

# MEETING MINUTES

## Narrabri Gas Project (NGP)

### Community Consultive Committee (CCC)

#### DATE / TIME

8<sup>th</sup> September 2022  
9:40am

#### LOCATION

Santos Shop Front Conference Room,  
Narrabri

#### FACILITATOR

Garry West

#### MINUTE TAKER

Lyn Firth

#### ATTENDEES

- ◆ Garry West (Independent Chair)
- ◆ Russell Stewart (Narrabri Chamber of Commerce)
- ◆ Lyn Trindall (Narrabri LALC)
- ◆ Rohan Boehm (People of the Plans)
- ◆ Cr Robert Browning (Narrabri Shire Council)
- ◆ Andrew Snars (Santos)
- ◆ Todd Dunn (Santos)
- ◆ Servaes van der Meulen (Environmental Consultant)

#### APOLOGIES

Jocellin Jansson, Annie Moody, Cr Cathy Redding,  
Jocelyn Cameron

## Discussions

NO.	DISCUSSIONS
1. Welcome	Chair welcomed and thanked all members for their attendance and acknowledged Gomeroi country on which the meeting was held as well as Elders past, present and future and all Aboriginal persons present.
Declaration of Interest	Chair noted the resignation of Jack Warnock as he has sold his property and relocating away from Narrabri.
Recording of Minutes	The chair asked if there were any new declarations of conflict of interest. Rohan Boehm pointed out that he was attending the meeting as a representative of People of the Plains rather than the Narrabri Shire Council.  The chair asked members if there was any objection to the recording of the minutes for secretariat purposes with the minute's audio being deleted once the minutes were final and approved. There was no objection.
2. Minutes of the Previous Minutes	<b>Actions arising</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The minutes have been circulated and minor amendments made. These have been uploaded and are available on the project website.</li> <li>• Annie Moody is on six months leave so will not be on the committee for the interim. She is still a member of the committee going forward.</li> </ul>
3. Correspondence	CWA letter dated 28 July 2022, copy provided to attendees. Santos will respond and provide the chair with a copy.
4. Santos Update	<b>Santos Corporate Update</b> Andrew Snars <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Santos half-year results for 2022 released 17<sup>th</sup> August.</li> <li>• Purchase of the Hunter Gas Pipeline approval in August</li> <li>• Sanctioned recently - the Pikka project in North Slope of Alaska.</li> </ul>

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**Narrabri Gas Project Update** Todd Dunn

- Once approval of the management plans is received, Santos will commence appraisal drilling – this consists of 6 pilot wells, 4 core holes, and a water monitoring network. The seismic survey will not be included in the first revision of the Field Development Plan. The seismic covers a broader area and the scouting for this will be done later.
- Plans approved are: Cultural Heritage, Historic Heritage, Field Development Protocol, Waste (not including salt), Chemical Risk Assessment Framework. The remaining plans are being progressed. Once approved, they will be circulated through the chair.

Q. Is the salt plan going to be covered today?

A. No.

Q. Has the Produced Salt Beneficial Reuse and Disposal Study been approved?

A. No, it has been submitted to DPE but not yet approved.

Q. The beneficial reuse of the salt has been questioned for many years. Is it correct that Santos has entered into an arrangement to remove all salts to Qld without any beneficial reuse?

A. No – that is not correct. The salt study will be circulated when available. This study looks at beneficial reuse options. There are two components to this study:

- 1) Show beneficial reuse options and what is being assessed e.g. field trials underway
- 2) Demonstrating that there is capacity within the waste sector to legally accept this waste.

The Salt Study is being developed for Phase 1 and will be updated for Phase 2.

Q. Does Narrabri have to rely on government departments to gain direction for what is going to happen in the area of industrial reuse of salt and the resulting resource? Rohan spoke about the amount and variety of industrial development that is currently occurring in Narrabri, and the lack of information that is forthcoming from various government departments. He said it was “unuseful” to not be informed of the projects relating to the reuse of the salt, which has been talked about for about 12 years. The community needs to be engaged in what is happening.

