

MEETING MINUTES

Narrabri Gas Project (NGP)

Community Consultative Committee (CCC)

Meeting # 3

DATE / TIME

19 October 2021
9:40am

LOCATION

The Crossing Theatre (Exhibition Room)
Tibbereena Street, Narrabri

FACILITATOR

Garry West

MINUTE TAKER

Trish Dandridge

ATTENDEES

- ◆ Garry West (Independent Chair)
- ◆ Rohan Boehm (People for the Plains)
- ◆ Peter Brookhouse (Community)
- ◆ Jocelyn Cameron (CWA)
- ◆ Annie Moody (Santos)
- ◆ Andrew Snars (Santos)
- ◆ David Scilley (NSW Farmers)
- ◆ Russell Stewart (Narrabri Chamber of Commerce)
- ◆ Lynn Trindall (Narrabri LALC)
- ◆ Jack Warnock (Community)
- ◆ Cr Cathy Redding (Narrabri Shire Council)
- ◆ Cr Rob Kneale (Narrabri Shire Council)
- ◆ Jocellin Jansson (North West LLS)
- ◆ Todd Dunn (Santos)

APOLOGIES

Nil

GUESTS

- ◆ Stephen O'Donoghue (Director Resource Assessments, Department of Planning, Industry and Environment)

Discussions

No	Discussions
<p>1. Welcome</p> <p>Introduction of Steve O'Donoghue (via Teams)</p> <p>Code of Conduct</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Chair welcomed Steve O'Donoghue.</p> <p>The Chair advised that he had issued Rohan Boehm with a breach of the Code of Conduct in line with the DPIE CCC Guidelines, as a result of actions he initiated after the last CCC meeting.</p> <p>The Chair reminded everyone that the purpose of the CCC is to be a forum for</p>

<p>Questions and comments Stephen O'Donoghue</p>	<p>discussion between the proponent, representatives of the community, stakeholder groups and the local council on issues directly relating to the project. The CCC is not a decision making or regulatory body and are only to perform an advisory and consultative role and is not a forum for challenging the consent. Additionally, there is no role for any legal interference in the duties of the CCC members and, as common courtesy, if there is a need to communicate outside of the meetings, these communications should do so through the Chair.</p> <p>The Chair requested that any additional agenda items be sent to him with enough time to consider, prepare and add to the agenda before the next meeting.</p> <p>Stephen O'Donoghue reinforced the Chairs position on the above items and stated that the DPIE makes the decisions on the Committee for final appointment.</p> <p>Q. In relation to the Community Benefit Fund (CBF):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have the guidelines been finalised and if not, when will they be finalised? • Is the fund currently running and if not when will it be running? <p>A. The guidelines are not yet finalised, the team is preparing these based on consultation that occurred in 2020. This review process is still ongoing, however, it should be finalised within the next six months.</p> <p>Action: Request a response from the Department to be sought and Stephen to take this back to the Department of Mining, Exploration and Geoscience (MEG) for a formal response regarding the timing.</p> <p>Q. Why has the fund reduced from \$160 million predicted a few years ago to now closer to \$80 million?</p> <p>Q. How is it calculated? e.g. is it on price of the gas at the well head at the time or the basis of the profitability of gas at the time?</p> <p>A. Santos responded that it is calculated based on 10% of the Royalties payment to the NSW Government. The value of \$160 million mentioned is pre 2016 prior to the oil price reducing, which was consistent with the expected royalties of \$1.6 billion at that time. Post 2016 the expected royalties was estimated at \$1.2 billion and therefore the CBF was estimated at \$120 million as shown in the EIS.</p> <p>Q. Is the fund able to be enhanced by contributions by other people?</p> <p>A. Santos response is no, the way it is structured is that Santos contribute 10% of Royalties and are then reimbursed a portion of that number through the NSW Government. Santos are not looking for the community to invest in the CBF.</p> <p>A. Stephen clarified that Santos pay 10% of the Royalties into the CBF and then Santos receives a 50% rebate on the amount of the CBF contribution.</p> <p>Q. Can we have confirmation that the members of this CCC are not to be involved in the CBF?</p> <p>A. No. The previous CBF guidelines stated CCC members will not be involved with the CBF.</p> <p>Q. At what point of time are the royalties paid, how frequent are the periods in which the royalties are paid? E.g. quarterly, monthly, annually?</p> <p>A. Santos to clarify the frequency and what point in time the Royalties are paid.</p>
<p>2. Minutes – Confirmation</p> <p>Actions Arising</p>	<p>Chair asked if there was any further concerns or questions in relation to the previous minutes. No issues were raised.</p> <p>The minutes were confirmed:</p> <p>Moved: Russell Stewart Seconded: Jack Warnock Carried</p>

