

Narrabri Gas Project CCC - Meeting # 29

10 October 2017

Date/Time:	Tuesday 10 October, 11.00am – 1.15pm	
Location:	Narrabri RSL, 7 Maitland Street Narrabri	
Attendees:	<p>Jock Laurie – Land and Water Commissioner (Chair) Ann Loder – Narrabri Shire Council Ron Campbell – Narrabri Shire Council Rhonda McPherson – Country Women’s Association (Proxy) Jack Warnock – Lower Namoi Cotton Growers Association Tony Pickard – People for the Plains Stuart Murray – People for the Plains Conrad Bolton – North West Local Land Services Russell Stewart – Narrabri Chamber of Commerce Matt Norrie – NSW Farmers Lynn Trindall – Narrabri Local Aboriginal Land Council Jon-Maree Baker – Namoi Water</p>	<p>Andrew Cowan – Environment Protection Authority Addy Watson – Environment Protection Authority Megan Prowse – Environment Protection Authority Peter Mitchley – Santos Leesa Selke – Santos (Secretariat)</p>
Guests:	<p>Harry Henderson – Department of Premier and Cabinet Nick White – Department of Premier and Cabinet Ron Anderson – Principal Advisor Compliance Officer - Santos</p>	
Apologies:	<p>Jocelyn Cameron – Country Women’s Association Carmen Dwyer – Environment Protection Authority Lindsay Fulloon – Environment Protection Authority 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 October 2017 was distributed in hard copy to members and emailed out of session on October 6. <p>Presentation/Handout/Links:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Santos Monthly Activity Update October 2017 is available from http://narrabrigasproject.com.au/community/consultative-committee/october-2017/ 	

<p>EPA Monthly Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided a draft Narrabri CCC EPA Newsletter August/September 2017 with final newsletter to be available on EPA website and through newsletter subscription • Introduced newly appointed, Narrabri-based Connected Communities team member, Megan Prowse. <p>Presentation/Handout/Links:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Final Narrabri CCC EPA Newsletter August/September 2017 will be available when published from http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/licensing-and-regulation/gas-industry/gas-industry-in-nsw/community-involvement 	
<p>General Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion among the CCC about whether gas from the Narrabri Gas Project would supply New South Wales. • Member stated that where the gas goes will play a major role in how the project is perceived and the guarantee of supply to NSW would make people more supportive. Also said CCC members needed to satisfy themselves that the gas could be reasonably expected to go to NSW. Santos reiterated that while gas can move all over the place via the connected network, the company recognises NSW needs gas, has an obligation to satisfy the local market and the proposed pipeline runs south to connect into the Moomba Sydney pipeline, not north. Chair summary of discussion: acceptance that while the pipeline system allows gas to move around; Santos has said it will be made available the NSW market; and all options for the local community to benefit need to be explored • A member raised the issues of sulphate reducing bacteria, SRB resistant cement and asked for an indication of Santos' plans for the Tooraweenah area. Questions were formally tabled and Information Request Response (Reference 29.2) will be circulated to members via email. • Tony Pickard announced he was resigning as the People for the Plains representative on the CCC and that Stuart Murray would be replacing him as the new People for the Plains representative. The Chair acknowledged Tony's contribution the CCC and Tony departed the meeting. • Discussion around GISERA's recent meetings in Narrabri (attended by some of the CCC) particularly concerning regulation around gas wells that are no longer required. Concern that there was no one present from Government to discuss long term regulations and monitoring. Chair suggested Santos and the Government should present on plug and abandonment processes at next meeting. CCC to follow up with GISERA to present on studies at next CCC meeting. 	<p>DRG and STO</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member asked if there is a report which tracks which of the Chief Scientist’s recommendations have been actioned. Chair to action the circulation of relevant information • Chair informed CCC that Nick Butler had resigned from his position within the Department of Planning and Environment and would no longer be a CCC member. Discussion around the need to determine how actions raised at the CCC can be addressed without the Government liaison role being filled • Discussion on the proposed administration of the Gas Community Benefit Fund and ensuring Narrabri was well placed benefit from the program. Concern that local groups will have difficulties and lack the capacity to get funding in the future and discussion that the local community must get prepared early to maximise the benefits and ensure it is a “future fund” for the Narrabri community. Chair to follow up with Government to see how plans for the administration and framework of the fund are tracking • Member requested information on the capital cost and economic viability of the Project. Santos referred him to the economics chapter of the company’s EIS • Santos representative provided an update to the group about site rehabilitation progress (Secretariat’s summary notes will be circulated at the request of a CCC member) • General discussion around the role of the CCC in the future and what the CCC’s role would be if the Project goes ahead. Santos representative advised that they would like the CCC to continue. General consensus that while the CCC should be a forum for concerns to be voiced, it should also be a forum for constructive debate, finding solutions and focusing on securing opportunities and benefits for the Narrabri community should the project be approved. • There will not be a November CCC meeting with Committee to reconvene for December meeting 	Chair
Next Meeting	Tuesday December 12, Narrabri RSL Club 11.00am – 2.00pm	
Meeting closed	1.15pm	

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	
29.1	Information Request Response - Rehabilitation Presentation Summary	STO	
29.2	Information Request Response – Response to People for the Plains Questions	STO	

Future Agenda Items

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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	(To be confirmed)
27.1	GISERA Meeting attendance - update on the Human Health Effects of Coal Seam Gas Activity Study Design	GISERA	Dec 2017
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 project</i>	GISERA	Dec 2017
28.1	Contact FCNSW to attend a future meeting	DPE	(To be confirmed)
29.3	Santos and Government to present on the plug and abandonment process and subsequent monitoring	DRG and STO	Dec 2017 (To be confirmed)
29.4	Information to be provided on the status of recommendations made in the NSW Chief Scientist's report into the industry	Chair	Dec 2017
29.5	Update from the government on proposed framework for the Community Benefit Fund	Chair	Dec 2017