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NARRABRI GAS PROJECT COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CCC)

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 Planning, Industry and Environment and the Environment Protection Authority.

Summary of 10 September 2019 meeting

- Santos Update
- Environment Protection Authority Update
- Department of Planning, Industry and Environment Update
- Presentation from Division of Resources and Geoscience

The Santos Monthly Activity Update for September 2019 was distributed to members and emailed out of session on 5 September 2019. Copies of Monthly Activity Updates are available from the Narrabri Gas Project website.

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

A Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) representative advised that Santos has provided required information and the Department is finalising the assessment report and recommendations for consideration of NSW Minister for Planning and Public Spaces for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Narrabri Gas Project.

Members asked the DPIE representatives about the future of the CCC should the Narrabri Gas Project be approved and whether it would continue as a ministerially appointed CCC as it currently is, or a new CCC would be established under the NSW Planning framework and administered in accord with the NSW Government *Community Consultative Committee Guidelines*. Members were advised that this would likely be considered by the IPC as part of the assessment process.

A representative from the Division of Resources and Geoscience provided a presentation to the committee with an update on the framework of the Regional Community Benefit Fund and acknowledged that there was still a large amount of work to be undertaken relating to the administration framework for the Fund. A copy of the presentation is available from the Community Consultative Committee section on the Narrabri Gas Project website.

The GISERA (CSIRO Gas Industry Social and Environmental Research Alliance) have published their six-monthly newsletter which is available from <https://gisera.csiro.au/news/gisera-newsletter-2/>. There is a subscription function at the bottom of that page for interested individuals to register to receive the newsletter directly.

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.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12 November 2019.

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