

# Narrabri Gas Project CCC - Meeting # 35

## 27 September 2018

<b>Date/Time:</b>	Tuesday 27 September 2018, 11.00am – 1.00pm	
<b>Location:</b>	Narrabri RSL, 7 Maitland Street Narrabri	
<b>Attendees:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jock Laurie – Land and Water Commissioner (Chair)</li> <li>• Cr Ann Loder – Narrabri Shire Council</li> <li>• Cr Ron Campbell – Narrabri Shire Council</li> <li>• Jocelyn Cameron – Country Women’s Association</li> <li>• Jack Warnock – Lower Namoi Cotton Growers Association</li> <li>• Tony Pickard – People for the Plains</li> <li>• Conrad Bolton – North West Local Land Services</li> <li>• Lynn Trindall – Narrabri Local Aboriginal Land Council</li> <li>• David Scilley – NSW Farmers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harry Henderson – Department of Premier and Cabinet</li> <li>• Stephen O’Donoghue – Department of Planning and Environment</li> <li>• Andrew Cowan – Environment Protection Authority</li> <li>• Megan Prowse – Environment Protection Authority</li> <li>• Nicholas Payne – Environment Protection Authority</li> <li>• Annie Moody – Santos</li> </ul>
<b>Guests:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Todd Dunn – Santos</li> </ul>	
<b>Apologies:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David Banks – Santos</li> <li>• Neale House – Santos</li> <li>• Russell Stewart – Narrabri Chamber of Commerce</li> <li>• Jon-Maree Baker – Namoi Water</li> </ul>	
<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>• Representative for People for the Plains tabled documents and a USB stick with questions directed to Santos, Department of Planning and Environment, Environment Protection Authority, Department of Premier and Cabinet and the NGP CCC Chair.</li> <li>• Correspondence to and from the CCC Chair from Conference Organiser of the Coal Seam Gas and Public Health Conference was tabled to members at the meeting. The Chair stated that if a committee member has a view that the Chair has misled the committee in relation to the response to the Organiser that they may contact the Minister.</li> <li>• A member advised that they had received an email from a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the University of NSW Law with an invitation to participate in a study examining the governance of water and unconventional gas funded by the Australian Research Council. Other members advised that they had also received the email.</li> </ul>	Secretariat to distribute
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<p><b>General Business (continued)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A member spoke about the Northern Territory Community Benefit Fund and mentioned that Aboriginal communities are funded for some initiatives through this fund. Casinos and other gambling contribute money to the Community Benefit Fund through a levy. The member spoke about how that fund administration may be a model for the Gas Community Benefit Fund - it is administered by a Board that has government and community representatives. This prompted discussion amongst members on potential models for Gas Community Benefit Fund administration.</li> <li>• A DPC representative advised that there had been a new appointment to the role of Director within the Division of Resources and Geoscience and that the Gas Community Benefit Fund administration framework was a subject that would be addressed within that role.</li> <li>• A member requested a copy of the Investor Day presentation by Santos Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer Kevin Gallagher on 26 September 2018 be distributed to members.</li> </ul> <p><b>Presentation/Handout/Links:</b></p> <p>Questions from People for the Plains representative:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. September 2018 NGP CCC – Questions to Environment Protection Authority</li> <li>2. September 2018 NGP CCC – Questions to Santos</li> <li>3. September 2018 NGP CCC – Questions to Department of Premier and Cabinet</li> <li>4. September 2018 NGP CCC – Questions to Department of Planning and Environment</li> <li>5. September 2018 NGP CCC – Suggestions for future presentations to NGP</li> </ol> <p>Other:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Correspondence to/from Conference Organiser of the Coal Seam Gas and Public Health Conference</li> <li>7. Link to information on the Northern Territory Department of Attorney-General and Justice Community Benefit Committee and Community Benefit Fund Program <a href="https://justice.nt.gov.au/attorney-general-and-justice/committees-and-boards/community-benefit-committee">https://justice.nt.gov.au/attorney-general-and-justice/committees-and-boards/community-benefit-committee</a></li> <li>8. A copy of the Santos Investor Day presentation from 26 September 2018 will be distributed to members and is available from <a href="https://www.santos.com/media/4526/180926-santos-targets-production-of-more-than-100-mmboe-by-2025.pdf">https://www.santos.com/media/4526/180926-santos-targets-production-of-more-than-100-mmboe-by-2025.pdf</a></li> </ol>	<p>Secretariat</p>
