

Narrabri Gas Project CCC - Meeting # 44

14 October 2020

Date/Time:	Wednesday, 14 October from 1.00pm to 1.40pm	
Location:	Via Skype	
Attendees:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Craig Jenkins – Regional NSW, Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) • Cr Robert Kneale – Narrabri Shire Council • Jocelyn Cameron – Country Women’s Association • Russell Stewart – Narrabri Chamber of Commerce • Jack Warnock – Lower Namoi Cotton Growers Association 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rose-Anne Hawkeswood– Department of Planning, Industry and Environment • Gary Whytcross – Environment Protection Authority (EPA) • Megan Prowse – Environment Protection Authority • Todd Dunn – Santos • Josh Gilroy – Santos • Annie Moody – Santos
Guests:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ravi Chandra – Santos • Jonathon Cini - Santos 	
Apologies:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cr Cathy Redding – Narrabri Shire Council • Jocellin Jansson– North West Local Land Services • David Scilley – NSW Farmers • Lynn Trindall – Narrabri Local Aboriginal Land Council 	
Meeting Chair:	Craig Jenkins	
Secretariat:	Annie Moody	
Agenda Item	Discussion/Outcomes	Action
Santos Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Santos Monthly Activity Update for October 2020 was emailed out of session on 6 October 2020. The Monthly Activity Update for September 2020 was emailed out of session to members on 2 September 2020. • A Santos representative advised that on 30 September 2020, the NSW Independent Planning Commission (IPC) approved the Narrabri Gas Project, with conditions. • The Federal Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment will now consider the project and make its recommendation to the Minister for EPBC Act approval. • Santos will be undertaking a workover program from mid-October for routine maintenance activities on existing wells prior to Christmas and all other field activities remain as usual. • A member asked whether Santos will be using an intermediary for tendering opportunities for project development, with a Santos representative confirming that tender opportunities would be publicly advertised and adhere to Santos’ policies for Indigenous participation and working with local industry. 	

	<p>Presentation/Handout/Links:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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/ 	
EPA Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The draft EPA Narrabri CCC Monthly Update for period ending September 2020 was emailed to members prior to the meeting. Feedback back to the EPA representative within a week to enable report to be finalised and published. • DPIE and EPA are working through the 134 conditions that IPC have applied to the Narrabri Gas Project approval and will be working collaboratively with other Departments through a working group to coordinate oversight framework. • There have been a number of changes to departments, with some of the teams that were previously in DPIE now in Department of Regional NSW, including Mining, Exploration and Geoscience and the Resource Regulator NSW. <p>Presentation/Handout/Links:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Final Narrabri CCC EPA Newsletter September 2020 will be available when finalised from http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/licensing-and-regulation/gas-industry/gas-industry-in-nsw/community-involvement 	
DPIE Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A DPIE representative advised that the Narrabri Gas Project has been referred to the Federal Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment and they have 30 days to make a decision from referral date with a decision anticipated by 17 November 2020. A committee member asked if the Federal assessment may result in changes and a representative advised that the Commonwealth can approve the project with no changes, refuse the project, or approve with further conditions. • DPIE will appoint an independent Chair for the Narrabri Gas Project Community Consultative Committee and the Chair will oversee the process for selection of representatives on the committee. There is expected to be less agency involvement than currently with the committee in line with the Community Consultative Committee Guidelines. <p>Presentation/Handout/Links:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. The Determination documents for the Narrabri Gas Project – SSD 6465 Statement of Reasons and SSD 6465 Development Consent are available on the NSW Independent Planning Commission website: www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au/projects/2020/03/narrabri-gas-project 	
Next Meeting	Tuesday, 8 December 2020, 11.00am – 2.00pm at the Narrabri RSL (subject to CV-19 restrictions allowing)	
Meeting closed	1.40pm	

Action Items

REF	Action	Entity/Person	Status

Future Agenda Items

REF	Agenda Item	Entity/Person	Status
42.2	Update on framework paper in relation to Narrabri Gas Community Benefit Fund	DRG	Q4 - 2020
41.1	DPIE (Water) – update on <i>Water Monitoring Strategy for Coal Basins in NSW – Gunnedah Basin</i>	DPIE (Water)	Q4 - 2020