

# COMMUNIQUE 31

## 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 committee 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 14 May 2019 meeting

- Santos Update
- Environment Protection Authority Update

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting. The Department of Planning and Environment did not have a representative at the meeting due to an unplanned staff absence and an alternative staff member being unable to travel to Narrabri in time for 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 Santos representative apologized to the committee for a delay in providing a response to questions from the previous meeting.

A member referred to the Santos announcement of 9 May 2019 in relation to signing a non-binding memoranda of understanding with Weston Energy and Brickworks for a supply of natural gas from the Narrabri Gas Project and asked what Weston Energy would be using the gas for. The Weston Energy company website has information on their products and customers.

An Environment Protection Authority (EPA) representative provided a draft copy of the monthly Narrabri CCC EPA Newsletter to members with the final newsletter being available from the EPA website and via the subscription service.

A copy of the CSIRO Gas Industry Social and Environmental Research Alliance (GISERA) NSW Update for March 2019 was provided to committee members. The update provides information on the longevity of the NSW GISERA funding, research priorities and project updates for GISERA projects across a range of research topics including Surface and Groundwater; Social and Economic; Health; and Greenhouse Gas Footprint.

A member of the committee raised a number of matters associated with representation on the committee and secretariat arrangements. The outcome was that the majority of members (excluding Santos and State Government representatives who did not participate) chose to retain the current arrangement of representative numbers and secretariat arrangements. The People for the Plains representative requested that it be recorded that he was opposed to this outcome.

The representative from People for the Plains tabled a number of questions to Santos and NSW Government Departments or Agencies and the questions have been directed to the relevant entities for consideration.

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The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 9 July 2019.

Please see the following table for each nominated community/industry group delegate contact details:

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