

Narrabri Gas Project Community Consultative Committee Meeting 39 – July 2019

Action Item 39.6_ GISERA Contact for W8 and S9 Reports

Background: PFTP representative asked if GISERA were attending a future CCC to provide an update as he had a number of questions in relation to GISERA W8 [*CSG-induced groundwater impacts in the Pilliga region*] and S9 [*Decommissioning coal seam gas wells*] reports. Secretariat referred to the NSW Update provided by GISERA at May 2019 meeting.

Outcome from committee discussion and majority vote by show of hands (State Government and Santos representatives did not participate) was that members were satisfied with the level of information provided and did not require a presentation from GISERA on the reports.

Action: The Chair requested that the details of a GISERA contact be provided to members to refer questions that they may have in relation to the reports.

RESPONSE:

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Dr Barrett is the point of contact for questions associated with GISERA research. CSIRO does not provide the contact details of individual researchers associated with particular CSIRO projects.

An update has been provided to the questions noted at the February meeting and addressed in the *GISERA NSW Update March 2019*:

- *Will the Trends in Community Wellbeing project undertaken by GISERA in Queensland be also undertaken in NSW?*
The NSW Regional Research Advisory Committee (RRAC) met in Narrabri on the 18 June 2019 to consider three proposals. One of these is the 'Monitoring changes in community wellbeing and local attitudes to CSG development in Narrabri, NSW' proposal which was approved by the NSW RRAC for funding.
- *What is the longevity of the current NSW funding?*
Funding for GISERA projects in NSW is to 30 June 2020; however, research project end dates are likely to extend beyond this time for between 6 and 12 months (or perhaps longer if this is necessary to complete the work).

- *What is the future framework for GISERA in NSW; will there be ongoing funding; and what are the research priorities?*

See previous dot point for information on funding. Current research proposals approved by the NSW RRAC at the 18 June 2019 meeting include one on potential for connectivity of ground water system and another on the economic impacts of gas development in the region. Beyond these projects new proposals will be developed on topics of community interest.

- *When will the next RRAC meeting be held?*

A NSW RRAC meeting was held in June 2019. The next meeting will occur within the next 10 months.

Dr Barrett has advised he is happy to attend a future CCC meeting to answer any questions that the Committee would like to pose to CSIRO.

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