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NARRABRI GAS PROJECT COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CCC)

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 natural gas in the Narrabri Gas Project area.

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

Summary of 8 March 2016 meeting

- Action items from last meeting
- Secretariat for future Narrabri Gas Project CC meetings
- Santos Operations Update
- Rehabilitation of gas wells and infrastructure sites
- Santos Water Portal

The Chair advised that Santos would be providing secretariat function for future meetings and DRE would coordinate State Government agency's input to agenda items.

Santos discussed the Monthly Activity Update and answered questions arising from the update. The committee received an information link out of session advising of the establishment of the Senate Select Committee on Unconventional Gas and an information sheet was provided to members on how to make a submission to the Inquiry. This prompted a discussion in relation to the difference in terminology used in describing gas (for example, conventional, unconventional, coal seam gas, methane). There was discussion in relation to recent unlawful protest activity.

The Chair requested that links to previous CCC presentations and other information sources in relation to groundwater to be distributed to members including the Water Data Project Presentation as the committee has recently had a new member appointed from Narrabri Shire Council.

The DRE and EPA representatives updated the committee on a number of State government communication initiatives, including social media posts that will assist the community in finding information and gaining knowledge on activities being undertaken.

EPA representatives provided an update on staff recruitment activities for roles based in Narrabri and a community member questioned whether those staff may also focus on other industry activities being undertaken in the Narrabri area.

EPA have implemented a fact sheet providing a monthly update to the CCC that provides information on EPA activities associated with Environmental Protection Licence and functions conducted under the NSW Gas Plan.

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There was a brief discussion on the conditions and commitments associated with rehabilitation of activity areas and Santos distributed a handout with examples of conditions and commitments from the Review of Environmental Factors (REFs) documents over a period that indicate the change in conditions over time.

A Santos representative demonstrated the Santos Water Portal and highlighted the type of information contained within the portal and how to access the quarterly report that is prepared as a condition of the Environmental Protection Licence (EPL) that has more detailed water analysis information. Santos also brought to members attention other web-accessible sites for data sources associated with water monitoring from NSW DPI Water Pineena database and the Bureau of Meteorology, Australian Groundwater Atlas.

Information Links:

1. Communique's and presentations from previous CCC meetings are available from <https://narrabrigasproject.com.au/community/consultative-committee/>
2. Santos Water Portal - <http://www.santoswaterportal.com.au/>
3. Information prepared for EPL reporting requirements <http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/licensing/pubmonitdata.htm> and also published as a PDF document <http://www.santoswaterportal.com.au/water-resource-library/nsw-monitoring-data.aspx>
4. DPI Water – Groundwater Database has sites registered in the Pineena database with data from around 135,000 water supply and monitoring bores across NSW (information about bore depth, aquifers, depth to water, completion dates, etc) <http://allwaterdata.water.nsw.gov.au>
5. NSW DPI Water monitors groundwater level and quality throughout its network of groundwater observation bore across NSW <http://www.water.nsw.gov.au/realtime-data/groundwater>
6. Bureau of Meteorology - Australian Groundwater Atlas that has national groundwater data available on BOM Groundwater Explorer <http://www.bom.gov.au/weave/explorer.html?max=true>

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