next step.

KB: if we don't make public awareness of these issues then who will? This is more our role than trying to stop Santos.

PS: I agree. But how do you make public aware of lack of enforcement? How do you make the community aware that they're getting away with all this stuff like all the health alerts in Singleton. There've been 16 this week, what do you do? Stay inside? But it doesn't change anything and they don't get fined.

SG: Sam you're sitting here listening, What do you want out of this - without company speak? Is this (the committee) something you see as valuable?

SC: We don't have to be here and of course for me if we didn't think there was a value in it we would wait until we have to do it. Of course we're proposing activity here and we're having engagement here, but we're not doing this for process sake. What we would like to do is shape what we do here based on the discussions we're having in

this forum. But that needs buy in from everyone at table, influencing and shaping what we do. And I'm happy to share a current example within the bounds of the group and that it stays in the room. We've had discussions about not enough baseline info about water. Our REF discussions were almost entirely around that. We are in discussion with our partners about work in the next 12 months, and we've put a position that we need more baseline water data before beginning. What we've taken from those discussions is that the community, as represented by this group, don't want us to continue without more info about the water.

SG: If the baseline study doesn't happen because of partner or whatever, what then?

SC: I have told you the position we're putting forward but I can't tell you how the discussion is going to end.

PS: Is the partner Dart?

SC: Yes.

PB: What are the specifics on baseline water data? Are they looking at seismic studies, bore studies near Bunnan, all of the above?

SC: We'll continue with ground water bore sampling and other thing in other areas, drill a dedicated aquifer monitor bore.

PM: I agree that we need baseline data, but what is Santos' stance, when someone says you don't have enough info? At what point does someone say we have the info and we're moving ahead?

SC: Everything we've talked about around drilling practices are recurring discussions we had with Professor Wilgoose. This area doesn't have much info around water like

the Namoi catchment or Liverpool Plains, but we think it's a reasonable and fair concern. We still have exploration and commitment that we need to do, we're not walking away from that.

DR: If Santos' stance is accepted by Dart and further studies are required, hypothetically, would Santos be happy asking the committee to provide input into the scope of the water study? That may resolve concerns over not enough data.

SG: Think hypothetically it would be a good idea as well

SC: Yes, Santos would do that.

DR: If it was to become a genuine two way conversation, with not just education for committee but also feedback or advice from committee members, what needs to happen?

WB: We have some very negative people in this room. For Graham to refuse to contribute, we can't be effective, it gives us an epic fail. Communication is a two way thing. Whole point of this exercise is to tell us how this SCC - UH can operate. Understand your point of view but if we step away from that and look at other side, communicate with other side, get information and disseminate it. By choosing not to do that, it's negating what we're doing in this room. By saying I'm not going to raise my issues, not giving these guys a chance, it's a cynical point of view, that you don't believe in anything they're bringing to the table, which is negative. I disagree that you can find all the information on the internet. It can be misleading, propaganda. You can't find what's actually happening in Santos, what they're working on and where they're going next. We have a direct line to this industry, we're at the table we're talking to them. A committee was disbanded last time a CCC was this dysfunctional. I see nothing but benefit. I see the positives. Ten years ago this sort of thing wouldn't

have happened. They would've done whatever they wanted. They may have chosen to speak with us. Now they are, they're asking questions, giving us opportunities we've not had before and valid points are being raised.

PS: Agree Peter with things should be followed in future but ...

WB: I don't want to be at table if you don't think it's useful.

PS: I don't think anyone has time to waste

GB: (To WB) I didn't take any notes about what you're saying but, being polite, I can get things out of the SCC-UH by listening to you people. I don't have to say anything and I chose not to. Does that make sense?

WB: No

GB: I didn't see a point in saying anything

WB: Who are "you people"?

GB: The people in the SCC-UH. I may not agree with it, I don't believe that this CC is going to get what the community wants: full and frank discussion open and transparent discussions and there are very good reasons why not. Commercial confidence. Santos is not going to tell us any of that and I'd rather not say anything.

