

MEETING MINUTES

22 October, 2014

Minutes: Santos Community Committee - Narrabri Shire
Wednesday, 22 October 2014
Narrabri Golf Club, Narrabri

Attendance: David Ross (Chair), Tahnee Laycock (Secretary), Annie Moody (Santos), Vesna Rendulic (Santos), Tony Pickard, Ron Campey, Terry Hynch, Ian Duffy and Victoria Hamilton.

Apologies: Ken Flower, Brendan Warnock, John Tough and Jon Maree Baker.

	Discussion	Action/By Whom
1. Welcome, apologies and introductions	The chair opened the meeting at 5:30pm. Chair welcomed committee.	
2. Previous meeting minutes	Action on Santos and Chair to organise and start advertising for more members to join the committee – COMPLETED. Action on Chair to provide committee members a copy of the original terms of reference that the committee is currently operating under – COMPLETED. Action on Chair to write to the General Manager of the Council requesting that there be CCCC representation on the Narrabri Dialogue – COMPLETED. Santos to respond to what the mg/L is per PPM – COMPLETED.	

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	<p>Santos to provide a soil analysis of the soil that was contaminated at the Bibblewindi treatment facility – COMPLETED.</p> <p>Action for Santos to explore the option of formalising the committee – COMPLETED.</p> <p>Santos to respond to whether the pipelines are compacted – COMPLETED.</p> <p>Santos to respond to why the irrigation method to flush the salts was used and approved – COMPLETED.</p> <p>Santos to provide an analysis of how the 3,000 tonnes of solid waste was transported to Newcastle – COMPLETED.</p> <p>Santos to respond to whether they environment insurance – COMPLETED.</p> <p>Santos has a suite of questions from a committee member from August that Santos endeavours to respond to through the chair.</p> <p>Committee accepted the August minutes were an acceptable reflection of the meeting.</p> <p><i>Comment</i> Just because the CCC is becoming obsolete due to the formalisation, it doesn't mean individuals can't still come into the office and ask questions.</p> <p>Q. Committee member: Do you record the questions people ask and have those available to everyone? A. Santos: No. There is no real mechanism for that. We do give an activity update and other</p>	<p>Members to provide Santos with contact details if they wish to be on email mailing list.</p>

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<p>3. The formally recognised CCC - Presented by Annie Moody (Santos)</p>	<p>things every month. I will add you as individuals on the distribution list for those things.</p> <p>Santos wrote to the Minister for Resources and Energy in November 2013 requesting that the Narrabri CCC be formalised. Santos received advice on the 10th of October 2014 that the request had been approved. The Minister has appointed Mr Jock Laurie, NSW Land and Water Commissioner as Chair of the formal Narrabri CCC with staff from the Department of Resources and Energy providing secretariat support. Santos has not received any further correspondence other than;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jock Laurie was intending to have their first meeting before Christmas. • Santos will get a letter of invitation to nominate their representatives on that committee but that hasn't been received and neither has a meeting notification or terms of reference. <p><i>Comment</i> If you're going to have a meeting in December, they better start advertising for expressions of interest.</p> <p><i>Comment</i> I think the new meeting is by invitation, not expression of interest.</p> <p>Q. Committee member: So how can you get community interests if you don't put out for expressions of interests? A. Santos: It isn't Santos's gig but when they were discussing the Narrabri Dialogue and representative bodies they were looking at bodies that already have elected representatives such as NSW Farmers, local Aboriginal Land Council and Narrabri Shire Council etc. Santos</p>	

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	<p>will not have a say in that.</p> <p><i>Comment</i> Committee member: They are all locally funded government bodies.</p> <p>Q. Committee member: Run it by us again as to why you requested the CCC to be formalised? A. Santos: We are required to do an EIS for the broader Narrabri Gas Project. One of the key components of the EIS is to broadly consult with the community and as part of the assessment process of an EIS it's much easier to get recognition of the consultation activities under a formalised committee.</p> <p>Q. Committee member: But if they are all government representatives, where does the community come in? A. Santos: Santos is not involved. However, the consultation framework is extensive. We have even acknowledged here that this current CCC committee is not representative of the broader community. We have to rely on other mechanisms for people to identify for example that childcare might be an issue. It is much easier to do it under a ministerial appointed CCC than it is for Santos trying to include everything and everyone.</p> <p>Q. Committee member: Originally, an overview of the meetings was supposed to be put into the newspaper so the community could see what we discussed. That was only done a few times and then it was just forgotten. A. Santos: In general, most CCC's that are under a ministerial delegation of appointment usually always put a summary in the paper and minutes will be on Santos website as a condition of Santos' permit. New website is https://narrabrigasproject.com.au/. As Jock Laurie is Chair, I would guess that he would be putting an article in the local paper as well, along with something to Council.</p>	