<p>Correspondence</p>	<p>1. GHD to be invited to attend future CCC meeting As there is only preliminary and baseline work, GHD availability to come to future meetings will remain as an action moving forward. This action has not been completed due to Covid-19 restrictions.</p> <p>2. CSIRO (GISERA) to be invited to attend future CCC meeting CSIRO (GISERA) will remain as a forward action.</p> <p>3. Bushfire Management Plan discussion with Peter Brookhouse (to be discussed outside of CCC). Carried forward.</p> <p>The Chair tabled correspondence received from the CEO of the CWA of NSW on behalf of the CWA Namoi Group. The letter specifically referred to Freedom of Information documents from the Queensland department of Environment and Science. Santos provided the following verbal response: The letter talks to an incident relating to our Queensland operations concerning a loss of containment from a cooling line on a transfer pump. This pump is designed to move water from a holding tank to a centralised processing facility. On the 21st May 2019 there was a failure of the cooling line on the pump which resulted in the loss of produced water with no harm to the environment. There were initially two Penalty Infringement Notices issued relating to this failure which were later revoked by the Department, as it was determined there was no environmental harm. These were replaced with a single Penalty Infringement Notice for \$13,055 which related to a contravention of environmental authority for maintenance of plant or equipment. Santos engineering design had specified the cooling line (approximately 10mm) be made of 316 stainless steel but was instead supplied by the manufacturer with copper and was not identified during the quality assurance checks. The third question raised in the CWA letter, related to nine losses of containment incidents referred to in the 2020 Santos Annual Report (letter specified p39 of the 2019 Annual Report incorrectly). Response. This is referring to loss of containment events which are recorded any time gas, flammable or caustic liquids escape from the specified containment such as a tank or pipe. There are two tiers for rating loss of containment events, Tier 1 and Tier 2. The Tier does not refer to the level of environmental harm, it is related to the potential of the event. The events recorded were located in WA, SA and Qld and are not related to the Narrabri Gas Project. CCC members expressed the following concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stated letter is not referring to the Narrabri area, rather another area where Santos is established. • The content of the letter is beyond the expertise and responsibility of this CCC to respond to and should be directed to Santos. <p>A motion was moved (Russell Stewart) and seconded (Jocellin Jansson) that correspondence involving technical questions be sent directly to Santos for direct response. Following discussion, the motion was withdrawn on the advice that the Chair would develop a process for dealing with correspondence addressed to the CCC requesting technical responses. Action: Chair to establish a formal process for dealing with correspondence addressed to the CCC requesting technical responses and report back to a future meeting. Santos advised they were not in a position to discuss the current court action brought by the Australasian Centre for Corporate Responsibility (ACCR) which was raised by Rohan Boehm.</p>
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	Santos also advised Rohan Boehm's question regarding Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions are specified in Consent Condition B20.
3. Santos Update	<p>Andrew Snars (Santos – Regional Manager)</p> <p>Andrew provided CCC Members with a company update via a presentation.</p> <p>**Note: Minutes are to be read in conjunction with Santos presentation **</p> <p>Key topics presented included;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Company Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Roma milestone and celebration of 60 years of gas • NGP Development and Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NGP indicative timeline and scope ○ Staged development ○ Phase 1 activities • Approvals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stakeholder consultation ○ Consultation process • NGP Management Plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Noise Management Plan (NMP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Overview ▪ Consultation process ▪ Next steps
Discussion points	<p>In relation to Phase 1 activity and proposed new infrastructure a question of clarification was raised.</p> <p>Q. What is the total number of wells currently and then new in Phase 1? A. Approximately 32 current appraisal wells in the field with six new wells to be constructed in Phase 1. One of the limitations of consent is that Santos is not allowed to flare gas from appraisal wells at the well lease, it has to transport gas to Bibblewindi and onto Wilga Park Power Station (WPPS) for beneficial use.</p> <p>Q. Does that increase WWPS maximum capacity? A. WPPS currently has 22MW installed and approval for 40MW. There is not a lot of unused capacity from the 22MW currently installed and at this stage there weren't plans to expand this facility. Expanding would require further approvals through Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) to expand.</p> <p>Q. What is the purpose of flaring? A. The purpose of flaring is to turn methane into carbon dioxide by ignition. The CO2 produced has a smaller environmental impact.</p> <p>Q. Is the well head design fixed or is there room for a change in design? A. It is fixed based on Santos experience across our CSG operations.</p> <p>Q. As there is a lot of clearing around the well head and distance from the forest edge, is there some form of protection to use that area. A. One of the consent conditions limits Santos to do general clearing and size is determined based on safe clearing to operate a rig. For drilling operations we need a one hectare area to safely operate that rig including exclusion zones. Following rehabilitation there remains a sterile zone around the wellhead infrastructure.</p> <p>Action: Feedback on Noise Management Plan (NMP) to be returned to Santos by 15 November 2021. Action: Electronic feedback form to be emailed to members. Members can use electronic or hard copy feedback form.</p> <p>Q. Is it a requirement of the CCC to review the Noise Management Plan (NMP)? A. It is a requirement for the CCC to be consulted on this plan.</p> <p>Q. Has the EPA received the NMP? A. Yes the EPA have already received the NMP and they have their technical team</p>

