

MEETING MINUTES

Narrabri Gas Project (NGP)

Community Consultive Committee (CCC)

DATE / TIME

12th September 2023
9:30am

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)
- ◆ Abby McClure (Santos)
- ◆ Todd Dunn (Santos)
- ◆ Lyn Trindall (Narrabri LALC)
- ◆ David Scilley (NSW Farmers)
- ◆ Stuart Murray (People for the Plains)
- ◆ CR Robert Browning (Narrabri Shire Council)
- ◆ Miranda Broekman (Santos observer)

APOLOGIES

- ◆ Jocellin Jansson (NW LLS)
- ◆ Jocelyn Cameron (Community representative)
- ◆ Ken Flower (Community representative)
- ◆ Cr Cathy Redding (Narrabri Shire Council)

Discussions

NO.	DISCUSSIONS
1. Welcome	The Chair welcomed and thanked all members for their attendance and acknowledged Gomeroi country on which the meeting is being held. The chair also acknowledged Elders past, present and future and all First Nations persons present. Garry thanked Santos and members for agreeing to shift the meeting date to September.
Recording of Minutes	The Chair asked members if there was any objection to the recording of the minutes for secretariat purposes with the audio being deleted once the minutes were final and approved. There was no objection.
Membership	On 1 August 2023, the Chair received advice from the CEO of the CWA (NSW) notifying their wish to discontinue their membership on the CCC. The Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) were notified of this. The Chair invited Jocelyn Cameron (the CWA representative) to nominate as a community representative due to her long association with the CCC and knowledge of the community and the project. The Chair also invited Ken Flower to nominate as a community representative.

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<p>Declaration of Interest</p> <p>Terms of Reference</p>	<p>The DPE have accepted both nominations, and both Jocelyn and Ken have been appointed as community representatives. However, due to the change of date of this meeting, neither were able to attend, and both are noted as apologies.</p> <p>NW LLS representative has not attended many of the meetings. The Chair is going to investigate the appointment of an alternate representative so that this group has representation at the meetings.</p> <p>The Chair asked if there were any new declarations of conflict of interest. None declared.</p> <p>The DPE periodically does a review of the CCC guidelines. The guidelines determine the way in which established CCCs must operate. As part of this, a Terms of Reference needs to be developed for this group. A draft document was tabled and the Chair asked that members review this document and contact him with comments via email or phone prior to the next CCC meeting. The goal is to adopt the Terms of Reference at the next meeting.</p>
<p>2. Minutes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>Business Arising</p>	<p>Actions arising</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting have been circulated and finalised. They have been uploaded to the project website.</p> <p>Subsequent to the above, the Chair received an email from Stuart Murray indicating that he wished to have his vote recorded against accepting the minutes relating to the meeting held on 16 May 2023.</p> <p>The Chair invited Stuart Murray to outline his reasons. He informed the meeting that he had not approved the draft minutes, and then when the minutes were released, there was a comment in them that he disagreed with. Stuart Murray advised that he had emailed the Chair with additional information and he assumed that this information had been circulated to all members.</p> <p>This did not happen and the Chair apologised.</p> <p>The Chair advised that when he circulates the draft minutes, he states that unless someone requests that changes to be considered, it is assumed that the minutes are acceptable to the meeting participants.</p> <p>The Chair spoke of the issue under dispute (the spill incident that occurred under the ownership of Eastern Star Gas in 2011), and verified the statements made in the minutes of 16 May 2023 CCC meeting.</p> <p>The Chair advised the meeting that he makes final decision regarding the content of the minutes, in accordance with the DPE guidelines. However, every participant has the right to dispute the minutes and have this recorded as part of the minutes.</p> <p>The Chair also spoke about the particular incident in question. Because of the number of times that the matter has been raised at the CCC meeting, and has been responded to by Santos personnel, the matter is no longer to be discussed at the meetings. Santos have indicated in their responses that they have no more information on the incident. If there are further queries regarding the incident, it should be referred to the DPE or the Environment Protection Agency (EPA).</p> <p>The Chair informed Stuart Murray that he could complain about his chairmanship to the DPE, as per the guidelines.</p> <p>The Chair reiterated that Stuart Murray would have his name recorded against the adopting of the previous minutes.</p> <p>Stuart Murray pointed out that it would be impossible for others to make a comment because they had not received the information that he had provided</p>

