

## Meeting Minutes

### Narrabri Gas Project (NGP) Greenhouse Gas Emissions Advisory Group (GHGEAG)

#### Meeting 7

#### DATE / TIME

Wednesday 20 March 2024  
Time: 12:00pm

#### LOCATION

Narrabri Shopfront Conference Room  
125 Maitland Street, Narrabri  
(+ Videoconference)

#### CHAIR

Garry West

#### MINUTE TAKER

Lyn Firth

#### ATTENDEES

- Garry West (Independent Chair)
- Janelle Twyman (Santos)
- Todd Dunn (Santos)
- Prof. Andrew Garrett (independent Expert) (MS Teams)
- Kaydy Pinetown (DCCEEWS NSW) (MS Teams)

#### APOLOGIES

- Anshul Jain (Santos)

#### Discussions

NO.	DISCUSSIONS
1. Welcome	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.
2. Declaration of interest	The Chair asked if there were any new declarations of interest. None declared.

3. Recording of minutes	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.
4. Minutes of Previous Meeting	The minutes from the previous meeting (November 2023) were accepted with no changes. The minutes have been uploaded to the Narrabri Gas Project (NGP) website.
5. Actions from Previous Meeting	<p>All matters have been attended to.</p> <p>The Chair advised that he is still working with CSIRO to find a replacement for Stuart Day.</p> <p>There was discussion from members as to who might be suitable and available for the position.</p> <p>Todd Dunn indicated that there had been some interest from the EPA to be involved.</p> <p>At the conclusion of the meeting the Independent Environment Audit report will be circulated.</p>
6. Correspondence	Nil correspondence received.
7. Santos Update	<p><b>Santos Corporate Update (Todd Dunn)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion was held regarding the company half year and full year results – further details available via the company website <a href="https://www.santos.com/investors/company-reporting/">https://www.santos.com/investors/company-reporting/</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Narrabri Gas Project Update (Janelle Twyman)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phase 1 activity continues to progress.</li> <li>• 5 shallow bores completed between February and October 2023</li> <li>• Santos will make a final investment decision once all the approvals are received supporting the development including the supporting pipelines.</li> <li>• Micro-sign including ecological and cultural heritage scouting for Phase 2 ongoing for 2024.</li> <li>• The Independent Environment Audit was completed in November 2023 and is on the NGP website.</li> <li>• The Annual Review is to be submitted to DPHI at the end of March and will be available on the NGP website.</li> <li>• Santos is currently planning for other activities which will be required before Phase 2, including revision of existing management plans and new management plans.</li> </ul> <p><b>Independent Environmental Audit (Janelle Twyman)</b></p>

- The Independent Environment Audit (IEA) was required within one year of commencement and was completed in November 2023.
- The purpose of the audit was to assess Santos’ compliance against the conditions of the SSD.
- The IEA was undertaken by a team of 5 personnel all with more than 35 years of experience.
- The IEA covered the period from 30 September 2020 to 15 September 2023.
- The IEA included site inspections, interviews with project personnel and the review of Santos documents, records, and data.
- There were 210 conditions across 9 permits audited
- The IEA found 131 compliant findings, 2 minor administrative non-compliances, 77 not triggered findings and 89 observations
- The two minor administrative non-compliance were:
  - All permits are required to be on the NGP website, the water access licenses weren’t. They have now been added;
  - The auditors didn’t consider that the waste management plan addressed all the requirements under the SSD The waste management plan has been updated to provide more clarity.
- The documents were submitted to DPHI on 13 November 2023 and accepted by the DPHI on 30 January 2024.
- The report and Santos’s responses to the findings are available on the NGP website. The Chair will distribute the report to the advisory board members after the meeting.
- The Chair will distribute a copy of the audit to meeting participants after the meeting.

**Phase 1 Activity and Management Plans (Janelle Twyman)**

- Management plans continue to be revised and updated as required.
- Minor change to one of the locations of the well pads (Dewhurst 34) resulted in a reduction of our disturbance area, however this required changes to the management plans.
- DPHI has approved 8 of the 9 management plans submitted for approval.
- The department advised that there was no further consultation with government agencies or advisory groups required because it was a reduction in the disturbance area.
- The biodiversity management plan and biodiversity offset strategy are to be submitted.

- The recent revisions to the management plans have been predominantly administrative in nature.
- All the management plans and DPHI approvals of the management plans are available on the NGP website.
- Future management plans cover areas such as safety, air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, property management, salt, visual amenity.

Todd Dunn advised that GHGEAG is consulted on the Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Management Plan.

**NGP Greenhouse Gas Emissions Advisory Group Update (Todd Dunn)**

- An Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Management Plan will be prepared prior to the commencement of Phase 2.
- Matters of interest to this group that are included in the Annual Report, (due at the end of March):
  - Dust suppression in accordance with the Dust Suppression Protocol
  - Stabilisation of exposed soils – in accordance with Erosion and Sediment Control Plan and the management plan
  - Air quality – Santos will undertake an ambient air quality monitoring program along with meteorological monitoring.
  - Greenhouse Gas Emissions – regular independent and operational inspections occurring with any leaks identified being repaired.