A. Santos have engaged extensively concerning the beneficial reuse of salt and the various options. We have engaged with council and other representative bodies and worked through the conditions of consent and have done so transparently. We have also consulted with the community over a long period of time.

Once the trials are complete and the options have been assessed, we will be in a position to engage with the community about the preferred way forward.

The condition B69(b) talks about the consultation process – it does not involve the broader community at this stage.

**Hunter Gas Pipeline Overview**

The pipeline is not part of this CCC but it is intrinsically linked to the Narrabri Gas Project.

The focus for Stage 1 is the Narrabri to Hexham section of the line.

There is an approved route, but the final route will be subject to ecological studies and landowner preferences and other factors such as topography.

The pipeline was originally approved back in 2009 and extended in 2019. The pipeline approval now goes through to October 2024.

Q. Is this a significantly smaller pipeline than what was originally specified?

A. The approved size is 20 inch. The size does not change the disturbance footprint or the size of the corridor.

Q. Are you aware that there are a significant number of people that will be impacted by this pipeline but are not aware of that?

A. Santos has commenced engagement with landholders along the route who are directly impacted by the project. The land access team are starting one-on-one program to progress access agreements to facilitate the ecological studies.

Q. The point of connectivity between that pipeline and the project - is that a new EIS?

A. We expect that will require a separate approval.

Q. So when will people get to know what is involved?

A. That will commence shortly and we will advise all relevant stakeholders once we are in a position to do so.

Q. Was \$100million paid for the approval?

A. It is a commercial arrangement and we will not be disclosing this information.

Q. Previous pipelines were not well compensated for the disturbance caused. The report said that a fair bit of the funding would go to purchasing access as opposed to compensation for access.

A. We're unable to comment on compensation for other companies and I'm not sure what report is being referenced. There are two parts of the compensation. Access for survey, which is underway. Then there is separate compensation for the development based on land and loss of production, disturbance to lifestyle etc. That amount has not yet been determined.

Q. Would it be based on the Just Terms Compensation Act?

A. No, Just Terms Compensation Act only applies when a voluntary agreement can't be reached and an easement is granted. The voluntary agreements are dealt with using other factors.

Q. What proportion of hydrogen will the pipeline take?

A. The pipeline will need to consider hydrogen as part of the design process. This will future proof the project for expected hydrogen demand in the future. The exact proportion being investigated needs to take into account other constraints in the existing pipeline network.

The maps for the pipeline are publicly available. Very soon there will be an interactive map available showing the 200m wide corridor plus other route change requests. There have been over 100 requests received to date.

Todd spoke to the engagement with landowners that has occurred in the last month. Many landowner concerns have involved changing the route to minimise impacts on their properties including following fence lines where possible and Santos will work with landholders to deliver the best outcome possible. Through the surveys Santos will also be trying to minimise the environmental and cultural impacts of the Hunter Gas Pipeline.

Every landowner has unique requirements. In many instances, the depth that the pipeline is buried will meet the requirements of the landowner and their