SC: There's a lot of relevant information. It's the exception not the rule that we wouldn't share it. We haven't set out to bump things off with 'commercial and confidence'. It can be better and we're happy to be pulled up at times. Agree that there is some great info to pursue but we're at pains not to come in and set the agenda or dictate terms. That's what the committee's about. There are some things

that will be in commercial confidence which does mean we can't talk about them, but it's not our standard practice.

SG: I think tonight's good. We shouldn't shy away from the fact that there's regular conflict, it's a positive for the SCC-UH. I do have concerns that there are parameters about why they would or wouldn't contribute. Most activity has happened around Bunnan, I don't live there, Kath, Peter, Sam, Wayne not there. It's Paula who's concerned. She's a direct target and the fact that she's disaffected concerns me. Right at your target she's saying things that I'd be concerned about. I'm part of the Kingdon Ponds water users, and in local business, and I'm not affected yet. I'm prepared to give her slack because she's in direct firing line and that would concern me if I was Santos. Something's not going right.

DR: You also had a few other points you wished to raise?

SG: Some been covered and happy to move on.

CM: For me, being on SCC-UH you may not realise we do take away everything you say and look at what issues are there and how we can we address them. For example the water monitoring, we're looking what we can do. Wayne gave us a thoroughbred tour, how they live, and how would our industry work in that environment, and now we talk to our engineers and say have a look at this. You may not think you're contributing much but you are.

GB: What did you take back from the meeting in Bunnan when we told you to go? We didn't expect you to do anything because we know you're not going to go. You can't take back the angst written on faces of people who have had their lives destroyed.

CM: We can address your concerns.

GB: The concerns will still be there if you address them or not. Wished I'd taken notes to do this justice. You know the agenda. I know the agenda,

PS: The agenda: we can't tell you where the pilot well is going to be because we haven't sighted the agreement yet, so we sit and wait and wait for the agreement.

SC: So you're right because the landholder has asked for it to be that way and that's fairly simple and it's their right to make it public when they wish to. Would've made my life easier but that's the way they want things done at this point in time. Not much more I can do. It's not unreasonable for someone to want that confidence. There are a lot of arrangements that people don't want to share details with everyone.

PM: Take no offence to your comment, I back Wayne up. You say peoples' lives are destroyed, can you tell us how they're destroyed and who they are? Bring back some information on that.

PS: I recommend the book *Rich Land, Waste Land*.

PM: I have read it.

DR: (As discussion quickly goes backwards and forwards) Okay, that just highlights our different views.

SG: I appreciate the sensitive nature of commercial arrangements. The legacy of the coal industry, perhaps in hindsight you can see if you are negotiating with landholders that there is some openness with landholders, they live in the community. Perhaps there's a way of addressing that? Maybe at some point this info may be come public.

SC: To be fair when discussions are underway to look at further sites, we've laid on

the table what our activities were.

SG: Can you understand why there'd be angst in the community?

SC: Why does the landholder not want people to know?

SG: They'd probably shoot him

SC: It's not my right then to disclose that information.

SG: The company's approach then has to be more openness and disclosure. It's a new industry and it's taking same approach as coal in general. It's quiet, it's perceived to be underhanded and it's divisive. It happened all the way down the Valley and it will happen here unless a new approach is taken.

PM: Disagree.

WB: What would you do with the info?

PS: No, we wouldn't shoot the landholder.

WB: What is the time frame before starting negotiations and it becoming public?
What would happen if it became public at the start?

SC: The disclosure point is when we lodge an application. We've said we'd like to talk about it earlier with the REF with the location of where we're doing drilling and there could be 6 months of negotiations.

General discussion.

WB: By being part of this committee do we get prior knowledge of landholders and

the site of pilot well, do we get that sooner?

SC: You will get it sooner because we'll come to the SCC-UH with the REF before it is officially lodged.