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	<p>Q. Committee member: I believe that the dinners that you held at the Chinese restaurant, the Chamber of Commerce paid for the first couple and Santos paid for the rest? Is this correct?</p> <p>A. Santos: I have no idea but I could find out. The Chamber of Commerce have been holding information meetings at On-Lee Chinese restaurant every second week on a Monday and Tuesday and once a month on average they take a site tour out. Santos Community team locally is not involved. The three Santos people that go are Deanna McMullen who is Santos Public Affairs in Sydney, Glenn Toogood for Water and Roger Kennett who is part of the Santos management team in Adelaide.</p> <p><i>Comment</i></p> <p>It (Chamber of Commerce meetings) started out as an information session by the Chamber of Commerce to their members and other people. A hell of a lot of other people attended.</p> <p>Committee member: What type of questions will be asked at the new formalised meeting?</p> <p>A. Santos: The stuff that comes through the CCC is only one part of it. We do hundreds of community consultations outside the CCC. We are going to have another land holder information session, we also have ongoing Aboriginal community information sessions to do with native title and cultural heritage, and we do our community site tours once a month or more on demand. There is a vast amount of questions that come through for Santos to respond to on a monthly basis. The questions from the CCC equate to less than 10% of this. In the last week between Narrabri and Gunnedah we have had 76 people walk through our offices seeking information and asking questions. We also have the 1800 number and the energy NSW email address that is on the bottom of every document.</p> <p>The EIS is very descriptive. One component of the EIS requires Santos to write a chapter on community consultation and the community views and impacts/issues that have been</p>	

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	<p>raised. Process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When we lodge the EIS it will go out to public consultation and there could be thousands of submissions in relation to that. • They then go back to government and all of the issues identified through those submissions will be assessed by government. • Santos will then be asked to respond to all of those. • Government will do their own independent assessments too. The Planning and Assessment Commission will hold public hearings and make a decision. • The whole process may take 8-12 months and Santos will continue throughout this time to undertake community information and engagement activities, site tours and meetings. <p>Q. Committee member: Who is going to be the Santos rep for the new committee? A. Santos: The invitation hasn't been received yet but Santos will propose that the representatives on the committee from Santos will be Peter Mitchley, Neale House and Annie Moody.</p> <p>Q. Committee member: How will the community be notified of when the EIS is out? A. Santos: It my understanding it has to be advertised in a national paper and a regional paper broadly distributed in the area. Government also has an obligation under the Planning and Assessment Act to advertise it. Copies of all EIS documentation has to be provided in hardcopy format to at least 3 publicly accessible locations in town, and this will include the Narrabri Shire Council office and the Santos shop front.</p> <p>Q. Committee member: There is an information phone number for Santos but there was supposed to be a dedicated 1800 number specifically for complaints from the PAC determination? Why wasn't there? A. Santos: I wasn't aware of this and will check this</p>	

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	<p>Q. Committee member: Glenn Toogood made a statement the other day on the radio regarding number 3 pond at Bibblewindi to the effect that Santos was looking at retaining it instead of decommissioning it and cleaning it up. Can you confirm that Santos is looking at reusing that pond?</p> <p>A. Santos: I know we have just finished emptying it but I don't know what we intend to do with the pond in the longer term. If you email that question to me I will get a response to you.</p> <p><i>Comment</i> Santos thanked members and Chair for their participation in the Narrabri CCC since commencement in August 2012.</p> <p>The Chair also thanked current and previous members for their participation.</p>	

Meeting Closed: 6:36pm