<p><b>Santos Update</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Santos Monthly Activity Update for September 2018 was distributed in hard copy to members and emailed out of session on 3 September 2018. The August Monthly Activity Update was emailed out of session to members on 7 August 2018.</li> <li>• A member asked if the irrigation had recommenced at Leewood and a Santos representative responded that it hadn't as the administrative matter in relation to the water use approval had not yet been resolved.</li> <li>• The member referred to a report on the subject of soil analysis and stated that he had requested a copy of the report from EPA. This relates to an individual request from a member of the committee directly to the EPA and has not been a CCC agenda item.</li> </ul>	
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<p><b>Santos Update (continued)</b></p>	<p><b>Presentation/Handout/Links:</b></p> <p>9. Santos Monthly Activity Updates for August and September 2018 are available from <a href="https://narrabrigasproject.com.au/community/consultative-committee/">https://narrabrigasproject.com.au/community/consultative-committee/</a></p>	
<p><b>EPA Update</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An EPA representative provided a draft Narrabri CCC EPA Newsletter July/August 2018 with final newsletter to be available on EPA website and through newsletter subscription</li> <li>• EPA representative advised that a decision on Recommendation 9 of the <i>Final Report of the Independent Review of Coal Seam Gas Activities in NSW</i> in relation to <i>Environmental risk &amp; responsibility and insurance arrangements for the NSW CSG industry</i> is expected by end of the year. A letter will be sent to stakeholders involved in the consultation on this subject and EPA can provide a presentation to CCC in first quarter of 2019 (Future Agenda Item 33.2 updated to reflect this timing).</li> <li>• A member asked EPA if the agency had reviewed the CSIRO paper presented to the Scientific Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracturing in the Northern Territory Fracking that was distributed to CCC members after the July 2018 meeting (<i>Report into the shale gas well life cycle and well integrity</i>). EPA representative responded that EPA experts had undertaken a preliminary review and no particular issues had been flagged in the NGP context.</li> <li>• A member referred EPA and other committee members to another CSIRO paper that was presented at a conference in South Australia in May 2018 which will be distributed to members out of session (APPEA Journal 2018_58_CSIRO_Perspectives on successful coal seam gas well decommissioning). The member raised a matter in relation to a fee associated with accessing the GISERA/APPEA report and this was resolved by the EPA directly with the member prior to the CCC meeting. There is a \$25 fee to access the report online. Members may refer their queries relating to a fee that APPEA and/or GISERA charge for their reports to the relevant organization.</li> <li>• A DPE representative advised that GISERA had provided a presentation to government departments and the Expert Panel recently. Water monitoring will be considered in the assessment of the Narrabri Gas Project EIS.</li> <li>• A member requested that GISERA be invited to next CCC meeting to provide further information on well decommissioning and <i>CSG induced groundwater impacts in the Pilliga region: prediction uncertainty, data-worth and optimal monitoring strategies</i> reports. A discussion amongst committee members concluded that the invitation would not be extended at this point as members were comfortable with the level of information received from presentations to the committee on well decommissioning earlier this year and the various reports distributed to members on the subject.</li> <li>• A member asked EPA if decommissioning requirements apply to the both internal and external part of a well with an EPA representative responding that it does.</li> </ul> <p><b>Presentation/Handout/Links:</b></p> <p>10. Final Narrabri CCC EPA Newsletter July/August 2018 will be available from <a href="http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/licensing-and-regulation/gas-industry/gas-industry-in-nsw/community-involvement">http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/licensing-and-regulation/gas-industry/gas-industry-in-nsw/community-involvement</a></p> <p>11. Copy of APPEA Journal 2018_58_CSIRO_Perspectives on successful coal seam gas well decommissioning will be distributed to members</p>	<p>EPA/Secretariat</p>