WB: (To PS) You'd like to know who the landowners are, how does that info benefit you? What are you going to do with that info?

DR: We'll wrap this up and flick back to Sam for an update but agree it's been a good discussion, it's important that got out different opinions.

CM: What would you do if you knew the landholders?

PS: So much uncertainty. We have people in Bunnan who don't know if they're going to abandon it (CSG activities). It's obviously going to happen. It's just to give the people more certainty and knowledge and a time from when it's going to happen. If it's going to happen on that parcel of land, and those people who are adjoining neighbours can leave, living with uncertainty causes the angst.

KB: Would you then help those people with understanding legal rights? Point them in direction of laws. Would you go in to help them?

PS: The neighbours?

KB: It can't be a scaremongering campaign, with all the info you've learnt here.

PS: I think when we're told, there will have to be a community meeting with everyone invited and discuss it and the implications of that for all the people who might be impacted by it.

SG: Let's suppose this broader water study could be shrunk to a more specific area, to where the potential pilot well might happen, people will automatically assume there's going to a problem. Would that allay some of the angst? Might be putting cart before the horse. To put off the REF and get the water study done would be a far smarter move than do the REF and then, by the way, we'll do a water study.

PS: Is a water study part of REF?

SC: We're doing more than the REF, but you've probably alluded to what's going to happen.

SG: Elephant in the room again, gone around and around again

DR: So where to with this committee ? The REF should be presented at next meeting, but in the future do we get Santos to respond to tonight's discussions? If Deenah drafting communications plan, would this be a part of that? Could come and present that draft back to everyone and see if it helps point us in right direction?

SG: I'm happy to continue to come when discussion is as honest and frank as it is. Hope it doesn't become frivolous and waste of time. Might come to every second meeting if that happens!

SC: I think there are two separate processes. Us communicating more broadly and the water but didn't we get most agreement about pursuing PB's issues. Everyone agreed that they'd like to know more about the legal, insurance and evaluation stuff?

PB: that's more of a short term

DR: Do you want to meet every two months then, when there's not a genuine urgency, meet when need to meet?

CM: if we end up not having activity in this area, might be able to come and see what happens in other areas how does pilot core hole work, core holes, reclamation, other ways to see what we're doing see it before hand to have an input.

PB: It would be a shame to decrease the number of meetings. We should maintain this level of interaction with the company. Rather than postponing meetings till there's activity we should be looking for more issues and topics to discuss.

PM: We want to continue getting an understanding of what's happening in this area, and assist Santos in how we should be handling their involvement in this area.

PS: The issues you raised are very important because they're positive and getting away from WB criticisms, the only issue is that to discuss those particular things, you'd need experts in all of these fields and we've had trouble doing that in the past. Will we find anyone one with the knowledge that we want?

PB: it's also about who you know, there'll be someone who can put me in touch with Valuers General office, or someone from QLD to give us raw data on their evaluation. I know a farmer at Carcoar who bought a windfarm for its income, would be interesting to know what value was placed on it.

PB to contact farmer about his experience in Surat Basin

General discussion ensues about whether impassioned for and against speakers would be better than a representative from the Valuer Generals office. Consideration also to be given to getting a farmer from the Surat basin to share their story.(PB to follow up)

3. General business

SC distributes update on Pilliga activity and offers to conduct a presentation of Narrabri rehab work at a future meeting. DR suggests a hardcopy would be sufficient.

GB: There was stuff in the *Northern Daily Leader* between you and Tony Pickard,

Samples were taken from water at Bohena 7 & 19 and it appears you've given the details of that to the government and he wants to know why he can't have it. The Bohena 7 16 and 17 not familiar with numbers that I've seen. One hasn't been used since 2006 and it's full with rain water but still quite high saline levels. Can you give those saline figures here?

SC: We gave all the info to the government in February, if it's been tested since then we're happy to share that info, but I'm not sure exactly what the grievance is.

