

# MEETING MINUTES

## Narrabri Gas Project (NGP)

### Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisory Group (ACHAG)

#### DATE / TIME

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023  
1:36pm

#### LOCATION

Santos Shopfront Conference Room  
125 Maitland Street Narrabri NSW 2390  
Microsoft Teams

#### FACILITATOR

Garry West

#### MINUTE TAKER

Penny Magann-Jones

#### ATTENDEES

- ◆ Garry West (Independent Chair)
- ◆ Ian Brown (Gomeri Native Title Representative)
- ◆ Dorothy Tighe (Gomeri Native Title Representative)
- ◆ Clifford Toomey (Wee Waa LALC)
- ◆ Edward Trindall (Narrabri LALC)
- ◆ Jodie Benton (Independent Expert)
- ◆ Nicole Davis (Heritage NSW - DPE)
- ◆ Haydn Kreicbergs (Santos)

#### GUEST

Todd Dunn (Santos)

#### APOLOGIES

Nil

## Discussions

| NO.   | DISCUSSIONS   |
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| 1. Welcome  | <p>Chair thanked all members for their attendance and welcomed new Advisory Group to the meeting.</p> <p>Gomeri Elder Edward Trindall welcomed all to country and the group observed a minute's silence.</p>  |
| 2. Declaration of pecuniary interests/Code of Conduct     | <p>Ian Brown and Dorothy Tighe new representatives of Gomeri Claim Group, both received ACHAG Code of Conduct forms and completed documents were submitted to the Chair at the conclusion of the meeting.</p> <p>The Chair asked if there were any new declarations of interest. Nil.</p> |
| 3. Confirmation of previous minutes and business arising  | <p>Minutes of last meeting circulated. No adjustments were required and were finalised.</p> <p>The Field Development Plan will be recirculated to members.</p>  |
| 4. Presentations<br><br><b>Santos Update</b><br>Todd Dunn | <p>Presentation: Santos delivered a presentation.</p> <p>Agenda items included:</p>   |

### Santos Corporate Update

- Todd Dunn provided an updated about Santos' financial results and business priorities.
- Legal challenges with regard to the Barossa Project
- Pikka project (in Alaska) progressing well.
- Moomba CCS project seen as strategic project for Santos to decarbonise the energy supply chain.
- Santos is also investigating future projects in the clean fuels area – more information is available on the Santos website.

### Narrabri Gas Project Update

- All the Phase 1 secondary approvals including management plans received and available on the Narrabri Gas Project website.
- Phase 1 activity has commenced, and the shallow water bore program is underway which will provide further data to help inform groundwater model updates.
- There is still significant work to be done before the commencement of Phase 2 including 12 to 18 months of appraisal data.
- Santos is focused on progressing remaining approvals including the Petroleum Production Leases (PPLs) for the Narrabri Gas Project, and the Pipeline Licences (PL) for the Hunter Gas Pipeline (HGP) and Narrabri Lateral Pipeline (NLP).
- The Native Title Tribunal made a positive determination which has been appealed. Santos has not received any guidance on the timing of future hearings.

Q: How does it protect sky country?

A: ACHAG members had considerable input into the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan which is available on our website.

A key outcome of the EIS process and subsequent NSW Government Conditions of Consent is the undertaking of an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Research Project in the NGP area. Consultation with ACHWG members is ongoing regarding what Aboriginal cultural heritage or values across the project area should be considered as a part of the research.

Within the Narrabri Gas Project, work on the construction of the shallow water monitoring bores has commenced. This is fulfilling some of the commitments to install new monitoring points in the Groundwater Monitoring Plan for Phase 1 of the NGP. Construction will continue until about July with 10 bores to be installed in the Pilliga and Digby formation.

Q: How shallow will the monitoring bores be drilled?

A: Information regarding monitoring bores can be found in the Groundwater Management Plan available on our website. Depths can range from 100 metres to 500 metres. Water Monitoring Network will provide baseline data required to meet Conditions of Consent including informing the groundwater model update.

Q: Is pollution data captured and what about the fly ash from the power station?

A: Emissions are captured in Annual Reports to government. In relation to emissions from the power station these are captured but does not create ash as methane burns with no particulates.

Further discussion in relation to power generation from methane.

Q: Is there monitoring of wells at the moment?

A: Gas and water monitoring is tracked and reported. Similarly water monitoring bore data is available on the water portal.

Q: On the tour tomorrow will we be visiting the Bibblewindi spill site?

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|  | <p>A: Yes we will be attending this site as part of the site tour.</p> <p><b>Hunter Gas Pipeline Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The original consent was given in 2010 and there was an extension given to October 2024.</li> <li>The preferred route was selected based on minimising impacts on landholders and the environment. Although Santos acquired data from the previous proponent, there remains further environmental and cultural heritage surveys, and landholder engagement required to finalise the alignment.</li> <li>Santos is liaising with landowners, councils, and other parties along the route to ensure the pipeline meets current and future requirements.</li> <li>Todd spoke to the granting by the NSW Government of Authority to Survey (ATS) but stressed that this would be used as a last resort only.</li> </ul> <p>Q: Are Hunter Gas Pipeline route maps publicly available?<br/>         A: Interactive map is available on the Hunter Gas Pipeline website.</p> <p><b>Narrabri Lateral Pipeline Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is the pipeline link between the Narrabri Gas Project and the Hunter Gas Pipeline.</li> <li>Santos is working through the process to obtain approval for the project through the development of an EIS. The project has been declared Critical State Significant Infrastructure (CSSI), a Scoping Report has been submitted and the SEARs have been issued.</li> </ul> |
| 5. General Business                                  | Nil  |
| 6. Action:<br>Provide Section 10 update with minutes | <p><b>Section 10 update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Santos was made aware that a Section 10 application under the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984 (ATSIHP Act) relating to the Narrabri Gas Project was at a preliminary stage. Santos to date has not received any additional information regarding the matter. The advisory group will be kept up to date regarding any developments.</li> </ul>   |

**Actions**

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**Next Meeting**

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