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<p>Action from previous meeting</p> <p>Correspondence</p> <p>Protocol for answering questions</p>	<p>through the Chair. The Chair advised that he would circulate the information after the meeting.</p> <p>The link to the NSW Department of Major Projects referred to at the previous meeting has been forwarded to the delegates.</p> <p>The Chair has received an email from GISERA (CSIRO) asking that a letter be tabled and recorded in the minutes. (ATTACHMENT 1)</p> <p>It is a response to issues raised by Stuart Murray after the GISERA presentation in November 2022.</p> <p>The Chair received a request from Stuart Murray concerning the protocol for answering questions be discussed.</p> <p>Stuart expressed that the system of asking a question that could take up to 4 months to answer (at the CCC meetings) is unacceptable.</p> <p>Stuart had submitted some questions through the Chair which had not been answered. Santos and the Chairperson apologised for this and committed to provide responses to them with the meeting minutes to be circulated for comment.</p> <p>It was agreed questions would be answered at the time of the meeting minutes being finalised as agreed.</p>
<p>3. Santos update</p>	<p>Andrew Snars (Santos – Regional Manager) and Todd Dunn (Santos – Development Manager NSW)</p> <p>Updates</p> <p>Andrew Snars started by introducing a new Santos member, Miranda Broekman.</p> <p>Santos Corporate Update (See presentation for more detail)</p> <p>The new strategy released earlier this year Vision 2040 has a focus on the Energy Solutions Projects. World demand for the products that Santos produces is high and are an important part of the mix in all the modelling scenarios that map the transition from fossil fuels to renewables.</p> <p>The revenue from the upstream gas and liquids division produces the majority of Santos revenue. Going forward, this is being used to fund the Energy Solutions Projects and revenue from these projects will start to grow especially as the carbon capture programs come online. Santos is trying to produce products that remove carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere and move towards net-zero emissions. There are many projects and new technologies being developed to address this issue – Andrew Snars spoke about the CCS project in Moomba in particular.</p> <p>Discussion followed amongst the members about the anti-fossil fuel lobby's objections to carbon capture. CCS is perceived as prolonging the life of fossil fuels, but it was explained that there is not enough power generated from renewable sources available to support the lifestyles that the community currently enjoys.</p> <p>Phase 1 activity and management plans (See presentation for more detail).</p> <p>There is an amendment to the management plans – relating to the location of one of the wells. The Field Development Plan is being reviewed in this light and</p>

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will probably need to be altered and updated. If so, it should be available for review Q1 next year.

Narrabri Gas Project development update

The project is moving ahead.

Engineering design is progressing. As it is spring, there are ecological teams are out on the ground undertaking surveying activities for all next phase of development.

Todd Dunn invited questions.

Q. David Scilley – Has there been any discussion with the Rural Fire Service given that it is Spring, and indications are that it will be a dry summer?

A. Todd Dunn: Santos is talking to RFS and Forestry. The automatic notifications from the Santos weather stations are being forwarded to them.

David Scilley suggested that Santos be represented at the Bushfire Management Committee Group. Santos makes every effort to be involved in the local firefighting planning and make their equipment and resources available to the RFS.

Lyn Trindall spoke about the recent cultural burn.

Hunter Gas Pipeline (HGP) update

HGP is progressing well.

To date approximately 180 sites have been surveyed along the pipeline corridor. Santos is starting to plan the early works sites to support the HGP development. Management Plans are being developed to comply with the consent.

Narrabri Lateral Pipeline (NLP) update

Q – Lyn Trindall – Does it go on private property?

A – Todd Dunn – It is a combination of private and forestry land.

Community sessions for both the HGP and NLP are booked for October and will be advertised shortly.

Other Exploration activity

Santos is complying with their tenure minimum work commitments.

Kahlua reactivation was one of those.

Brawboy (near Scone) decommissioning and rehabilitation will be undertaken in Q4 2023.

Following release of the Future of Gas Statement, the tenure no longer exists. Santos has an obligation to rehabilitate that site and government and the landowner will assess the final work before the site can be relinquished. That will be the final work required within that tenure.

Ongoing work continuing (per slide) with existing operations.

Andrew Snars spoke about the utilisation of the gas being produced through the power station – a positive outcome for gas which otherwise would of been flared.

There is a condition in the Narrabri Gas approval which talks to putting gas through the local source including the power station. The expectation is that the gas is used there until the pipeline is available and it can be fed into the domestic market.

