

Narrabri Gas Project CCC - Meeting # 43

9 June 2020

Date/Time:	Tuesday 9 June, 11.00am – 12.00pm	
Location:	Via Skype	
Attendees:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Craig Jenkins – Regional NSW, Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) • Jocelyn Cameron – Country Women’s Association • Jocellin Jansson– North West Local Land Services • Russell Stewart – Narrabri Chamber of Commerce • Jack Warnock – Lower Namoi Cotton Growers Association 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen O’Donoghue – Department of Planning, Industry and Environment • Gary Whytcross – Environment Protection Authority (EPA) • Andrew Cowan – Environment Protection Authority (by telephone) • Megan Prowse – Environment Protection Authority • Todd Dunn – Santos • Annie Moody – Santos
Guests:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ravi Chandra – Santos • Jonathon Cini – Santos • Josh Gilroy – Santos 	
Apologies:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cr Ron Campbell – Narrabri Shire Council • Cr Robert Kneale – Narrabri Shire Council • David Scilley – NSW Farmers • Lynn Trindall – Narrabri Local Aboriginal Land Council 	
Meeting Chair:	Craig Jenkins	
Secretariat:	Annie Moody	
Agenda Item	Discussion/Outcomes	Action
General Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair welcomed new committee members to the meeting: Ms Jocellin Jansson from the North West Local Land Services, Mr Gary Whytcross from the Environment Protection Authority and Cr Robert Kneale from Narrabri Shire Council. • A community member referred to the recent Bill that was not passed in Parliament to impose a moratorium on coal seam gas in New South Wales and matters raised during hearings associated with the <i>Inquiry into on the Implementation of the recommendations contained in the NSW Chief Scientist’s Independent Review of Coal Seam Gas Activities in New South Wales</i>. The Chair requested that links to the government responses to the Review be distributed to members. <p>Presentation/Handout/Links</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Link to the <i>Inquiry into on the Implementation of the recommendations contained in the NSW Chief Scientist’s</i> 	Secretariat

	<p><i>Independent Review of Coal Seam Gas Activities in New South Wales</i> on the Parliament of NSW website https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/committees/inquiries/Pages/inquiry-details.aspx?pk=2557</p> <p>2. Link to Government responses to the Inquiry: https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/committees/inquiries/Pages/inquiry-details.aspx?pk=2557#tab-otherdocuments</p>	
Santos Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Santos Monthly Activity Update for June 2020 was emailed out of session on 5 June 2020. The Monthly Activity Updates since the previous meeting were emailed out of session to members – April 2020 on 6/4/20 and May 2020 on 6/5/20. • A Santos representative advised that the commissioning of the gas compressor at Bibblewindi was complete. <p>Presentation/Handout/Links:</p> <p>3. Santos Monthly Activity Updates are available from https://narrabrigasproject.com.au/community/consultative-committee/ for the relevant month and also at https://narrabrigasproject.com.au/about/monthly-updates/</p>	
EPA Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An EPA representative responded to Action Item 42.1 to advise that a summary of the postcodes for complaints made to EPA relating to Narrabri Gas Project would not be provided as it may enable identification of individuals. A community member expressed disappointment that the information was not provided and the comment was noted. • EPA organizational restructure is complete with the Gas Regulation Branch integrated into the core business structure of the EPA. The Narrabri Gas Project is administered by largely the same team that now sit in the Middle West Regional structure. <p>Presentation/Handout/Links:</p> <p>4. Final Narrabri CCC EPA Newsletters March/April/May 2020 will be available when finalised from http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/licensing-and-regulation/gas-industry/gas-industry-in-nsw/community-involvement</p>	
DPIE Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A DPIE representative advised that the Narrabri Gas Project assessment report has been finalised and will be shortly referred to the Independent Planning Commission (IPC). There is a 12 week timeframe from receipt of the report for the IPC to make a final determination unless the IPC request a change to the timeframe. • There are COVID-19 restrictions in place that will affect how Public Hearings are held and the IPC will provide more information on their website in relation to Hearing format. It is anticipated that the Public Hearings for the Narrabri Gas Project will be held at the end of July or early August. There will be two Public Hearings for other projects being assessed by the IPC prior to the Narrabri Gas Project and this will guide the technical framework for electronic hearings. Community members asked about opportunity to access Hearings as observers through a link and DPIE representative will refer this to the IPC for their consideration. • Santos has advised DPIE that they will be submitting a modification for the extension to operate the Dewhurst Pilot wells. <p>Presentation/Handout/Links:</p> <p>5. Link to Narrabri Gas Project on the NSW Government Major Projects website: https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/10716</p>	

Division of Resources and Geoscience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A DRG representative provided an update to Agenda Item 42.2 to advise that the responses to the Options Paper that was distributed for review and comment relating to the existing arrangements for the Community Benefit Fund had been considered. There were around ten submissions received including some new ideas and options. • Draft guidelines incorporating feedback for the Narrabri Gas Community Benefit Fund has been prepared and is with senior government representatives for consideration and approval for distribution to stakeholders for consultation. A copy will be provided to CCC members for consideration when approved. • The fund will not be instigated until the Narrabri Gas Project assessment is complete and Santos request the fund to be triggered. The fund guidelines and an Order for the gazettal will be prepared ready for when the fund is triggered. • DRG will attend a future meeting of the CCC to brief members when the guidelines are approved for consultation. 	
Next Meeting	Tuesday 14 July, format to be confirmed	
Meeting closed	12.00pm	

Action Items

REF	Action	Entity/Person	Status
43.1	Provide members with a link to government responses to the <i>Inquiry into on the Implementation of the recommendations contained in the NSW Chief Scientist's Independent Review of Coal Seam Gas Activities in New South Wales</i>	Secretariat	
42.1	Provide members with summary of the postcode for complaints made to EPA relating to Narrabri Gas Project	EPA	Complete
42.4	People for the Plains to be advised to refer questions for Santos directly to Santos and not through the CCC	Chair	
42.5	Letter to members in relation to obligation to send a representative to meetings and Code of Conduct requirements	Chair	
40.1	Questions from PFTP to DPIE - September 2019	DPIE	Complete, Dep't direct to PFTP

Future Agenda Items

REF	Agenda Item	Entity/Person	Status
42.2	Update on framework paper in relation to Narrabri Gas Community Benefit Fund	DRG	Q3 - 2020
41.1	DPIE (Water) – update on <i>Water Monitoring Strategy for Coal Basins in NSW – Gunnedah Basin</i>	DPIE (Water)	Q2 - 2020