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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 Geoscience (DRG), the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA), the Department of Primary Industries Water (DPI Water) and the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE).

Summary of 13 February 2018 meeting

- Santos Operations Update
- EPA Monthly Update

The Chair welcomed members and guests to the meeting. The committee was advised that David Banks commenced in the role of Vice President, Onshore Upstream Projects with Santos in early February 2018. David provided a summary of his industry experience and advised that his role will be focused on delivering the next phase of the Narrabri Gas Project. David will attend future meetings of the committee, with the Chair and other members thanking Peter Mitchley for his contribution to the committee to this point.

A representative from the Narrabri Local Aboriginal Land Council advised the committee that there is a proposed new system for managing and conserving Aboriginal cultural heritage in NSW that committee members should be aware of. The Chair has requested that further information be provided to members out of session by a government representative.

A representative from People for the Plains tabled a number of questions in relation to access to water for fire-fighting for the recent Pilliga fire; Leewood lucerne crop; GISERA Plug and Abandoning project report; and Plug and Abandonment Code, testing and monitoring for which responses will be distributed to members as they are finalised by the relevant entities. Responses will also be available on the Narrabri Gas Project CCC web page.

The committee noted that the South Australian State Government and the CSIRO, through GISERA, will be partnering to undertake social and environmental research on the potential impacts and opportunities of gas development on the environment and communities in the onshore Otway Basin in South Australia's South East. GISERA also has research projects in gas-developing regions in Queensland and New South Wales.

The committee noted that the Geological Survey of NSW has released updated data for the Coonabarabran geophysical data project which involved acquisition of airborne magnetic, radioelement and digital elevation data around Coonabarabran and Gilgandra in mid-2017. The project was carried out in collaboration with Geoscience Australia with the aim of acquiring data to improve the quality of geophysics coverage of NSW by replacing data that was collected in the early 1980s. The Chair has requested further information on the project to be provided to members, including a link to the Division of Resources and Geoscience newsletter .

A Santos representative provided copies of the Monthly Activity Update that is emailed to members each month and answered questions arising from the update. Copies of the Monthly Activity Updates are available from the Narrabri Gas Project website. A representative from People for the Plains

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tabled a question to Santos from a member of that group in relation to Sulphate Reducing Bacteria, the response for which will be distributed to members when finalised.

An EPA representative provided a draft copy of the monthly Narrabri CCC EPA Newsletter to members for December 2017-January 2018, with the final newsletter being available from the EPA website and via the subscription service. The EPA requested feedback from members on what articles or subjects they would like included in future editions of the newsletter.

The Chair encouraged members to distribute the report provided to the committee in December 2017 entitled *Geological Summary Coonamble – Gilgandra Region* available from the Land and Water Commissioner website. This report was prepared in response to community enquiries about the geology of the Coonamble-Gilgandra region, particularly in relation to coal-bearing formations. The report provides information about the geology of the Coonamble-Gilgandra region and assists in responding to topical matters in relation to the Western Slopes Pipeline project.

The Chair and committee agreed that bi-monthly meetings would be scheduled at this stage, however this scheduling will be monitored and would return to monthly meetings if required. The next meeting will be the third Tuesday in April.

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