

Narrabri Gas Project CCC - Meeting # 36

29 November 2018

Date/Time:	Thursday 29 November 2018, 11.00am – 1.00pm	
Location:	Narrabri RSL, 7 Maitland Street Narrabri	
Attendees:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jock Laurie – Land and Water Commissioner (Chair) • Cr Ann Loder – Narrabri Shire Council • Cr Robert Kneale – Narrabri Shire Council (Proxy) • Jocelyn Cameron – Country Women’s Association • Jack Warnock – Lower Namoi Cotton Growers Association • Tony Pickard – People for the Plains • David Scilley – NSW Farmers • Russell Stewart – Narrabri Chamber of Commerce 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen O’Donoghue – Department of Planning and Environment • Andrew Cowan – Environment Protection Authority • Sarah Carr – Environment Protection Authority • Megan Prowse – Environment Protection Authority • Nicholas Payne – Environment Protection Authority • Neale House – Santos • Todd Dunn – Santos • Annie Moody – Santos
Guests:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rob Brownbill – Department of Industry (Land and Water) 	
Apologies:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cr Ron Campbell – Narrabri Shire Council • Conrad Bolton – North West Local Land Services • Lynn Trindall – Narrabri Local Aboriginal Land Council • Jon-Maree Baker – Namoi Water 	
Meeting Chair:	Jock Laurie	
Secretariat:	Annie Moody	
Agenda Item	Discussion/Outcomes	Action
Department of Industry (Land and Water)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rob Brownbill, Lead Hydrogeologist gave a presentation to update the committee on the Water Monitoring Strategy for Coal Basins in NSW – Gunnedah Basin project. • Project is part of the NSW Gas Plan commitment for \$22.8 million for new monitoring bores in coal basins by June 2020. • Bores will establish a reference condition for water quality and quantity and enable DoI Water to observe any changes. • A member asked if a copy of the Review of Environmental Factors for the project could be provided to members. DoI Water advised that REFs are not usually published but will enquire if a copy can be provided to members that are interested. • Data from the monitoring bores will be available from the Water NSW website in real time as monitoring equipment is installed and brought on line. <p>Presentation/Handout/Links:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Department of Industry (Land and Water) presentation to the Narrabri Gas Project Community Consultative 	DoI Water

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	<p>Committee 29 November 2019 will be emailed to members and will also be available from https://narrabrigasproject.com.au/community/consultative-committee/november-2018/</p> <p>2. Water NSW water monitoring website link is: https://realtimedata.waternsw.com.au/</p>	
Santos Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Santos Monthly Activity Update for November 2018 was distributed in hard copy to members and emailed out of session on 6 November 2018. The October Monthly Activity Update was emailed out of session to members on 8 October 2018. • A member asked when Santos would be submitting the additional information requested by DPE for the Response to Submissions and a Santos representative advised that it was expected it would be submitted around end of December/January. • A member had a number of questions in relation to soil preparation and monitoring at the irrigation area at Leewood and Santos requested the member to provide the questions in writing for a response to be prepared. <p>Presentation/Handout/Links:</p> <p>3. Santos Monthly Activity Updates for October and November 2018 are available from https://narrabrigasproject.com.au/community/consultative-committee/</p>	
EPA Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An EPA representative provided a draft Narrabri CCC EPA Newsletter September/October 2018 with final newsletter to be available on EPA website and through newsletter subscription • A member asked if the matter associated with the water use approval at Leewood had been resolved. An EPA representative advised that Santos had been issued with an infringement notice for an administrative failure associated with the water use approval for irrigation at Leewood in October 2018 and that Santos had indicated that it would seek a review of the matter through the relevant administrative process. • A member asked how many different complainants there were for the complaints that are referred to in the Running Log in the Narrabri CCC EPA Newsletter and if there were multiple complaints from the same individual/s. The EPA advised that complainant information is held in confidence but a total of how many different complainants there were over the past twelve months could be provided to the committee. <p>Presentation/Handout/Links:</p> <p>4. Final Narrabri CCC EPA Newsletter September/October 2018 will be available from http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/licensing-and-regulation/gas-industry/gas-industry-in-nsw/community-involvement</p>	EPA
DPE Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a request from a member for a presentation on the proposed format and structure of a Community Consultative Committee should the Narrabri Gas Project be approved. A DPE representative advised that this matter was dependent on the outcome of the assessment process and approval conditions that may be applied at that time. • The Director of Resources Policy from the Division of Resources and Geoscience will be invited to attend a future meeting to provide an update on the framework of the Regional Community Benefit Fund and provide the committee with an overview of royalty payments associated with the <i>Petroleum (Onshore) Regulation 2016</i>. (Refers to Action Item 35.1e - Suggestions for future presentations to NGP CCC) 	DRG

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A request from a member for a tax lawyer to attend a future meeting to explain the taxation requirements around payments received by landholders associated with access agreements and the Landowners Benefit Fund was not supported by the majority of members; it was considered that taxation advice would vary significantly between individuals and the different agreement/s and arrangements that they may have in place. (Refers to Action Item 35.1e - Suggestions for future presentations to NGP CCC) The Secretariat raised that there had recently been social media references to matters that had purportedly been discussed at a Narrabri Gas Project CCC meeting when they had not. 	
Next Meeting	Tuesday 12 February 2019, Narrabri RSL Club 11.00am – 2.00pm	
Meeting closed	1.00pm	

Action Items

REF	Action	Entity/Person	Status
36.1	Advise how many different complainants there were over the past twelve months referenced in Running Log	EPA	
36.2	Enquire if copy of the Review of Environmental Factors for bore monitoring project is available to distribute to members	DoI Water	
36.3	People for the Plains questions directed to Department of Planning and Environment (November 2018)	DPE	
36.4	People for the Plains questions directed to Santos (November 2018)	Santos	
35.1	People for the Plains questions directed to various entities (September 2018):		
35.1a	Questions to Environment Protection Authority	EPA	Complete 20/12/18
35.1b	Questions to Santos	Santos	Complete 20/12/18
35.1c	Questions to Department of Premier and Cabinet	DPC	
35.1d	Questions to Department of Planning and Environment	DPE	Complete 20/12/18
35.1e	Suggestions for future presentations to NGP CCC	Chair	Complete 29/11/18
35.2	Distribute copy of the Santos Investor Day presentation from 26 September 2018 to members	Secretariat	Complete 9/10/18
35.3	Distribute copy of APPEA Journal 2018_58_CSIRO_ <i>Perspectives on successful coal seam gas well decommissioning</i> to members	Secretariat	Complete 9/10/18

Future Agenda Items

REF	Agenda Item	Entity/Person	Status
36.1	Update on the framework of the Regional Community Benefit Fund and overview on royalty payments associated with the Petroleum (Onshore) Regulation 2016. (Refers to Action Item 35.1e - Suggestions for future presentations to NGP CCC)	DRG	TBA – Quarter 1 2019
36.2a	GISERA presentation: <i>Decommissioning pathways for CSG projects</i> project. (Refers to Action Item 35.1e - Suggestions for future presentations to NGP CCC)	GISERA	TBA – Quarter 1 2019
36.2b	GISERA presentation: <i>Uncertainty analysis of CSG-induced GAB flux and water balance changes in the Narrabri Gas Project area</i> project. (Refers to Action Item 35.1e - Suggestions for future presentations to NGP CCC)	GISERA	TBA – Quarter 1 2019
33.2	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 & responsibility and insurance arrangements for the NSW CSG industry</i> .	EPA	TBA – Quarter 1 2019