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	<p>operations. The Pipeline Code of Practice is there to manage the risk with regard to specific land, environmental and operation characteristics.</p> <p>The Pipeline does not have a CCC requirement. However, there is merit in keeping the community informed about what is happening through updates at this meeting.</p> <p>The Chair also drew the meeting's attention to Condition of Consent A9(a) – Phase 2 cannot commence until planning approval is granted for a pipeline to deliver gas to the domestic gas network.</p> <p>A Hunter Gas Pipeline Fact Sheet was circulated and is publicly available. The website has a list of FAQs. Todd and Andrew will be pursuing extensive community engagement on this project.</p> <p>Santos can be contacted through a 1300 number, the shopfront is open and there is extensive community engagement about to commence.</p> <p>Q. Is 100% of the Narrabri Gas for the local market.        A. Yes. There has been no change to Santos' commitment that 100 per cent of Narrabri Gas will be delivered to the domestic market.</p> <p>Q. How many years is the life of the project.        A. 25 years.</p> <p>The chair directed Rohan to minutes of the previous minutes – refer to Q10.</p> <p>Andrew reported that workover pump maintenance will be starting next week in the Narrabri area and the PEL 1 seismic REF will be submitted shortly.</p>
<p>5. Field Development Plan (FDP) for Consultation</p>	<p>Presented by Servaes van der Meulen</p> <p>The Field Development Plan is required under consent condition B4. Details of how to provide feedback form part of the slide presentation</p> <p>Still waiting for a few items before the draft FDP can be released. The FDP will be circulated through the chair. The feedback process then begins.</p> <p>Slide – Proposed Infrastructure</p> <p>Q. Does the FDP have a plan for the additional water monitoring points that would be established during production?        A. No. Under the consent conditions we must update the ground water monitoring plan and the ground water modelling plan before the commencement of Phase 2. This is to get more data including core hole results so we understand more on the geology and that then gets built into the update of those plans which have to go back through the approval process for Phase 2.</p> <p>Q. Will this information be overlaid on other maps so that you can see where the allotments and boundaries are?        A. It becomes very busy. FDP will zoom into each site. Majority of the wells (7 of 11) are on private land. There are agreements in place with existing landowners. The four that are in the forestry area have existing agreements in place.</p> <p>Q. What will the impact on local government infrastructure and roads?        A. All the impacts from this are on forestry roads. X-Line is the primary route into the forest try and Santos try to avoid council roads. However, the council will be notified when vehicles are travelling on council roads and there will be an effort made to avoid school bus times and the like.</p>

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	<p>There are several well pads on privately owned land. There is locational criteria as per consent condition B1. These conditions form part of the agreement with the landowners.</p> <p>Q. In terms of those agreements, will that agreement form a caveat on the title so that when the land is transferred, future landowners are aware of this conditions that have been agreed upon with Santos.</p> <p>A. Currently in NSW, this is not required.</p> <p>Andrew will investigate and report back on this. Do well pads and infrastructure on private property need to be notated on the title?</p> <p>The FDP will provide full details for all well pads and will show full compliance with all requirements.</p> <p><b>Locational criteria as per consent condition B1.</b></p> <p>There is always an implicit understanding in the approval that Santos must show that their operations are minimising their impact on the environment.</p> <p>Q. In relation to the removed material, what happens to this?</p> <p>A. Depends on what it is. For example, for a hollow bearing tree, we would try to put it in an area for future rehabilitation. Some of the material is mulched and is retained on site.</p> <p>Q. Is there adequate knowledge about how the infrastructure will impact on the capacity of the fauna as it moves across the land? What happens to the travelling patterns for the fauna? Have you only looked at the surface disturbance per se and not the behaviour?</p> <p>A. This is part of the biodiversity management plan. The FDP zooms in on the detail. All the disturbance numbers there must be offset by biodiversity offsets in place before we commence work.</p> <p>Q. How do they operate?</p> <p>A. Again, this is in the biodiversity plan. This plan steps out what those impacts are and what offsets we have in place. The Biodiversity Management Plan will stipulate specific numbers.</p> <p>Q. So Santos have made plans to obtain these offsets in advance</p> <p>A. Yes. This is one of the required documents under consent.</p> <p><b>Cultural Heritage Clearance Survey</b></p> <p>Lynn Trindall spoke – The Aboriginal working group “regrounded” some of the areas that were already surveyed and it was noted that there were sites found but not recorded. It was explained to two Santos personnel and the archaeologist that the Aboriginals had records that are not on file because through the brigalow, permission was obtained from the DG to hold those records. If those records are needed, Santos are the only ones who have them besides the aboriginal groups. As a result, some of the work was readjusted to consider the new sites that were recorded.</p> <p>Lynn has been talking to other local Aboriginal groups and now has an extensive list of names who are interested in the next working group. It will be done on a roster system. Lynn has done much talking with some of the groups about the working relationship with Santos and gas exploration/ production and what is involved in the project and the working relationship with Santos.</p> <p>Narrabri Land Council will be the umbrella going forward. The avoidance principle (ie if there are areas and artefacts discovered they are avoided by Santos in their operations) was discussed.</p> <p>Q. It was understood that there is a group of native title owners/applicants. What is the situation in terms of acceptance of the project?</p> <p>A. (Lynn) Up until this year, there was no representative from Narrabri with the Native Title applicants for Gomerai. Over the years, we started working with the</p>
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	<p>local Gomerioi Narrabri community because they had a corporation in place in order to apply for native title. We are still working in partnership with that group.</p> <p>Q. If native title claimants don't agree to this overall plan, is there a threat that Native Title rights would be extinguished?</p> <p>A. (Todd) There are two things happening in respect to this:</p> <p>1) Santos are working through the National Native Title Tribunal and we expect a decision shortly. This is the process and Santos will continue to work within the framework provided.</p> <p>2) The Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisory Group build the framework of how Santos assess Aboriginal Cultural Heritage through the project. It goes to the working group who have a particular scope and then it goes to Lynn as the co-ordinator who will look at the scope. She engages Cultural Heritage officers who will undertake cultural surveys on the ground and who employ the avoidance principle. It will then come back to Santos for the final mapping layer. This is then built into the Santos plan to avoid impacts and how to protect those items through development and operation.</p> <p>Q. So could the Native title matter end up in the High Court? Is this a sovereign risk to the project?</p> <p>A. The decision of the tribunal affects the issuance of the petroleum production licenses and is not relevant for the appraisal stage. Santos will continue to engage with the applicant group representatives to reach an agreement.</p> <p><b>Construction requirements – air quality constraints</b></p> <p>Q. Will there be monitoring stations around the well pads?</p> <p>A. Most likely not because of the agreements with the landowners. If there is an agreement, you don't need these monitoring stations.</p> <p>Q. What happens if the landowner is ignorant?</p> <p>A. Santos tend to be a long way under the specified limits. There are 6 years of records for noise, dust etc levels and these can be shared with the landowner. If there are concerns, monitoring equipment can be installed, and any complaints would be investigated as outlined in the plan, but this is not predicted.</p> <p>Q. Is there independent monitoring?</p> <p>A. There is already monitoring happening. It will come through the Environment Protection Licence requirements. B18 is the consent condition relevant but does not apply if there is a landowner agreement.</p> <p>Todd - In terms of dust and noise, Santos already have data on all operating equipment. Santos has a high level of confidence of the expected noise impacts from experience, but there will be some verification of that noise through development.</p> <p>Q. Will it be independent?</p> <p>A. Santos must submit information to the EPA regularly to demonstrate compliance. The EPA can come in and do independent monitoring.</p>
<p>6. Consultation Schedule</p>	<p>Todd advised that the preference is for email to ensure there is a trail of correspondence.</p> <p>Santos is looking for a two-week period for feedback. Feedback goes through the chair which in turn is channelled back to Santos. All feedback is attached to the management plan and a clean version, and a track change version is also submitted.</p>