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DPE Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A DPE representative advised that Department of Industry (DoI) Water were in the process of tendering for the installation of monitoring bores in the Gunnedah Basin as part of the <i>Water Monitoring Strategy for Coal Basins in NSW – Gunnedah Basin</i> project and DoI Water will provide presentation to the committee in early 2019 (Future Agenda Item 26.3 updated to reflect this timing).</li> <li>• Potential monitoring bore sites include Pilliga West, Lower Namoi, Scratch Road, Maules Creek, Boggabri and Pilliga South with eleven bores proposed. The bore installation project requires an environmental assessment and approval in the form of a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) and the document/s will be available after they have been submitted, indicatively in the next couple of months. The REF will document sites of the proposed works.</li> <li>• Water samples are being collected from the Plumb Road monitoring bores from the Digby, Purlough and Pilliga formations from depths of 336 – 640 metres. Information from monitoring bores will be available from the Government database and will include pressure monitoring results.</li> <li>• A DPE representative advised that Department of Industry (DoI) Water were in the process of tendering for the next phase of monitoring bores as part of the <i>Water Monitoring Strategy for Coal Basins in NSW – Gunnedah Basin</i> project and DoI Water will provide presentation to the committee in early 2019 (Future Agenda Item 26.3 updated to reflect this timing).</li> <li>• Water samples are being collected from the Plumb Road monitoring bores from the Digby, Purlough and Pilliga formations from depths of 336 – 640 metres. Information from monitoring bores will be available from the Government database and include pressure monitoring results.</li> <li>• A DPE representative provided an update on the assessment of the NGP EIS and advised the committee that the various <i>Agency Advice on Response to Submissions</i> was now available on the DPE Major Projects website. The Water Expert Panel had requested further information and the DoI Water response was not yet loaded to the website.</li> <li>• The Expert Panel Report has not been uploaded to the website as yet as they were awaiting further information but DPE advised that it will be provided as part of the assessment report. A member asked if the Expert Panel had been engaged specifically for this project with DPE representative responding that it had been engaged specifically, that it was not a statutory panel, and that panel members were experts in their field.</li> <li>• DPE has received further submissions on the EIS from People for the Plains, the North West Alliance and others. DRE is considering putting these up on the website and a copy will be provided to Santos.</li> <li>• A member asked if form submissions objecting to the Project that contain similar copied statements were valid and taken into account during the assessment process, with a DPE representative responding that they are valid and taken into account.</li> <li>• A member asked whether a change of government in NSW at the next election would mean that the assessment process would stop. A DPE representative responded that NSW Planning legislation determines the process and that it would continue unless there was a change to the relevant legislation.</li> </ul>	

<b>Next Meeting</b>	Thursday 29 November 2018, Narrabri RSL Club 11.00am – 2.00pm	
<b>Meeting closed</b>	1.00pm	

### Action Items

REF	Action	Entity/Person	Status
<b>27.1</b>	People for the Plains questions directed to various entities:		
<b>27.1a</b>	Questions to Environment Protection Authority	EPA	
<b>27.1b</b>	Questions to Santos	Santos	
<b>27.1c</b>	Questions to Department of Premier and Cabinet	DPC	
<b>27.1d</b>	Questions to Department of Planning and Environment	DPE	
<b>27.1e</b>	Suggestions for future presentations to NGP CCC	Chair	
<b>27.2</b>	Distribute copy of the Santos Investor Day presentation from 26 September 2018 to members	Secretariat	
<b>27.3</b>	Distribute copy of APPEA Journal 2018_58_CSIRO_ <i>Perspectives on successful coal seam gas well decommissioning</i> to members	Secretariat	

### Future Agenda Items

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<b>33.2</b>	Update on progress on implementing Recommendation 9 of the <i>Final Report of the Independent Review of Coal Seam Gas Activities in NSW</i> in relation to <i>Environmental risk &amp; responsibility and insurance arrangements for the NSW CSG industry</i> .	EPA	TBA – Quarter 1 2019
<b>26.3</b>	Update on <i>Water Monitoring Strategy for Coal Basins in NSW – Gunnedah Basin</i> when final site selection is determined	DoI Water	TBA – Quarter 1 2019