GB: What about just giving the data from February?

SC: I think we did

GB: That was in feb.

SC: Can get clarification from Tony what latest data you've given to the govt. What is the objective here?

GB: It's just an illustration of the failing quality of the water, it's leeching out of ground.

SC: That's where our hydrologist and Tony disagree all the time, I'm happy to provide the info that presents that case.

GB: The reason I ask is because Santos have an operation there and have aspiration to have one here. Santos say they want to do everything want really well but I want to judge you by the Pilliga track record.

SC: Absolutely. A lot of what we're doing there is going back over old sites and fixing them up and clearing them up and others take samples and photos of wells that we haven't fixed up yet. We're in a cycle where their stated objective is to stop activity in

SC to identify with Tony Pickard just what data he is referring to.

SC to then report back to committee on this

the Pilliga. That's the context of the discussion: it's the Wilderness Society, and someone else. It's Tony and interest groups driving this focus, it's not the entire community of Narrabri.

PS: Can I ask Sam for an update? Are you doing any seismic activity at Brawboy 2.

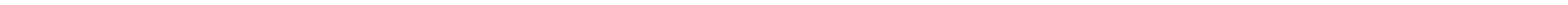
SC: Not in near future.

PS: One of the committee asked me to ask you: do you need an access agreement to go onto a property to do seismic work?

SC: Yes you do, and if you want to go within 200m of a residence, even if it's a public road.

DR: Hoping REF data to be presented at meeting on November 20.

Meeting closed at 8.24pm.



Attachment 1. Issues prioritised by the Committee Members and progress made

	Issue Prioritised	Progress Made
1.	Understanding the impacts of the coal seam gas industry drilling and fracture stimulation techniques on water	Well integrity presentation – Feb 2012
2.	Identifying the need for independent peer reviews of water monitoring	
3.	Better communication with the community	Commenced at September meeting
4.	Providing timelines for proposed activities, including Santos activities, commercial in confidence matters and regulatory changes	
5.	Providing better education on the process and impacts of coal seam gas	Commenced at October meeting
6.	An understanding of the cost of the industry to the community and how this may be recovered	Discussed at February meeting
7.	Establishing baseline data of local aquifers	
8.	The need for independent specialists such as hydrologists and geologists to provide information	
9.	Understanding how value can be added to the community through this process	Commenced at October meeting

Attachment 2. Actions raised by Committee Members that are not complete

	Action Raised	Date Raised	Progress Made
1.	Committee to ensure that all communication is distributed through DR rather than through any other individual(s)	29 th November 2011	Ongoing
2.	Alternates to be briefed by their colleagues before attending any meetings, as required	29 th November 2011	Ongoing
3.	Santos to present on legislative approvals process at a future meeting	29 th November 2011	
4.	SC to table an REF at a future meeting	29 th November 2011	
5.	SC to present at a later date on the Eastern Star Gas pipeline projects once the business plan has been completed	29 th November 2011	
6.	DR to provide Committee Members with copies of future media releases	29 th November 2011	Ongoing
7.	Santos to report back to the Committee on the findings of the investigation in to spill	24 th January 2012	Ongoing
8.	Santos to report back on whether a prosecution is to go ahead	24 th January 2012	Ongoing
9.	Minutes to be provided to members within one to two days and members then to have five days in which to provide comments back to the Chair	24 th January 2012	Ongoing
10.	Santos to present on well integrity at next meeting	24 th January 2012	Ongoing
11.	DR to ensure there is another presentation on the impacts of CSG on water management	28 th February 2012	Ongoing

