

MEETING MINUTES

Narrabri Gas Project (NGP)

Community Consultive Committee (CCC)

DATE / TIME

16 May 2023
9:34am

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)
- ◆ Andrew Snars (Santos)
- ◆ Todd Dunn (Santos)
- ◆ Jocelyn Cameron (CWA)
- ◆ David Scilley (NSW Farmers)
- ◆ Stuart Murray (People for the Plains)
- ◆ Cr Cathy Redding (Narrabri Shire Council)
- ◆ Abby McClure (Santos)

APOLOGIES

Jocellin Jansson
Lynn Trindall (Narrabri LALC)
Cr Robert Browning (Narrabri Shire Council)

Discussions

NO.	DISCUSSIONS
1. Welcome Declaration of Interest Recording of Minutes	Chair welcomed and thanked all members for their attendance and acknowledged Gomeri country on which the meeting was held as well as Elders past, present and future and all First Nations persons present. The Chair asked if there were any new declarations of conflict of interest. None declared. The Chair asked members if there was any objection to the recording of the minutes for secretariat purposes with the minutes' audio being deleted once the minutes were final and approved. There was no objection.
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting Business Arising Correspondence	Actions arising The minutes have been circulated and finalised. They have been uploaded and are available on the project website. All actions from the previous meeting had been completed. There was no further business arising from the previous meeting. There was no correspondence. Todd commented on the questions he had received from Stuart Murray (representative for People for the Plains) – some of them would be dealt with as part of the presentation, but any that were not addressed would be referred to in general business.

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	<p>Stuart commended the question / response format where the questions were submitted in writing and answers were delivered in the same way. He felt that the community were being served well with this approach.</p>
<p>3. Santos Update</p>	<p>Corporate Update: Andrew Snars (Santos – Regional Manager) Refer to the slide presentation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revenue remains solid due to high resource prices and increasing demand for reliable energy supplies. • First quarter production down a little but this had been forecasted. • Base business of energy production and distribution is financing future decarbonisation and clean fuels projects. <p>Santos continues to focus on decarbonising its supply chain and is particularly focusing on carbon capture and storage technology. Andrew explained carbon capture to the meeting and Santos’ activities in this area.</p> <p>Q. Jocelyn Cameron – What does “FEED work” mean? A. Todd – Front End Engineering Design. Todd further explained where this process fitted in the life of project development.</p> <p>Q. Jocelyn Cameron – Are other countries that have substantial gas supplies working on similar projects? A. Todd – Yes, there are similar projects being introduced across the industry around the world and are a critical component to deliver on net zero targets.</p> <p>Q. Stuart Murray - Who will pay for the carbon capture? A. Andrew – Santos is investing heavily in this technology to fund projects such as Moomba CCS.</p> <p>Garry spoke of the announcement that had been made in Adelaide today by the Federal Resource Minister where companies such as Santos would be invited to expand their carbon capture activities.</p> <p>Narrabri Gas Project Update: Todd Dunn (Santos – Development Manager NSW & NT)</p> <p>Minor updates to some of the Management Plans will occur to reflect the change of location of a well. These will take place in H2 2023.</p> <p>Stuart spoke of an email that he had received from a farmer on the eastern side of the project. He has put down two new bores and offered them to Santos for monitoring purposes.</p> <p>Todd will refer that to the Santos water team.</p> <p>NGP Development update Working towards a final investment decision. Ecological scouting will continue through spring to inform the Phase 2 management plans.</p> <p>Hunter Gas Pipeline Work continues to progress the pipeline. Teams are engaging with landowners and progressing with land surveys. Both processes need to be undertaken to support finalisation of the pipeline alignment. Early engineering works to support the construction phase post sanction are occurring and will soon commence work on cultural heritage surveys. All form part of the final management plans required for DPE approval.</p> <p>Q. Garry - How much room is there to negotiate the route changes?</p>

A. Todd - Within the 200m corridor, there is complete flexibility, subject to complying with the consent conditions.
Q. Garry - Have there been requests for the route to be outside the corridor?
A. Todd - Yes. Moving outside the corridor is challenging and surveys need to be undertaken to allow that to take place. There is a feedback loop to give feedback to the landowners and the engagement process continues. The alignment will be updated as required but based on complying with the conditions of consent.

Narrabri Lateral Pipeline (NLP) Update

Extensive engagement with landowners is occurring on this project. There is a Land Access Agent advisor specifically engaging landowners on the proposed lateral pipeline route.

Andrew Snars spoke about Santos actively engaging with the community with regards to any concerns about the NLP. He encouraged the meeting participants to encourage the community to utilise the Santos shopfront which is open during business hours 5 days a week. Santos staff are always available to answer questions.

There is a Hunter Gas Pipeline website available which shows the proposed route of the pipelines and a lot of additional information. Questions can be asked via the contact details on the website.

Todd spoke about the upcoming Hunter Gas Pipeline and Narrabri Lateral Pipeline information sessions planned along the pipeline route from the 29 May.

Q. David Scilley - Is the route of the gas line that goes from Leewood across to the Hunter Gasline along Scratch Road?

A. Todd - No - it will come south along the existing infrastructure line down the X line Road then passes through the forest.

Q. David Scilley - What provisions have been made in the case of a fire? Are you going to have water sources there?

A. Todd - The pipeline is buried so there is no exposure for the pipeline to fire. The pipeline also has a receiver station at the start and finish. All the equipment above ground is built to withstand fire, and there are sterile gravel areas around them to act as a buffer.

