

Narrabri Gas Project Community Consultative Committee Meeting 39 – July 2019

Action Item 39.2_ People for the Plains Questions_July 2019 NGPCCC Gov Dept

Question to DoI Water or whatever NSW Government is the Responsible Department.

In 2018 it was announced that a new series of NSW Government Groundwater Monitoring Bores would be put down around the coal mining and gas sites in the Northwest of the State.

Q2a. Can the Department responsible inform the NGPCCC when drilling of the Groundwater Monitoring bores mentioned in the 2018 REF at locations 1D, 4B and 14 commence and when will the Groundwater Monitoring Bores mentioned be fully equipped and operating?

Q2b. If the hold-up is because the Tendering process is not complete, then when will the process be complete and when is the drilling, equipping and operation condition expected to be completed by?

RESPONSE

Question 2a:

Drilling at site 1D was completed in August 2019. The drillers have just mobilised to sites 4B and 14 (two separate rigs) with drilling starting the week of Monday, 2 September 2019 at both sites.

The fit-out with pumps and hydrometrics will take place in early 2020 then on-going data collection will commence. However, one-off water levels and chemistry will be obtained at the completion of bore development progressively over the next month or two.

Question 2B:

All drilling tendering is complete. Drilling will conclude by February 2020. Equipment tendering will occur late in 2019, with fit-out occurring after drilling is complete. All bores will be fully operational by the conclusion of the program in June 2020.

The bores at Plumb Road are fully complete and have been recording data since September 2018.

Rob Brownbill
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