

Narrabri Gas Project CCC - Meeting # 32

17 April 2018

Date/Time:	Tuesday 17 April, 11.00am – 2.00pm	
Location:	Narrabri RSL, 7 Maitland Street Narrabri	
Attendees:	<p>Jock Laurie – Land and Water Commissioner (Chair) Robert Kneale – Narrabri Shire Council (Proxy) Jack Warnock – Lower Namoi Cotton Growers Association Jocelyn Cameron – Country Women’s Association Tony Pickard - People for the Plains (Proxy) Russell Stewart – Narrabri Chamber of Commerce Lynn Trindall – Narrabri Local Aboriginal Land Council</p>	<p>Stephen O’Donoghue – Department of Planning and Environment Sarah Carr – Environment Protection Authority Simon Taylor – Environment Protection Authority Megan Prowse – Environment Protection Authority David Banks – Santos Neale House – Santos Annie Moody – Santos</p>
Guests:	<p>Cathy Redding – Mayor, Narrabri Shire Council Tony Meppem – Director Development and Economic Growth, Narrabri Shire Council Dan Boyce – Manager Planning and Regulatory Services, Narrabri Shire Council Alex Whiteside – DPE, Division of Resources and Geoscience Mark Clyne – Head of Operations, Environment Protection Authority Karen Edwards – Senior Technical Advisor, Environment Protection Authority Amanda Delaney – Manager, Government and Public Affairs, Santos Michael Zed – Drilling and Completion Project Lead, Santos</p>	
Apologies:	<p>Harry Henderson – Department of Premier and Cabinet Stuart Murray – People for the Plains Andrew Cowan – Environment Protection Authority Addy Watson – Environment Protection Authority Conrad Bolton – North West Local Land Services Ron Campbell – Narrabri Shire Council Matt Norrie – NSW Farmers Ann Loder – Narrabri Shire Council Jon-Maree Baker – Namoi Water</p>	
Meeting Chair:	Jock Laurie	
Secretariat:	Annie Moody	

Agenda Item	Discussion/Outcomes	Action
<p>Santos Operations Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Santos Monthly Activity Update April 2018 was distributed in hard copy to members and emailed out of session on 9 April 2018. The March 2018 update was emailed out of session to members on 14 March 2018. • A member directed question to Santos as to whether the gas from the Narrabri Gas Project has already been sold with reference to the Santos Annual Report 2017, Strategic Risk Section (page 25). Santos representative responded that it had not been sold and that the report refers to gas from other developed projects. • A member asked why the water from Leewood was not currently being used for irrigation to which Santos representative responded that that Santos was currently working with DPI and EPA in relation to an administrative matter associated with water use approvals for the irrigation activity. <p>Presentation/Handout/Links:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Santos Monthly Activity Update March 2018 is available from https://narrabrigasproject.com.au/community/consultative-committee/march-2018/ 2. Santos Monthly Activity Update April 2018 is available from http://narrabrigasproject.com.au/community/consultative-committee/april-2018/ 3. Questions from People for the Plains representative with responses to be distributed to members when finalised by relevant entity and then available from http://narrabrigasproject.com.au/community/consultative-committee/april-2018/ 	
<p>EPA Monthly Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided a draft Narrabri CCC EPA Newsletter February/March 2018 with final newsletter available on EPA website and through newsletter subscription • EPA requested feedback from members on what articles they would like included in future editions of the newsletter • A member noted that they had not been receiving the newsletter through the subscription distribution <p>Presentation/Handout/Links:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Final Narrabri CCC EPA Newsletter February/March 2018 is available from http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/licensing-and-regulation/gas-industry/gas-industry-in-nsw/community-involvement 	

