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## NARRABRI GAS PROJECT COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CCC)

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### 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 Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC), the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE), and the Environment Protection Authority (EPA).

### Summary of 12 February 2019 meeting

- Santos Update
- Environment Protection Authority (EPA) Update
- Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) Update

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting.

A Santos representative provided copies of the February Monthly Activity Update that is emailed to members each month and answered questions arising from the update. A member tabled an excerpt of the Location Report for EPL Monitoring Point 12 from the Santos Water Portal and asked a question in relation to water levels.

A member referred to the published Santos Fourth Quarter Activities Report for period ending 31 December 2018 and asked the DPE representative why Santos were not required to pay royalties on the NSW year to date production reported in the report. A DPE representative responded that the framework on the payment of royalties is on the future agenda item list to be addressed at the next meeting by DPE representative.

An EPA representative provided a draft copy of the monthly Narrabri CCC EPA Newsletter to members for November/December 2018/January 2019 with the final newsletter being available from the EPA website and via the subscription service. In response to the question asked at the November meeting by a member in relation to how many different complaints there had been to the EPA associated with the Narrabri Gas Project and the number of complainants referred to in the Running Log in the Narrabri CCC EPA Newsletter, an EPA representative advised that since 2015 when EPA became the lead regulator that there had been dozens of complaints recorded from six (6) individuals.

DPE are awaiting further information from Santos for the Response to Submissions and this information will be available on the Major Projects website in due course when received. The Government will be in caretaker mode from early March 2019 in relation to the State Election which is on 23 March 2019. It is planned that a DPE representative will attend the next meeting of the CCC to provide update on the Regional Community Benefit Fund and overview on royalty payments associated with the *Petroleum (Onshore) Regulation 2016*.

A GISERA representative has advised that they will attend a future meeting to provide an update on research projects. A number of committee members advised that they would like GISERA to

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provide an update on the longevity of the current GISERA funding for NSW; what is the future research program and if there is an ongoing funding framework for NSW.

Future meetings of the Narrabri Gas Project CCC are scheduled as the second Tuesday of each second month from May 2019.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 14 May 2019.

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