

MEETING MINUTES

Narrabri Gas Project (NGP)

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisory Group (ACHAG)

DATE / TIME

16 February 2021
10:21am

LOCATION

Santos Shopfront Conference Room
Unit 5 125 Maitland Street, Narrabri

FACILITATOR

Garry West

MINUTE TAKER

Penny Magann-Jones

ATTENDEES

- ◆ Garry West (Independent Chair)
- ◆ Clifford Toomey (Wee Waa LALC)
- ◆ Dr Jodie Benton (OzArk Environment & Heritage)

- ◆ Edward Trindall (Narrabri LALC)
- ◆ Don Craigie (Gomerioi native title Applicant)
- ◆ Phil Purcell (Heritage NSW) (Remotely via VC)

APOLOGIES

- ◆ Natasha Talbot (Gomerioi native title Applicant)

- ◆ Polly Cutmore (Gomerioi native title Applicant)

GUESTS

- ◆ Haydn Kreicbergs (Santos)

- ◆ Todd Dunn (Santos)

OBSERVERS

- ◆ Sheryl Nicholls (Gomerioi native title Applicant)

Discussions

NO.	DISCUSSIONS
<p>1. General Welcome</p> <p>Acknowledgement of Country</p>	<p>The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and acknowledged Gomerioi country on which the meeting was held as well as Elders past, present and future and all Aboriginal persons present.</p> <p>Noted that Sheryl Nicholls would be participating as an observer. Q: Sheryl queried why she could only participate as an observer. A: Garry advised that due to the ACHAG process of appointment of members by the Department of Planning, Industry & Environment she was not listed as a nominated representative or alternate.</p> <p>All members introduced themselves and outlined their areas of expertise.</p> <p>Chair proposed that Penny Magann-Jones to provide Secretariat support to ACHAG. Penny will take minutes, draft and forward to Garry for circulation prior to final Minutes are confirmed. Penny will be the administration contact for all members and action member resource requests. All document requests will be facilitated through Garry and Penny. All in agreement.</p>
<p>2. Overview of ACHAG</p>	<p>The Chair gave an overview of the establishment process of ACHAG under Condition B58 of NSW Planning, Industry and Environment Recommended Conditions of Consent for the Narrabri Gas Project.</p> <p>Independent Chair and ACHAG members and alternates are appointed by NSW Planning, Industry and Environment from nominations received.</p> <p>Chair advised that the goal of ACHAG was to meet the requirements of Condition B58 of NSW Planning, Industry and Environment Recommended Conditions of Consent in regard to aboriginal consultation and input into NGP Management Planning with the goal of protecting Aboriginal culture and heritage.</p>

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	Background information given regarding other NGP Advisory groups and his intention to Chair each Group to ensure coordination between all required Advisory Groups and the Community Consultative Committee (CCC).
3. Declaration of pecuniary or other interests / Code of Conduct	Chair outlined the roles and responsibilities of ACHAG members.
4. Correspondence	NSW Planning, Industry & Environment Dated: 9/2/2021 Re: Narrabri Gas Project (SSD-6456) Approval of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisory Group
5. Project Update	<p>Todd Dunn (Santos - Narrabri Gas Project Manager) Currently focusing on developing key Management Plans with feedback from community, stakeholders, government, Aboriginal groups, and landholders to meet Project Conditions of Consent prior to Management Plan lodgement for approval with NSW Planning Secretary. Pending approval, Appraisal Phase to include 10 new wells (6 new wells and 4 core holes), seismic and water monitoring network works. If approved, works to be carried out in the second half of 2021 pending relevant approvals. Framework is in progress for the Water Monitoring Network as per Conditions of Consent recommendations.</p> <p>Q. After Appraisal Phase works of 10 wells, how many more will be drilled? A. Todd explained the appraisal process would take up to 18 months and potentially, after Appraisal Phase concludes and the final project investment decision is made, will see approximately 170 wells drilled in Stage 1 of the Construction Phase (Phase 2 under the Conditions of Consent), pending Planning Secretary approval. Appraisal phase plans to commence exploration in the Pilliga Forrest and some private landholdings.</p> <p>Q. Methane carbon footprint is very high. A. Methane has a much lower greenhouse gas impact than coal for electricity generation and supports the baseload power requirements when other sources like wind and solar are not available.</p> <p>Q. Potential sites of cultural significance could be disturbed during Appraisal Phase. A. Group will conduct Culture and Heritage site surveys following the Management Plan approval to finalise location decisions. Will avoid significant sites, avoidance principles in place.</p>
6. Overview of Draft Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan (ACHMP)	<p>Haydn Kreicbergs (Santos - Manager Culture & Heritage, Aboriginal Engagement) Santos has been working with Aboriginal groups regarding the Narrabri Gas Project since the development and inception of the 2013-14 RAP's. It has taken 7 years to get to this point in the approval process. Agreement Framework is based on working in partnership and the avoidance principle are in place within the Santos Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plans to protect sites of cultural significance over the lifecycle of field development activities. Santos has an extensive database of exclusion zones and will avoid these areas during Field Management Planning. The CHMP proposes a Working Group which s will entail processes to walk country and establishing further exclusion zones to protect sites of cultural significance as identified. Existing system design allows for a constant process of informed consent for the Narrabri Gas Project lifecycle. Haydn highlighted the need for the well informed consent of draft plan and recommended members reviewed the plan over then next few weeks then meet in 4-5 weeks to discuss their feedback and work through the document together in a two (2) day workshop. Haydn also advised members that the plan would be confidential until approval by the NSW Planning Secretary, after which, pending approval, it will become a public document. ACHMP review process is flexible and updates can be made prior to the 5 year review period.</p> <p>Dr Jodie Benton – Principal Consulting Archaeologist – OzArk Preliminary comments regarding the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Processes need to be very prescribed. • Clarity around acronyms referenced.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Language needs to be simplified.• Flowcharts of steps and processes.• Site categories and processes well underpinned. <p>Q. Does the NSW Planning Secretary consult with NSW Heritage before making a final decision? A. Yes, they can, but will ultimately be the NSW Planning Secretary's decision.</p> <p>Q. Can GIS mapping of the project be provided on screen during the planned workshop for member reference? A. Yes, will provide.</p>
7. General Business	Chair reminded members that ACHAG membership is prescribed by NSW Planning, Industry and Environment and the of process of nominating Proxy/alternate members of the ACHAG if unable to attend scheduled meetings.

Actions

NO.	ACTIONS	ACTION BY	DUE DATE
1	Prepare PowerPoint presentation and live document of the draft ACHMP for 2 day workshop.	Haydn	

Next Meeting

Tuesday 23rd March & Wednesday 24th March (if Required) 2021, 10am-4pm. Narrabri Shopfront Conference Room.