12.	DR to ensure there is a presentation on fracture stimulation in future presentations	28 th February 2012	
13.	Pilliga issue to remain on the agenda for March meeting	28 th February 2012	Ongoing
14.	Santos to provide before and after photos of the Brawboy 2 site at the next meeting.	27 th March 2012	Ongoing
15.	Next water management presentation to respond to the issue of geological flaws and cracks	27 th March 2012	
16.	Santos to provide updates on progress of organising future joint forums	27 th March 2012	
17.	Produce written update on work schedule in PEL 456	27 th March 2012	Ongoing
18.	Sam and Steve to discuss property values and potential impacts on neighbours	28 th August 2012	Ongoing
19.	PB and PS to discuss organising a cattle property tour with Santos	27 th March 2012	Ongoing
20.	Santos to talk to Frank Krstic and the EDO to identify what they could offer to the SCC or local solicitors	22 nd May 2012	Ongoing
21.	SC to identify Santos sites in the audit	22 nd May 2012	Ongoing
22.	Santos to contact the Knights and provide them with appropriate details (when there is a date for seismic)	22 nd May 2012	Ongoing
23.	PS and SC to discuss obtaining water quality data from landowners	22 nd May 2012	Ongoing
24.	Chair to approach Canberra Uni for a water specialist after input from GB	24 th July 2012	Ongoing
25.	Review and evaluation of whether input has been acted on to be discussed at November meeting	25 th September 2012	
26.	Santos to approach Hunter Valley Research Association	25 th September	Ongoing

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27.	WB to ask HTBA for a representative for the CCC	25 th September 2012	Ongoing
28.	CM to identify if copies were mailed out to GB	23 rd October 2012	
29.	CM: to ask if HVRF can supply their questions to SCC-UH prior to survey.	23 rd October 2012	
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Attachment 3. Actions raised by Committee Members that have been completed

	Action Raised	Date Raised	Progress Made
1.	SC to provide DR with copy of presentation to go out with minutes	29 th November 2011	Completed
2.	SC to provide information on crops grown (at site in presentation) and the details of the water content of the treated water	29 th November 2011	Completed
3.	DR to contact Committee members to determine the date for the next meeting.	29 th November 2011	Completed
4.	DR to forward Kathy a copy of the previous minutes	24 th January 2012	Completed
5.	CM to source information on costs of running a desalination plant	24 th January 2012	Completed
6.	CM to report back on Santos' policy on community investment	24 th January 2012	Completed
7.	CM to report back on progress on joint water forum	24 th January 2012	Completed
8.	DR to contact Committee members to determine the date for the next meeting	24 th January 2012	Completed
9.	SC to resolve Santos mail out database	28 th February 2012	Completed
10.	SC to provide DR with possible government contacts for presentation	28 th February 2012	Completed
11.	DR to discuss list of government contacts with PS	28 th February 2012	Completed
12.	DR to invite government regulator to present at next meeting	28 th February 2012	Completed
13.	SC to respond to Foreign Correspondent story at March meeting	28 th February	Completed

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14.	Electronic copy of Santos report on the Pilliga to be forwarded to the Committee	28 th February 2012	Completed
15.	Hard copy of Santos report on the Pilliga to be sent to Don Eather	28 th February 2012	Completed
16.	SC to identify the date for licence renewal	28 th February 2012	Completed
17.	Santos to present on well abandonment at March meeting	28 th February 2012	Completed
18.	DR to invite WB, MJ and PB to present their views on the land use forums at the next meeting	27 th March 2012	Completed
19.	DR to talk to Julie Moloney about landowner rights	27 th March 2012	Completed
20.	DR to talk to Julie Moloney about responding to road sales in April meeting	27 th March 2012	Completed
21.	DR to ensure that staging of works to be a set agenda item	27 th March 2012	Completed
22.	MJ to provide DR with background information on enquiry for DR to forward to committee	24 th April 2012	Completed
23.	Santos to invite water specialist to present at next meeting	29 th November 2011	Completed
24.	Liz to forward Committee Charter to Michael J for Council	28 th August 2012	Completed
25.	Santos to consider appointing an independent consultant to assist landholders with what information is available to them during negotiation	24 th April 2012	Completed
26.	Liz to also email Steve Guihot a copy of the Update	24 th April 2012	Completed
27.	Santos to provide CCC with copy of its submission	24 th April 2012	Completed

