

# Narrabri Gas Project CCC - Meeting # 26

## 13 June 2017

<b>Date/Time:</b>	Tuesday 13 June 2017, 11.00am – 2.00pm	
<b>Location:</b>	Narrabri RSL, 7 Maitland Street Narrabri	
<b>Attendees:</b>	Jock Laurie – Land and Water Commissioner (Chair) Cr Ann Loder – Narrabri Shire Council Cr Ron Campbell – Narrabri Shire Council Jack Warnock – Lower Namoi Cotton Growers Association Jocelyn Cameron – Country Women’s Association Russell Stewart – Narrabri Chamber of Commerce Jon-Maree Baker – Namoi Water	Conrad Bolton – North West Local Land Services Tony Pickard – People for the Plains Matt Norrie – NSW Farmers Nick Butler – Division of Resources and Geoscience Carmen Dwyer – Environment Protection Authority Peter Mitchley – Santos Annie Moody – Santos
<b>Guests:</b>	Mike Young – Department of Planning and Environment Steve O’Donoghue – Department of Planning and Environment Rob Brownbill – Department of Primary Industries (Water) Andrew Cruickshank – Department of Public Works	
<b>Apologies:</b>	Lynn Trindall – Narrabri Local Aboriginal Land Council Lindsay Fulloon – Environment Protection Authority Addy Watson – Environment Protection Authority Neale House – Santos	
<b>Meeting Chair:</b>	Jock Laurie	
<b>Secretariat:</b>	Annie Moody	
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion/Outcomes</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>General Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An EPA representative advised that applications for the Connected Communities position that was advertised in Narrabri have closed and the Committee will be advised when an appointment is made.</li> <li>A member thanked Chair for the preparation and distribution of <i>NSW Status Report Project – Gunnedah/Narrabri Region</i> that was sent to members out of session by email on 2 June 2017. General discussion on content of reports, currency of information and that they were distributed broadly to members of CCC representative groups. The report was distributed to committee members out of session by email on 2 June 2017 is available from the May 2017 tab on the Narrabri Gas Project website</li> <li>A member requested information in relation to a question asked out of session in relation to Santos water monitoring bore surface locations in Australian Height Datum (AHD).</li> </ul>	STO

	<p><b>Presentation/Handout/Links:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A copy of the CSIRO Fact Sheet - <i>What does science tell us about fugitive methane emissions from unconventional gas?</i> published in May 2017 was distributed to committee members. The fact sheet is available from the CSIRO website at <a href="https://www.csiro.au/en/Research/EF/Areas/Oil-gas-and-fuels/Onshore-gas/Environmental-impacts">https://www.csiro.au/en/Research/EF/Areas/Oil-gas-and-fuels/Onshore-gas/Environmental-impacts</a></li> <li>2. A copy of the CSIRO Report – Walton, A., McCrea, R., Taylor, B., and Jeanneret, T. (2017). <i>Understanding local community expectations and perceptions of the CSG sector. Social baseline assessment: Narrabri project.</i> CSIRO report. CSIRO Australia was distributed to committee members. The report is available from the GISERA website at <a href="https://gisera.org.au/project/social-baseline-assessment-narrabri-region-nsw-relation-csg-development/">https://gisera.org.au/project/social-baseline-assessment-narrabri-region-nsw-relation-csg-development/</a></li> </ol>	
<p><b>Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) – Update on Narrabri Gas Project EIS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A DPE representative spoke about the number of submissions received by the Department in relation to the Narrabri Gas Project EIS and referred to the content of DPE Media Release of 7 June 2017.</li> <li>• Approx. 23,000 submissions were received, the majority of which object to the project, with approximately 300 in support. Roughly 500 submissions from local area (defined as Narrabri, Wee Waa and Boggabri area); 5,000 from interstate and overseas; with around 18,000 being form letter type. There were 16 submissions from Government at Local, State and Federal level and approx. 100 from special interest groups.</li> <li>• DPE have not had opportunity to go through all of the submissions in detail, but sections of particular interest to the community in submissions received include: justification for project; groundwater, air, social, lighting and monitoring and regulatory oversight.</li> <li>• DPE have engaged eight experts across a variety of streams to assist in assessing technical aspects of the EIS including economic, social, hazard and risk, aboriginal cultural heritage, groundwater and ecology. An announcement on the appointments will be made soon and meetings will be arranged in due course with stakeholder and other interest groups.</li> <li>• DPE advised the committee that a copy of submissions had been provided to Santos and were available on DPE Major Projects website for viewing. There is no specified timeframe in which Santos is required to respond but DPE are looking to have a detailed response as soon as practicable. Santos representative spoke briefly in response.</li> <li>• DPE will attend a future Narrabri Gas Project CCC meeting to provide update on EIS process</li> </ul> <p><b>Presentation/Handout/Links:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. DPE Media Release “<i>Community View on Narrabri Gas Project to be addressed</i>” is available from the DPE website at <a href="http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/News/2017/Community-views-on-Narrabri-Gas-Project-to-be-addressed">http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/News/2017/Community-views-on-Narrabri-Gas-Project-to-be-addressed</a></li> </ol>	<p>DPE</p>