Q – Kaydy Pinetown: Concerning the management plan which you mentioned, are you are wanting feedback from this group?

A- Todd Dunn: The conditions of consent talk to consulting with the advisory group before submission. Santos are looking for some feedback from this group which Santos are hoping will improve the plan. This feedback will be formally captured on a feedback form which is then attached to the plan as evidence of engagement.

Q Kaydy Pinetown: When do you expect that assessment to be done by the group?

A Todd Dunn: We are hoping for Q4 this year.

**National Native Title Tribunal (Todd Dunn)**

- The original decision relating to the granting of Petroleum Production Lease Applications for the NGP was handed down in December 2022.
- This was appealed by the Gomeroi people, and the appeal was heard in August 2023.

- The decision by the Full Federal Court was handed down in March 2024 allowing the appeal against the granting of the Petroleum Production Lease to proceed.
- The Court has determined the National Native Title Tribunal erred in law by declining to consider evidence on climate impacts and the public interest that was put forward by the Gomeroi people.
- The Court did not make any adverse findings in relation to Santos' conduct.
- Santos have at all times negotiated with the Gomeroi people in good faith.
- The Court's orders regarding next steps are yet to be made.

**Hunter Gas Pipeline (HGP) update (Todd Dunn)**

- The gas from the NGP is committed to the domestic market. The gas will be taken to the market via the HGP which was given Critical State Infrastructure (CSSI) status by the NSW Government.
- The design is in accordance with the Australian Standard - Pipeline Gas and Liquid Petroleum (AS2885) requirements.
- Santos is expecting to commence construction in the second half of 2025. The project will be sanctioned once all approvals have been received.
- One of the key benefits is the offtake points along the alignment which should be instrumental in future regional development.
- Feedback from surveys and landowners has meant that some of the detail, such as depth of the pipeline, has changed and will be incorporated into the final design.
- Staging request was approved by DPHI and Stage 1 was commenced in Q4 2023 with works supporting construction such as laydown areas.
- Santos are entering into agreements to build further construction sites along the route (laydown yards, machinery storage, workshops, offices, camp sites etc).
- Landowner and community engagement (along the route) continues. Over 180 sites have been surveyed to date.
- Deed of Option Easement Agreement process is underway.

**Narrabri Lateral Pipeline (NLP) update (Todd Dunn)**

- This connects the compressor station for the NGP to the HGP east of Baan Baa. It also has CSSI status.
- Landowner and community engagement continues with survey activities where voluntary agreement has been reached.

- The EPBC referral to the Commonwealth Government has been delayed due to the Pilliga bushfires – the impact of the fires needs to be reviewed – expected to be submitted Q2 2024.
- The NLP EIS is being prepared based on the SEARs and will be placed on public exhibition for submissions by the DPHI.

**Exploration & Other Activity (Janelle Twyman)**

- PEL 1 – Kahlua pilot activity (workover of existing wells) – wells now online
- PEL1 – Scouting for future minimum tenure commitments
- PEL 238/PAL2 – Operations workovers and monitoring bore completions.
- PEL 238 /PAL2 – Tintfield Pilot workovers & pond upgrade works
- Brawboy 2 (PEL 456) P&A complete with rehabilitation to be progressed through 2024.

**Santos in the Community (Janelle Twyman)**

During 2023:

- Santos has invested approximately \$10 million into the Narrabri/Gunnedah Shire regions.
- Hosted 20 community info sessions and partnered with over 50 community groups or organisations.
- Santos personnel attended 54 events or initiatives
- The Festival of Rugby employed 40 local contractors and injected approximately \$800,000 into the community. About 3500 people attended over the weekend.

**Duck Creek Pilliga Bushfire (Todd Dunn)**

- About 130,000 hectares of the Pilliga Forest was affected.
- Santos has a comprehensive bushfire management plan approved by the former DPE and this was shown to be effective.
- Santos made a proactive decision to shut down operations during the bushfire.
- No impact on Santos operational infrastructure, but some auxiliary infrastructure was damaged such as signage and fences.
- Clean up is in progress. Santos were not allowed back into the forest until the end of February.

<p>8. General Business</p>	<p>The advisory groups (CCC, WTAG, BAG and ACHAG) have all met over the last two days – 5 meetings in total.</p> <p>There is no date set for the next meeting. There does need to be another meeting this year.</p> <p>Q Kaydy Pinetown – Are there any delays to the project that we should be mindful of in terms of projecting our workflow?</p> <p>A Todd Dunn – Santos are targeting the second part of 2025 for the making of the final investment decision. This is tied into receiving all required approvals. First gas should be delivered two years after sanction.</p>
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NO.	ACTIONS	ACTION BY	DUE DATE
1	A copy of the Independent Environmental Audit Report and Santos response to be distributed to all meeting participants.	Garry West as Chairperson	At the conclusion of the meeting.

**Next meeting**

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**Meeting closed**

12:47pm