<p>Advisory Groups Updates</p>	<p>reviewing this.</p> <p>Q. If a landholder wants to complain about the noise, what steps need to be taken? A. The NMP includes a section that covers the complaints process and steps that Santos would be required to undertake.</p> <p>Q. Will the NMP be sent to Council for comment? A. As the Council representative you are welcome to take it back to Council and their Planning Department for review and comment/feedback.</p> <p>Q. Are there any legacy comments for Santos going into Phase 2? A. The NMP has been developed for Phase 1 only so a new NMP will be developed and consulted with the required stakeholders prior to Phase 2.</p> <p>Chair reported on the following Advisory Group meetings:</p> <p>ACHAG – several meetings have occurred to consider the draft ACH Management Plan which has now been submitted to DPIE for determination. WTAG – meetings held to consider draft water management plans. BAG – Only one meeting to date. GHGEAG – Only one meeting to date.</p> <p>Advisory Group minutes are available on the project website.</p>
<p>5. General Business</p>	<p>Q. Is there any consultation between Santos and the Hunter Gas Line Proposal? A. No it is a separate project to the NGP, but we understand they have been engaging Councils and landholders on the route.</p> <p>Q. Do you have any guidance on when we can expect to hear from the APA CCC? A. APA recently received their revised SEARs and are currently working through the additional requirements of the Western Slopes Pipeline (WSP) EIS. We expect APA will contact the WSP CCC in the coming months.</p> <p>Jocellin Jansson advised that the North West Local Land Services has been tasked to manage the Shenhua Mine land not sold.</p> <p>The Chair advised he planned four meetings per year with the CCC with extra meetings if needed. Suggested dates for next year include:</p> <p>15 February 2022 17 May 2022 16 August 2022 15 November 2022</p> <p>If CCC members are finding it difficult to get through the draft Noise MP, or there is substantial feedback, we may require another CCC meeting before the end of this year.</p> <p>Meeting closed 11.40am.</p>

Actions

NO.	ACTIONS	ACTION BY	DUE DATE
1	GHD to be invited to attend future CCC meeting	Andrew Snars	On going
2	CSIRO (GISERA) to be invited to future CCC meeting	Chair	On going
4	Bushfire Management Plan discussions	Andrew Snars	Outside of CCC meeting
5	Community Benefits Fund timing of payouts to be clarified	Chair / DPIE	Next CCC Meeting

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6	Chair to establish a formal process for dealing with correspondence addressed to the CCC requesting technical responses and report back to a future meeting.	Chair	Next CCC Meeting
7	Feedback on Noise Management Plan to be returned to Santos by 15 November 2021.	CCC members	15 November 2021
8	Electronic feedback form to be emailed to members. Members can use electronic or hard copy feedback form.	Chair	Post CCC Meeting

Next Meeting (TBC)

15 February 2022