

# COMMUNIQUE 38

## 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.

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 14 October 2020 meeting

- Santos Update
- Environment Protection Authority Update
- Department of Planning, Industry and Environment Update

A representative of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) chaired the meeting.

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 in relation to the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) assessment.

The Santos Monthly Activity Update for October 2020 was emailed out of session on 6 October 2020. Copies of Monthly Activity Updates are available from the Narrabri Gas Project website.

Santos will be undertaking a workover program from mid-October for routine maintenance activities on existing wells at Bibblewindi East, Bibblewindi West and Dewhurst South pilot wells prior to Christmas.

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

A representative of DPIE advised that an outcome from the referral of the Narrabri Gas Project to the Federal Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment was anticipated by 17 November 2020 as the Department have thirty days to make a decision from referral date. A committee member asked if that assessment may result in changes and the representative advised that the Federal Government may approve the project with no changes; refuse the project; or approve with further conditions.

Following approval of the Narrabri Gas Project, DPIE would appoint an independent Chair for the Narrabri Gas Project Community Consultative Committee in accord with the NSW Government *Community Consultative Committee Guideline: State Significant Projects January 2019* and the Chair would oversee the process for selection of representatives on the committee.

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 8 December 2020.

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