

Meeting Minutes Narrabri Gas Project (NGP)
Community Consultative Committee (CCC)

DATE / TIME

Tuesday 17 December 2024
9:30am

LOCATION

Narrabri Shopfront Conference Room
125 Maitland Street, Narrabri

FACILITATOR/CHAIR

Garry West

MINUTE TAKER

Garry West

ATTENDEES

- Stuart Murray (People for the Plains) (P4P)
- Ken Flower (Community representative)
- Russell Stewart (Chamber of Commerce)
- Jocelyn Cameron (Community representative)
- Cr Amanda Brown (Narrabri Shire Council)
- Cr Brett Nolan (Narrabri Shire Council)
- Lynn Trindall (Narrabri Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC))
- Andrew Snars (Santos)
- Abby McClure (Santos)
- Janelle Twyman (Santos) (MS Teams)
- Carlee Miller (Santos) (MS Teams)
- Steve O'Donoghue (Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI)) (MS Teams)

APOLOGIES

- David Scilley (NSW Farmers)
- Brendon Child (Santos)

NO.	DISCUSSIONS
1. Welcome, Introductions & Apologies	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.

Discussions

	<p>The Chair welcomed Councillors Amanda Brown and Brett Nolan to their first CCC meeting as representatives of Narrabri Shire Council. The Chair also welcomed Steve O'Donoghue, Director Resource Assessments, DPHI.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Brendon Child and David Scilley.</p>
2. Declaration of interest	The Chair asked if there were any new declarations of conflict of interest. None declared.
3. Minutes of previous meeting	The minutes of the previous meeting were circulated to attendees. Stuart Murray requested changes, and the minutes were finalised with minimal amendment and uploaded to the project website. Stuart Murray opposed their adoption.
4. Action from previous meeting	NIL
5. Correspondence	<p>On 21 November 2024 the Chair received advice from Santos that the Narrabri Lateral Pipeline had been referred to the Federal Government under the requirements of the <i>Environment protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (EPBC Act) for the Federal Minister for Environment and Water to decide whether the proposed project needs assessment and approval under the EPBC Act.</p> <p>On 24 November 2024 the Chair received advice from Santos that the referral had been uploaded to the online portal and open for submissions until 18 December 2024.</p> <p>Both items were circulated to the CCC members upon receipt.</p>

<p>6. Santos update</p>	<p>Santos Corporate Update (Andrew Snars) See presentation slides for details.</p> <p>Narrabri Gas Project (Janelle Twyman)</p> <p>Social Impact Management Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Santos has engaged Onward Consulting (Onward) to develop the Social Impact Management Plan (SIMP) for the Narrabri gas Project. • The SIMP will outline the social impacts of the project, suitable management strategies and how they will be tracked and managed. • The SIMP will also outline strategies to enhance benefits for local communities and ensure where possible impacts are mitigated. • Onward will be joining the next CCC meeting in March 2025 to present their findings and seek CCC members feedback on the preliminary management plan. <p>Development Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase 1 activity continues to progress; water monitoring bore activities are proposed for Q1 / Q2 2025. • Micro-siting including ecological and cultural heritage scouting will be ongoing throughout 2025. • Santos accompanied the resources Regulator and Environment Protection Authority on a joint audit of the NGP and Santos' exploration activities in early December. The audit report will be available on the Resources Regulator website in Q1 2025. • Planning for other activities required prior to Phase 2 is underway. • Santos will make the final investment decision subject to receiving all required approvals to support the development, including the pipelines. <p>Phase 1 Management Plans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Santos is currently awaiting approval of the Rehabilitation Management Plan from DPHI. • All other approved management plans are available on the NGP website. • Santos will progress engagement on Phase 2 and 3 management plans throughout 2025. Noise, Air Quality and Social Impact management plans will be shared with the CCC for review when complete as detailed in the conditions of consent.
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Hunter Gas Pipeline (Carlee Miller)

Overview

- The NGP, supported by the Hunter Gas Pipeline (HGP), is critical for energy security and reliability in NSW with 100 per cent of the gas committed to the domestic market.
- HGP is declared Critical State Significant Infrastructure (CSSI) by the NSW Government.
- The underground pipeline route passes close to the NGP, and the goal is to work with infrastructure developers and owners to construct the pipeline to deliver gas to the east coast domestic markets in the shortest timeframe possible.
- The pipeline construction will commence once the route is finalised and all secondary approvals are completed.