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7. Proponent Reports	<p>Advisory Group Meetings to be held in the next 10 days:</p> <p>Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisory Group          BioDiversity Advisory Group          Water Technical Advisory Group          Greenhouse Gas Advisory Group</p>
8. Member Updates	No updates.
9. General Business	<p>There is a Piliga Defenders meeting at Yarrie Lake on 15<sup>th</sup> September.          Q. Is Santos supplying water tanks for that gathering?          A. No.</p> <p>Q. Is the recent press relating to the mayors' contracts with Santos relevant?          A. This is not correct and not related to this committee.</p> <p>Q. Would Santos be interested in accessing the data from the test bore that is being drilled at Yarrie Lake in the next month to a depth of 300m?          A. Noted</p> <p>Q. Is the Festival of Rugby part of the Santos commitment to the community? Where does the money end up in terms of transparency?          A. Santos sponsor Australian Rugby. Santos has only paid for infrastructure to undertake the event on presentation of invoices. It is outside the scope of this committee.</p> <p>Next Meeting: Early November, date to be confirmed</p> <p>Meeting closed: 11:50pm</p>

**Actions**

NO.		ACTION BY	DUE DATE
1	Do well pads and infrastructure on private property need to be notated on the title?	Andrew	Next meeting
2	Circulate Draft FDP for Consultation	Chair	ASAP

**Next Meeting: TBA**