Santos has advised that its water resources are available to the RFS and FCNSW in the event of a fire. The RFS know where all the Santos infrastructure is and Santos do not expect the RFS to protect this infrastructure in the event of a fire.

Todd talked through the NLP EIS Assessment Process and opportunities for landholders and the community to provide feedback – see slide.

When the NLP project goes on public exhibition, it is expected to be on display for approximately 4 weeks. Santos will circulate through the chair as soon as the project goes on public exhibition outlining the time frames to provide feedback and comment. Santos will have undertaken extensive community consultation and engagement before the environmental impact statement is submitted to the NSW Government for public exhibition.

Community members can also go to the Department of Planning's Major Projects website and register their interest. As soon as the project is put on public exhibition, community members can receive a notification. Through the chair, this link will be sent out to delegates.

There is no obligation for the CCC members to respond or make submissions on the NLP EIS.

	<p>Exploration Program and Other Updates</p> <p>PEL 1 & 12 seismic works were undertaken during February / March 2023. Prior to the activity commencing, there were some questions raised from the public relating to the impact on the koala population during this seismic activity. In order to address this concern, Santos engaged a fauna spotter on site to work in front of the trucks to identify koalas. There were a couple spotted at a distance, and this information was reported back to a researcher at the University of Sydney.</p> <p>PEL 1 – Kahlua reactivation. The Review of Environmental Factors (REF) has been approved and works are proposed to commence in Q3 2023. Further landholder and key stakeholder engagement will occur prior to this work commencing. Scouting is being undertaken for future minimum tenure commitments.</p> <p>PEL 238/ PAL 2 / NGP – operations workovers and monitoring bore completions as well as the Tintfield Pilot Workovers & Pond upgrade works.</p> <p>Wilga Park Power Station (WPPS) – a minor modification to the existing approval is planned to accept gas from the HGP during Phases 1, 2 & 3 to minimise flaring.</p> <p>Santos in the Community</p> <p>Refer to the slide presentation showing Santos 'presence in community activities.</p>
<p>4. Advisory Group Updates</p>	<p>Chair advised that Jack Warnock and Conrad Bolton have resigned from the WTAG and David Cameron has been appointed as a groundwater user. Patrick Tapp, Forestry representative has retired and he will be replaced on the BAG. Stuart Day has retired from the GHGEAG.</p> <p>Advisory Groups will meet as required or a minimum of twice a year as per the conditions of consent.</p>
<p>5. Member Updates</p>	<p>Q. Stuart Murray - Jack Warnock was once a representative of the CCC. Has he been replaced? A - Garry West - This was discussed with the Department, and it was felt that the landowner component of the committee was covered by David Scilley's representation.</p>
<p>6. General Business</p>	<p>Russell Stewart spoke about Narrabri Business Awards – Santos is a major sponsor. This sponsorship enables the ticket prices to be affordable to the local business owners.</p> <p>Refer attached – questions asked by People for the Plains via Stuart Murray.</p> <p>Q1. How can 10000 litres of spill kill 1.7 hectares?</p> <p>A. Todd spoke to the incident that occurred in 2011 when the Narrabri Gas Project was owned and operated by the previous proponent. Santos took over the Project following this event and the spill was reported in February 2012. As the new owner of the asset, Santos was prosecuted and received a notice to rehabilitate the site. Santos has been progressing this rehabilitation and the site is assessed by ecologists annually. A recent report stated that the site was “demonstrating good ecological diversity and is well progressed towards meeting all performance criteria including a self-sustaining vegetative community”. In terms of the spill, Santos were not the Operator at the time of the incident, and it has no specific information concerning the spill</p>

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	<p>other than what has been previously provided to the regulator. Santos, as the current operator, is under notice to rehabilitate the site and will continue to do so until it has been signed off by the landowner and the regulator.</p> <p>Reference to the previous response provided at the February CCC meeting.</p> <p>Stuart was not satisfied with the answer and expressed his frustration that no one would specifically answer this question – he could not understand how so little water could affect such a large area. He pointed out that the public would draw their own conclusion as to why Santos would not answer.</p> <p>Stuart will also forward questions and his response to the 2011 spill – some of it has not been recorded or put down in the minutes but he would like it to be included in the record.</p> <p>Garry reiterated that the incident occurred under the ownership of Eastern Star Gas and speculating about incident without facts is inappropriate.</p> <p>Additional questions raised by the People for the Plains and Santos responses to be provided with May CCC meeting minutes.</p> <p>Stuart tabled further questions which would be referred to Santos.</p> <p>Q. Jocelyn – Is there any update on the Native Title Tribunal determination specific to the Narrabri Gas Project? A. Todd – The appeal of the National Native Title Tribunal determination will be heard by the Federal Court, and this is likely to be heard in August. Details relating to this have not yet been finalised.</p> <p>Next meeting – Quarterly CCC meetings will continue. However, Todd mentioned that some management plans may need a consultation process, perhaps outside that timeline. Further meetings will be held as required.</p> <p>Meeting closed: 10:47 am</p>
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Actions

NO.		ACTION BY	DUE DATE
1	Link to the NSW Department of Major Projects website for registration of interest in upcoming projects if members wish to register.	Chairman	ASAP

Next Meeting: 8 August 2023