28.	SC to find out who approached Santos for rodeo sponsorship	22 nd May 2012	Completed
29.	SC to identify the sponsorship contribution Santos has made locally	22 nd May 2012	Completed
30.	Santos to consider how to communicate landholder negotiations to general public while maintaining the privacy of individuals	22 nd May 2012	Completed
31.	Santos or DR to contact John Ross, Gavin Mud or Phillip Pells to present on local hydrogeology	22 nd May 2012	Completed
32.	Mark to discuss with Santos compensation for neighbours under the new compensation package	24 th July 2012	Completed
33.	Mark to get the conversion rates of roads to drill pad areas.	24 th July 2012	Completed
34.	Mark to ensure obligations to make good are included in compensation promotional materials	24 th July 2012	Completed
35.	CM to investigate if Santos is aware of these companies.	24 th July 2012	Completed
36.	MJ and WB to call their insurance companies re: action 38	24 th July 2012	Completed
37.	CM to find out when a storage pond becomes an evaporation pond.	24 th July 2012	Completed
38.	CM to find out where the storage pond will be located in Bunnan.	24 th July 2012	Completed
39.	CM to find out the names of the seams being targeted in the Bunnan area.	24 th July 2012	Completed
40.	CM to review newsletter mailing list and name of the newsletter	24 th July 2012	Completed
41.	Santos to go to government to ask for accurate mapping of the region to be undertaken by government.	24 th July 2012	Completed
42.	Chair to write to AGL Community Committee Chair offering support on behalf of the Santos Committee	24 th July 2012	Completed
43.	DE and GB to forward names to the Chair for independent water specialists within one week of July meeting.	24 th July 2012	Completed

44.	GB to provide names of insurance companies who do not insure properties with CSG activities	24 th July 2012	Completed
45.	AS to send ESG2 Environmental Assessment guidelines to David to distribute	25 th September 2012	Completed
46.	AS to send ESG2 Environmental Assessment guidelines to David to distribute.	26 September 2012	Completed
47.	Discussion on where the CCC is heading to be held in November meeting	26 September	Completed
48.	DR to contact government and Margaret McDonald-Hill to discuss sending meeting minutes to government.	26 September 2012	Completed
49.	Hardcopies of Ann's presentation to be provided with the minutes	26 September 2012	Completed

SANTOS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

UPPER HUNTER

MEDIA RELEASE

Wednesday 24 October 2012

Santos Community Committee to Continue

The Santos Community Committee - Upper Hunter has agreed to forge ahead with its monthly meetings in spite of internal criticisms.

During last night's first annual review of the operation some members labelled the meetings as a 'box ticking' exercise for Santos; however the independent Chairman of the CCC, Mr David Ross, said others were appreciative of the opportunity to ask questions face to face with key representatives from the company.

"After 12 months of regular discussion we do have members frustrated by a perception that this is purely a PR exercise for Santos while others value it as a useful way of obtaining relevant information directly from the source," Mr Ross said.

"Santos have certainly expressed their commitment to the SCC – UH, they see it as a way of gauging the concerns of residents.

"Ultimately last night's meeting confirmed the very strong desire of residents to know more about the potential positive and negative impacts of coal seam gas on the Upper Hunter community.

"The SCC - UH has engaged in some rigorous and healthy debates over the past 12 months and I've every expectation that will continue as members ask hard questions of themselves and of Santos."

Established by Santos as a means of engaging with residents regarding their coal seam gas explorations in the area the SCC – UH is made up of local business owners, Upper Hunter Shire Council members, landholders and community representatives.

Since its inception the SCC - UH has been addressed by experts from within and outside of Santos including government agency representatives.

The next meeting of the CCC will be held on Tuesday 20 November.

For further information or to arrange an interview with Chairman David Ross please contact Polly Yuille on 0407 908 746.