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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.

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 8 December 2020 meeting

- Santos Update
- Environment Protection Authority Update

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

A Santos representative advised that on 24 November 2020, the Federal Minister for the Environment Sussan Ley approved the Narrabri Gas Project under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC) following her review of the New South Wales assessment.

Santos will now embark on a 12-18 month appraisal program ahead of a Final Investment Decision for the next phase of project development. The workover program for routine maintenance activities on existing wells at Bibblewindi East, Bibblewindi West and Dewhurst South is continuing in December.

The Santos Monthly Activity Update for December 2020 was emailed out of session on 7 December 2020. Copies of Monthly Activity Updates are available from the Narrabri Gas Project website.

A draft copy of the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) Narrabri CCC EPA Newsletter was distributed to members by email prior to the meeting with the final newsletters being available from the EPA website and via the subscription service.

A Division of Resources and Geoscience (DRG) representative provided an update to the committee on the preparation of guidelines for the Narrabri Gas Community Benefit Fund. Draft guidelines have been prepared to align with grant administration guidelines and these will be distributed for further consultation in early 2021 by the NSW Government Resources for Regions program administrators.

A condition of the IPC consent for the Narrabri Gas Project is the establishment and operation of a Community Consultative Committee in accordance with the Department's *Community Consultative Committee Guidelines: State Significant Projects* and also the establishment of a number of advisory groups including a Biodiversity Advisory Group and a Water Technical Advisory Group.

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment has advised that Mr Garry West has been appointed to the position of Independent Chair of these groups and an Expression of Interest has been advertised for community and stakeholder representatives with nominations for these positions closing on 22 December 2020. It is anticipated that the committees will be formed and will meet in February 2021.

This is the final meeting of the current Narrabri Gas Project Community Consultative Committee. The Chair and Santos representatives thanked members and their organisations for their participation and contribution to the Committee since it was formed in December 2014.

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