

Narrabri Gas Project CCC - Meeting # 28

8 August 2017

Date/Time:	Tuesday 8 August, 11.30am – 1.30pm	
Location:	Narrabri RSL, 7 Maitland Street Narrabri	
Attendees:	<p>Jock Laurie – Land and Water Commissioner (Chair) Ann Loder – Narrabri Shire Council Jocelyn Cameron – Country Women’s Association Jack Warnock – Lower Namoi Cotton Growers Association Tony Pickard – People for the Plains Conrad Bolton – North West Local Land Services Russell Stewart – Narrabri Chamber of Commerce Matt Norrie – NSW Farmers</p>	<p>Carmen Dwyer – Environment Protection Authority Addy Watson – Environment Protection Authority Peter Mitchley – Santos Leesa Selke – Santos (Secretariat)</p>
Guests:	<p>Mike Young - DPE, Executive Director Steve O'Donoghue – DPE, Senior Planner Mari Koeck – DPE Communications Manager Water Expert Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Peter Cook (Chair) – University of Melbourne • Emeritus Professor John Carter - University of Newcastle • Emeritus Professor Chris Fell- University of New South Wales • Mr Michael Williams – Formerly NSW Office of Water <p>Joshua Gilroy - Social and Environmental Studies Coordinator – Santos</p>	
Apologies:	<p>Ron Campbell – Narrabri Shire Council Lynn Trindall – Narrabri Local Aboriginal Land Council Matt Norrie – NSW Farmers Jon-Maree Baker – Namoi Water Nick Butler – Division of Resources and Geoscience Annie Moody - Santos Neale House – Santos</p>	
Meeting Chair:	Jock Laurie	
Secretariat:	Leesa Selke	
Agenda Item	Discussion/Outcomes	Action
Santos Operations Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Santos Monthly Activity Update August 2017 was distributed in hard copy to members and emailed out of session on August 3. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member raised a number of questions relating to licence conditions at various sites and will email these questions for Santos to respond to all members out of session. <p>Presentation/Handout/Links:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Santos Monthly Activity Update August 2017 is available from http://narrabrigasproject.com.au/community/consultative-committee/august-2017/ 	
EPA Monthly Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provided a draft Narrabri CCC EPA Newsletter July 2017 with final newsletter to be available on EPA website and through newsletter subscription Member asked question about monitoring produced water for emissions of methane and other gases, with EPA advising that they monitor field infrastructure for leaks, not emissions from water Reiterated that there are no outstanding issues that the EPA needs to follow up <p>Presentation/Handout/Links:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Final Narrabri CCC EPA Newsletter July 2017 will be available when published from http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/resources/licensing/narrabri-ccc-newsletter-july2017.pdf 	
Department of Planning and Environment EIS update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DPE representative gave an update on EIS progress. Current status being Santos compiling detailed response to submissions, expected to be complete toward end of the year DPE reminded members that a Planning Assessment Commission review should also be factored into the assessment timeframe however to date the Minister has not announced the terms of reference for the PAC or if the assessment will be referred to the PAC In addition to Government agency experts and the Commonwealth's Independent Expert Scientific Committee, eight additional independent experts have been appointed to provide independent advice on the EIS. Four of those are water experts who are in attendance today 	

Water Expert Panel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Expert Panel introduced, with specialities covering geology, water modelling, produced water and well integrity • During this visit to Narrabri, Panel members have visited Santos operational sites and met with affected landholders, People for the Plains and Namoi Water • Panel report finalised after review of Santos' response to submissions, however Panel likely to continue through assessment process and PAC may also use this panel • General discussion around remit of the panel, the large amount of water data from various sources that should be collated, and the importance of good baseline data to give the community confidence. • Proposed discharge into Bohena Creek and salt disposal are matters of community interest • Discussion relating to perception by some in broader area that large parts of NSW would have gas development, for example along the pipeline route. Discussion highlighted that there is limited gas development potential in most of those areas; Santos has no on-ground activity in those areas; and DPE advised that current exploration status is minimal. Chair noted that need to have this more clearly communicated in those areas with information about actual natural gas prospectivity available. • Chair thanked Water Panel for their time and accepting invitation to attend CCC 	
General Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member raised that the group was yet to hear from Forestry Corporation (FCNSW) as key stakeholders and the issues they've raised in their EIS submission • DPE representative said it was important that the distinction was made between issues raised as a landholder and those raised as a government department and would contact FCNSW to attend a future meeting • Due to expected absence of a number of members, the September meeting will not be held and next meeting will be as scheduled for October. 	DPE
Next Meeting	Tuesday October 10, Narrabri RSL Club 11.00am – 2.00pm	
Meeting closed	1.30pm	

Action Items

REF	Action	Entity/Person	Status
22.1	Maps showing known coal deposits in NSW to be distributed to members	DRG	
27.1	DPI Water be asked to report/request water level measurements for bores or wells as SWL in relation to either ground or the top of the bore/well casing.	DRG/DPI	
27.2	Update on appointed members of the DPE Expert Panel and if they will be able to attend future CCC meeting	DRG/DPE	Complete 8/8/17
27.3	Final Report on the Independent Review of Rail Coal Dust Emissions Management Practices in the NSW Coal Chain published by the NSW Chief Scientist & Engineer in August 2016 be distributed to members	Secretariat	Complete 19/7/17

Future Agenda Items

REF	Action	Entity/Person	Status
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	Oct 2017 (To be confirmed)
27.1	GISERA Meeting attendance - update on the Human Health Effects of Coal Seam Gas Activity Study Design	GISERA	Oct 2017 (To be confirmed)
27.2	GISERA Meeting attendance - update on the <i>Social baseline assessment of the Narrabri region of New South Wales: community perceptions and expectations, community wellbeing, and resilience in relation to CSG development</i> project	GISERA	Oct 2017 (To be confirmed)
28.1	Contact FCNSW to attend a future meeting	DPE	Oct 2017 (To be confirmed)