

# MEETING MINUTES

## Narrabri Gas Project (NGP)

### Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisory Group (ACHAG)

#### DAY 1

##### DATE / TIME

Wednesday 24 March  
12:07pm

##### LOCATION

Santos Shopfront Conference Room  
Maitland Street, Narrabri

##### FACILITATOR

Garry West

##### MINUTE TAKER

Penny Magann-Jones

##### ATTENDEES

- ◆ Garry West (Independent Chair)
- ◆ Jodie Benton (OzArk Environment & Heritage)
- ◆ Natasha Talbot (Gomeroid Native Title Applicant)
- ◆ Donald Craigie (Gomeroid Native Title Applicant)
- ◆ Edward Trindall (Narrabri LALC)
- ◆ Phil Purcell (NSW Planning & Environment)(By teleconference)
- ◆ Clifford Toomey (Wee Waa LALC)
- ◆ Annie Moody (Santos)

##### APOLOGIES

Haydn Kreicbergs

##### GUESTS

Nil

#### Discussions

NO.	DISCUSSIONS
1. Welcome	The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and acknowledged Gomeroid country on which the meeting was held as well as Elders past, present and future and all Aboriginal persons present.
2. Declaration of pecuniary or other interests / Code of Conduct	Chair advised that he would follow up any outstanding Declarations of Pecuniary or other interest forms.
3. Correspondence	<p><b>Native Title Service Corporation</b> Main points of correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roles and responsibilities of ACHAG members</li> <li>• Decision making processes</li> <li>• ACHAG member voting rights</li> <li>• Ensuring scientific expertise does not outweigh Aboriginal knowledge regarding individual vote weighting.</li> </ul> <p>Independent Chair advised the following in response to correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACHAG formed as advisory group only. No voting will take place.</li> <li>• Garry West appointed as Independent Chair by NSW Planning, Industry and Environment.</li> <li>• ACHAG members appointed by NSW Planning, Industry and Environment via an Expression of Interest process.</li> <li>• ACHAG was established by Santos under Condition B58 of the Development Consent for Phase 1 of development.</li> <li>• ACHAG to meet minimum of twice per year.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Main purpose of ACHAG is to attain advice relating to Aboriginal Culture and Heritage for the development of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan and Field Development Plan.</li> <li>• ACHAG has zero compliance or enforcement powers.</li> <li>• ACHAG will establish Aboriginal Culture and Heritage Working Group (ACHWG) via the ACHMP.</li> </ul> <p>C: Gomeroi Native Title Applicant group representatives would not be able to approve Management Plans prior consulting with their collective group first.          Q: Who has the last say on approving the Aboriginal Culture and Heritage Management Plan? Government?          A: NSW Planning Secretary has the role of reviewing the ACHMP and giving approval or not.</p> <p><b>Phil Purcell – NSW Planning, Industry and Environment</b>          Outlined the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roles and responsibilities of ACHAG</li> <li>• Unique project and participation under the NGP Development Consent Conditions.</li> <li>• Narrabri Gas Project footprint is not finalised yet.</li> <li>• Likelihood of the discovery of Aboriginal sites of significance.</li> <li>• Access infrastructure and harm minimisation of Aboriginal sites of significance.</li> <li>• The important role ACHAG has in considering the ACHMP to protect Aboriginal sites of significance.</li> <li>• Harm minimisation is imperative in this project.</li> <li>• ACHAG will be the primary group for potential Aboriginal sites of significance discoveries.</li> </ul> <p>C: Concerns raised regarding the potential desecration of Aboriginal sites of significance.</p> <p><b>Annie Moody – Santos</b>          Outlined how sites are surveyed and assessed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Geo-scanning and desktop assessments undertaken. Survey for any impediments present.</li> <li>• Ecologists advise on sites.</li> <li>• Santos Land Access staff, Culture &amp; Heritage Officers and ecologist walk proposed well site.</li> <li>• 100 metre buffers if located in proximity to Aboriginal site of significance.</li> <li>• Culture and Heritage Officers and Ecological make decision on viability of the proposed site.</li> <li>• Flexibility to move wells due to directional drilling capabilities.</li> </ul>
<p>4. ACHMP Member Feedback – Workshop</p>	<p><b>5.2 Site Protection of know Aboriginal cultural heritage Sites</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 90 sites identified on AIHMS</li> <li>• ACHWG main role is to identify currently known and unknown sites.</li> <li>• NLALC has their own records.</li> <li>• ACHWG to oversee further studies and surveying to proposed sites.</li> <li>• NGP extents further north – is the ACHMP adaptable.</li> <li>• Artifacts historically concentrated around waterways. Advise a buffer of 200 metres of creeks and waterways using data from previous culture and heritage surveys.</li> <li>• Sensitivity mapping produces identifies areas of concentrated finds.</li> </ul> <p><b>5.3 Aboriginal Culture Heritage Working Group</b>          Q: Who and how will ACHWG be established.          A: Schedule 6.3 outlines the selection of ACHWG members.          Q Why isn't Pilliga and Baradine part of this process?          A: NGP boundary too far east for them to part of the process. There was an opportunity for them to register under RAP process.</p>