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	<p>The current output is about 22 megawatt - the equivalent of 32000 households.</p>
4. Advisory Group Updates	<p>There have been no advisory group meetings since February 2023, and under the conditions of consent, they must meet twice/year. There will need to be another meeting by the end of 2023.</p>
5. Member Updates	<p>Russel Stewart spoke about the tremendous success of the Narrabri Business Awards held on Saturday night and thanked Santos, who were a major sponsor.</p> <p>Todd Dunn thanked the Narrabri Chamber of Commerce for a successful night - the recognition given to local businesses was very well received.</p> <p>Lyn Tindall thanked Santos for their assistance with the NAIDOC Ball for the Elders which was combined with the North-West Region Aboriginal Land Council network.</p> <p>Lyn Tindall is the co-ordinator for the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Working Group for Santos and provides support for that committee. Narrabri Land Council is also involved with the Indigenous Advisory Panel for Santos. This is a new initiative. They are involved with native title, and they are trying to organise a similar foundation to what they have in Papua New Guinea. This foundation will support the communities where the gas projects are already operating. The goal is to ensure the money received by the Aboriginal groups is used to set up housing and to provide support for the local communities. There are currently many pressing social issues for Aboriginal youth.</p> <p>This week, there are two groups of Aboriginal people out in the field working with biodiversity teams. The Lands Council engage 19 young native title proponents and they are available to help with the pipeline – the goal is to engage the next generation in Aboriginal concerns.</p>
6. General Business	<p>Questions from Tony Pickard were tabled.</p> <p>Q. Stuart Murray: What is an acceptable time in which to receive a reply back to tabled questions? Would a reasonable time to receive a written reply be about a month which corresponds roughly to the time when the minutes are finalised?</p> <p>A Todd Dunn: That does depend on the question. However, in most circumstances, that would be suitable timeframe.</p> <p>Stuart Murray spoke about receiving a notification about an independent environmental audit through the Chair. The closing date for comments and feedback was the 21 August 2023 and it was only received by Tony Pickard on 17 August 2023. Although People for the Plains were able to respond before the closing date, the notice was far too short.</p> <p>The Chair noted that he had forwarded the information to the group as soon as he had received it.</p> <p>Todd Dunn advised that this was the annual environmental audit for Phase 1 required under the consent and it is a check against the management plans to ensure compliance. Todd Dunn asked if there was any specific feedback People for the Plains wanted to provide. If so, if this was provided to the Chair, this could then be forwarded to the audit team. People for the Plains advised they may respond when they have seen the Environmental Audit Report.</p>
Next Meeting	<p>Proposed next meeting date is 5th December 2023.</p> <p>Meeting closed: 10:52 am</p>

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Actions

NO.		ACTION BY	DUE DATE
1	Information provided by Stuart Murray with regards to the spill occurring in 2011 to be circulated to all CCC delegates.	Chair	ASAP
2	The Chair will follow up with the independent auditor the matters raised by Stuart Murray with regards to giving interested parties time to respond and provide feedback in audit matters.	Chair	ASAP
3	Respond and give feedback to the Chair with regards to the Terms of Reference document circulated at the meeting.	All meeting participants	ASAP



GISERA | Gas Industry Social and Environmental Research Alliance

15 August 2023

Mr Garry West
Independent Chairperson
Narrabri Gas Project
Community Consultative Committee

Dear Garry

Re: CSIRO's Gas Industry Social and Environmental Research Alliance

In the Narrabri Gas Project Community Consultative Committee Meeting Minutes (9th November 2022), Mr Stuart Murray made the following statement at the conclusion of the CSIRO presentation entitled '*Monitoring wellbeing and attributes to CSG in Narrabri (preconstruction phase)*':

"People of the Plains rejected the research methodology undertaken by GISERA and questioned their independence, believing that they had manipulated the result."

CSIRO absolutely rejects Mr Murray's accusation that its research is not independent and somehow 'manipulated'.

CSIRO's Gas Industry Social and Environmental Research Alliance (GISERA) undertakes independent, world-class and trusted research for communities living in onshore natural gas exploration and development regions on environmental, social and economic issues of concern to those communities.

There are genuine concerns about the gas industry's potential impacts on communities, water resources and the land, and CSIRO's GISERA is designed to undertake independent and peer reviewed research that helps reduce these uncertainties.

GISERA brings the significant resources and expertise of the CSIRO to bear on such questions.

Reducing uncertainties about potential impacts using the best available science is in the national interest; that is, the interests of everyone.

The governance structure for CSIRO's GISERA is designed to provide for and protect research independence and transparency of research outputs.

The GISERA Research Advisory Committees, which determine the topics and approve funding for research, are majority controlled by independent community members who have no connection to or interest in the gas industry.

The minority industry, government and CSIRO representation provides other independent committee members with an understanding of industry operation, government regulation, and science.

All minutes of every committee meeting are publicly available on CSIRO's GISERA web site including decisions around research funding.

All research reports and results are similarly publicly available on the GISERA web site
<https://gisera.csiro.au/>

When companies sign up to CSIRO's GISERA they agree to complete transparency of reporting under these conditions before project proposals have been approved. Companies do not have rights to alter, edit or respond to research reports written by CSIRO scientist and researchers through GISERA.

These are standard protocols CSIRO enters into in all of its major alliance arrangements. They ensure the national science agency's independence.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Barrett', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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