<p>Plug and Abandonment process and subsequent monitoring</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Representatives from Department of Planning and Environment (Resources Regulator) and the Environment Protection Authority delivered a presentation <i>Decommissioning of CSG Wells</i> which provided an overview on well decommissioning; the legislative framework and key roles of regulatory agencies in NSW; the decommissioning process; and the different stages of plug and abandonment activity as per slide deck referenced below. A representative from Santos delivered a presentation <i>Well Design and Abandonment</i> which provided an overview on standards applied to well design; typical well types and design considerations; casing strings, cementing equipment and techniques; well monitoring; plugging and abandoning a well; and rehabilitation of sites as per slide deck referenced below. <p>Presentation/Handout/Links:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> DPE/EPA presentation <i>Decommissioning of CSG Wells</i> will be distributed to members out of session and will be available from http://narrabrigasproject.com.au/community/consultative-committee/april-2018/ Santos presentation <i>Well Design and Abandonment</i> will be distributed to members out of session and will be available from http://narrabrigasproject.com.au/community/consultative-committee/april-2018/ 	
<p>Narrabri Shire Council – Community Benefit Fund</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A representative of the Narrabri Shire Council spoke about the Council’s interest in how the Gas Community Benefit Fund is to be administered in the future; potential to use existing Local Government framework to administer the fund; hoping to better engage with Minister for Resources for input into future administration of the fund. Council would like the fund aligned with LGA rather than petroleum licence areas so funding can be used to implement outcomes identified in Strategic Planning documents such as community infrastructure, health care and initiatives to encourage local industry. General discussion amongst members in relation to their area of interest such as local business, regional development and Aboriginal community. Comments made about desire to engage with Government and the community about administration of the fund, local community input and timeframes for it to progress. DPE representative will arrange to have representative attend future meeting to provide committee with further information and update on CBF 	DPE
<p>Santos – Update on Response to Submissions for Narrabri Gas Project EIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Santos representative advised that the Narrabri Gas Project EIS Response to Submissions has been submitted to DPE. Santos has carried out further ecological and air quality assessments as well as additional assessment of the impact of the Project’s operational lighting on the Siding Spring Observatory with results consistent with the findings of the EIS. Santos has also made two additional commitments for the project - a Social Impact Management Plan will be implemented and surface infrastructure will be excluded from Yarrie Lake Reserve. DPE representative indicated that the RtS document would be available from the DPE Major Projects website in due course and that it would likely to be at least a three month process for assessment report to be compiled. 	
<p>General Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair advised that a request had been received from People for the Plains for an additional representative to attend meetings. General discussion was that members were comfortable with existing representation of one for each community entity with proxy option for member’s when they are not available. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Representative from People for the Plains tabled a number of questions directed to Santos and Government for response out of session. A response to Action Item 31.3_ Questions tabled by PFTP to GISERA – GISERA workshop on Plug and Abandoning Wells was distributed in hard copy to members 	Santos, DPE, EPA, DRG
Next Meeting	Tuesday 12 June 2018, Narrabri RSL Club 11.00am – 2.00pm	
Meeting closed	1.35pm	

Action Items

REF	Action	Entity/Person	Status
32.1	Questions to Santos from People for the Plains	Santos	
32.2	Questions to EPA from People for the Plains	EPA	
32.3	Questions to DPE from People for the Plains	DPE	
32.4	Questions to DRG from People for the Plains	DRG	
31.1	Questions tabled by PFTP to Santos – RFS access to water for Pilliga fire	STO	Complete 2/3/18
31.2	Questions tabled by PFTP to Santos – Leewood Lucerne Crop	STO	Complete 2/3/18
31.3	Questions tabled by PFTP to GISERA – GISERA workshop on Plug and Abandoning Wells	GISERA	Complete 17/4/18
31.4	Questions tabled by PFTP to EPA – Plug and Abandoning Code	EPA	Complete 17/4/18
31.5	Questions tabled by PFTP to Santos – Sulphate Reducing Bacteria	STO	To be completed
31.6	Distribute Information on water testing at Leewood	DPE	Complete 2/3/18
31.7	Information to the committee on proposed changes to managing and conserving Aboriginal cultural heritage in NSW	Chair (by DPE)	Complete 2/3/18
31.8	Information on GISERA research in SA's Otway Basin. (A fact sheet is available online and link will be distributed).	Secretariat	Complete 2/3/18
31.9	Summary of Coonabarabran geophysical data project	DPE	Complete 2/3/18
31.10	Send link to committee members to subscribe to the DRG newsletter	DPE	Complete 2/3/18
31.11	EPA requested feedback from members on what articles they would like covered in the EPA Narrabri CCC Newsletter	All members	Complete 17/4/18

Future Agenda Items

REF	Agenda Item	Entity/Person	Status
32.1	DPE representative to arrange to have representative attend future meeting to provide committee with further information and update on Community Benefit Fund	DPE	TBA – target Q3 2018
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	TBA – target Q2 2018
29.3	Santos and Government to present on the plug and abandonment process and subsequent monitoring	DRG, EPA and STO	Complete 17/4/18