	<p><b>5.8.9 Cultural Heritage Compliance Plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Santos Audit for compliancy.</li> <li>• Independent Auditor should be engaged to promote transparency.</li> <li>• More clarity regarding Pre-Clearance terminology.</li> <li>• More clarity regarding Confidentiality and the preservation of Aboriginal intellectual knowledge.</li> </ul> <p>Q: Who comprises the survey team?          A: Schedule 6.2 (b) states the following: Nominate persons to be Cultural Heritage Officers to participate in the Pre-Clearance Surveys as part of the Survey Teams.          Q: Protection of Aboriginal</p> <p><b>8.0 Review and Improvement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Groundwater model update</li> </ul> <p>Scope for research – Aboriginal Culture and Heritage.</p>
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**DAY 2**

**LOCATION**

**DATE / TIME**

Thursday 25 March  
 10am

Santos Shopfront Conference Room  
 Maitland Street, Narrabri

**FACILITATOR**

Garry West

**MINUTE TAKER**

Penny Magann-Jones

**ATTENDEES**

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- ◆ Donald Craigie (Gomeroi Native Title Applicant)

- ◆ Edward Trindall (Narrabri LALC)
- ◆ Clifford Toomey (Wee Waa LALC)
- ◆ Haydn Kreicbergs (Santos)

**APOLOGIES**

- ◆ Phil Purcell (NSW Planning & Environment)

**GUESTS**

Nil

**Discussions**

NO.	DISCUSSIONS
1. Welcome	The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and acknowledged Gomeroi country on which the meeting was held as well as Elders past, present and future and all Aboriginal persons present.
2. ACHMP Presentation	<p><b>Overview/Background</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New sites identified and managed in conjunction with Gomeroi people.</li> <li>• Avoidance Principals enacted under ACHMP and pre-clearance surveys.</li> <li>• Pre-Clearance Surveys – Culture and Heritage officers present and surveys will be required on both public and private land.</li> <li>• Santos will fully resource ACHWG.</li> <li>• Santos to operate under internal processes under regulated Acts.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Managing organisation/body to employ Culture and Heritage Officers.</li> </ul> <p>Q: Why are Baradine and Pilliga not involved in this process?        A: Registered Aboriginal Parties cover 556 interested parties. Baradine and Pilliga did not register. Red Chief is also not represented under the Development Consent Conditions.</p> <p>Q: What biodiversity offsets will be put in place?        A: Santos currently in process of acquiring land to purchase and the use of LALC land to secure biodiversity requirements.</p> <p><b>Cultural Heritage Management</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Avoidance of known and identified cultural heritage</li> <li>Cultural Heritage Assessment Request           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site Management Action Requests</li> </ul> </li> <li>Cultural Heritage Procedures</li> <li>Key Controls – GIS etc.</li> <li>Cultural heritage induction and awareness training</li> </ul> <p><b>Approval Process</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Defined work scope and location from project manager</li> <li>Due diligence assessment of proposed area</li> <li>Work Program issued to cultural heritage coordinator</li> <li>Nomination of CHO's and Technical Advisor</li> <li>On-ground pre-clearance survey</li> <li>Report generated</li> <li>Reporting and approval conditions</li> <li>Implementation of procedures and conditions during on-ground activities</li> </ul> <p><b>New Finds</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work ceased immediately</li> <li>A temporary exclusion zone around the location is implemented</li> <li>On-site supervisor contacts Santos cultural heritage team</li> <li>Santos notifies the cultural heritage coordinator</li> <li>Inspection of New Find</li> <li>Document and capture recommendations</li> <li>Work re-commences following notification from the cultural heritage team</li> <li>Previous issues with contractors not ceasing works when Cultural Heritage Officers identified potential new site will be handled by Penny.</li> <li>All new finds to be added to AHIMS.</li> </ul> <p><b>Human Remains</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work ceased immediately</li> <li>A temporary exclusion zone around the location is implemented</li> <li>On-site supervisor contacts Santos cultural heritage team</li> <li>Santos reports discovery to NSW police or Coroner</li> <li>Advice will be provided for on-ground activity</li> <li>On-ground activity may re-commence following notification from the cultural heritage team OR work must be redesigned to avoid area.</li> </ul> <p><b>Mandatory On-ground requirements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work must stop immediately if new cultural heritage material is discovered           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use the discovery of new cultural heritage and discovery of potential human skeletal material procedures</li> </ul> </li> <li>Always drive on approved roads, tracks and rights-of-way</li> <li>Land disturbance is prohibited without an approved cultural heritage assessment request (CHAR)           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Always comply with any conditions attached to a CHAR</li> <li>Work must stop immediately if new cultural heritage material is discovered</li> </ul> </li> <li>Always treat cultural heritage with respect</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Never enter cultural heritage exclusion zones</li> <li>○ Never collected cultural heritage</li> <li>● Never take photographs of cultural heritage sites or material</li> </ul>
5. General business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Meeting frequency – Next ACHAG meeting to be held when NSW Planning Secretary signs off on ACHMP.</li> </ul>

## Actions

NO.	ACTIONS	ACTION BY	DUE DATE
1	Members to review ACHMP and give feedback to Haydn	All	7/4/21
2	Haydn to send ACHMP presentation to members.	Haydn	ASAP

## Next Meeting

To be advised.