<p><b>Department of Primary Industries (Water) – Update on Groundwater Monitoring Bore Program</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A DPI Water representative provided an update presentation on the program Water Monitoring Strategy for NSW Coal Basins. The installation of three new bores at the Plumb Road site in the Pilliga East State Forest, south of Narrabri has been finalised and there has been site selection work undertaken for monitoring points in the Southern and Hunter coal fields.</li> <li>• The program has a \$22M budget overall and as part of the program it is proposed to drill up to 20 monitoring bores at up to eight sites in the Gunnedah Basin. The Department is happy to receive feedback on the proposed siting of the bores and information will be sent out to CCC members on the methodology for monitoring point selection.</li> <li>• Two existing bores will be decommissioned including the bore located at the Old Gunnedah Road site just to the south east of Narrabri.</li> <li>• DPI Water has disbanded their internal drilling team and are currently working with the Department of Public Works to engage an external drilling team with appropriate expertise to undertake the work.</li> <li>• DPI Water will attend a future Narrabri Gas Project CCC meeting for update when site selection is finalised</li> </ul> <p><b>Presentation/Handout/Links:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. The DPI Water presentation <i>Water Monitoring Strategy for Coal Basins in NSW – Gunnedah Basin</i> was distributed to members by email on 19 June 2017 and is available from the Narrabri Gas Project website at <a href="https://narrabrigasproject.com.au/community/consultative-committee/june-2017/">https://narrabrigasproject.com.au/community/consultative-committee/june-2017/</a></li> <li>5. The DPI Water document <i>Water Monitoring Strategy for Coal Basins in NSW – Methodology for Monitoring Point Selection</i> was distributed to members by email on 19 June 2017 and is available from the Narrabri Gas Project website at <a href="https://narrabrigasproject.com.au/community/consultative-committee/june-2017/">https://narrabrigasproject.com.au/community/consultative-committee/june-2017/</a></li> </ol>	<p>DPI</p> <p>DPI</p>
<p><b>Santos Operations Update</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Santos Monthly Activity Update June 2017 was distributed in hard copy to members and emailed out of session on 14 June 2017.</li> </ul> <p><b>Presentation/Handout/Links:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Santos Monthly Activity Update June 2017 is available from <a href="https://narrabrigasproject.com.au/community/consultative-committee/june-2017/">https://narrabrigasproject.com.au/community/consultative-committee/june-2017/</a></li> </ol>	
<p><b>EPA Monthly Update</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided a draft Narrabri CCC EPA Newsletter May 2017 with final newsletter to be available on EPA website and through newsletter subscription</li> </ul> <p><b>Presentation/Handout/Links:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Final Narrabri CCC EPA Newsletter May 2017 will be available when published from <a href="http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/resources/licensing/narrabri-ccc-newsletter-may2017.pdf">http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/resources/licensing/narrabri-ccc-newsletter-may2017.pdf</a></li> </ol>	
<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p>	<p>Tuesday 11 July 2017, Narrabri RSL Club 11.00am – 2.00pm</p>	
<p><b>Meeting closed</b></p>	<p>2.10pm</p>	

**Action Items**

REF	Action	Entity/Person	Status
22.01	Maps showing known coal deposits in NSW to be distributed to members	DRG	
26.1	Water Monitoring Strategy for Coal Basins in NSW – Methodology for Monitoring Point Selection to be distributed to members	DPI	Complete 19/6/17
26.2	Information in relation to Santos water monitoring bore surface locations in Australian Height Datum (AHD)	STO	

**Future Agenda Items**

REF	Action	Entity/Person	Status
25.2	Update on GISERA Project - Human Health Effects of Coal Seam Gas Activity Study Design	GISERA	July 2017
26.2	DPE Meeting attendance - Update on Narrabri Gas Project EIS	DPE	August 2017 (To be confirmed)
26.3	DPI Water Meeting attendance - Update on <i>Water Monitoring Strategy for Coal Basins in NSW – Gunnedah Basin</i> when final site selection is determined	DPI	September 2017 (To be confirmed)