Landholder Engagement & Activity

- Santos has been undertaking extensive engagement for access to undertake survey activities.
- In excess of 10,400 personal landholder engagements have been conducted.
- Continue to progress land access agreements and surveys.
- Deed of Option Easement Agreements continue to be delivered.
- Early works have commenced, site one is complete with works continuing on site two.
- Another round of community information drop-in sessions will be held in early 2025.

Narrabri Lateral Pipeline (Carlee Miller)

Summary

- The project will extend for about 50-60 kilometres from the approved NGP gas processing facility at Leewood to the HGP east of Baan Baa connecting the Hunter gas pipeline to the Narrabri Gas Project.
- The design is in accordance with the latest version of the Australian standard (AS) 2885 Pipelines gas and liquid Petroleum.
- Sizing – nominally 20" or ~508mm diameter consistent with the HGP.
- The NLP has been declared Critical State Significant Infrastructure (CSSI) by NSW Government.
- Narrabri Santos is committed to minimising the impact on communities, landowners, and the environment.

Environmental Impact Statement

- Field studies to inform the EIS are largely complete, with some ongoing.
- Preliminary findings of impact assessments have been received and work is continuing to finalise them over the coming weeks and months, and
- Final interviews to inform the social impact assessment are being undertaken.

EPBC Act Referral

- As reported in correspondence, the NLP was referred to the Commonwealth Government in November 2024 and is open for public comment until 18 December 2024.
- If members have any feedback on the project, in particularly that needs to be covered in the EIS please make contact.
- Engagement will continue with directly affected landholders and other stakeholders. Consultation sessions will be held in Narrabri, Baan Baa and Boggabri in early 2025.
- The outcome of the EPBC referral from the Commonwealth Government is expected early 2025 and the EIS preparation will be finalised for submission to the NSW DPHI.

Exploration & Other Activities

- PEL 1 – Kahlua pilot activity – maintaining wells online
- PEL1 & 12– Scouting for future minimum tenure commitments
- PEL 238/PAL2 – Operations and monitoring continuing

Santos in the Community (Abby McClure)

- Santos has been supporting the Westpac rescue helicopter service (WRHS) for over a decade. The WRHS provides a vital role in supporting rural communities.
- Santos also proudly supported the Narrabri and District Community Aid Service Christmas gift initiative as a major sponsor which will support over 200 families over the holiday season.
- Santos has also sponsored the Country University Centre since its inception, with the 2024 funding dedicated to supporting the new Bursaries program launching in Q1 2025.
- Santos has proudly spent more than \$6.9 million locally within the Narrabri and Gunnedah Shires during 2024. 100% of the Narrabri employees live and work locally. There has been approximately 300 shopfront visits and more than 40,000 visits to the NGP website.
- Santos has actively partnered with 60 community groups and organisations providing financial and in-kind support.

	<p>Community engagement and consultation</p> <p>October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community information sessions held at Maitland, Singleton, Muswellbrook, Wingen, Willow Tree, Quirindi, Gunnedah and Narrabri. • SIA and SIMP sessions held with Local Aboriginal Land Councils and other interested stakeholders across the district. • Community consultation sessions for the NLP alignment held in Baan Baa and Narrabri. <p>November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singleton drop-in session at the Singleton Square. • Presented at the Business Singleton Industry and Infrastructure Luncheon. • Attended the Liverpool Plains Chamber of Commerce Networking event. <p>December</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NLP SIA and NGP SIMP sessions held in Narrabri, Boggabri and Gunnedah with interested stakeholders, local businesses, landholders, housing and health providers. • Muswellbrook Chamber of Commerce Christmas breakfast. • NLP EIS consultations in Narrabri & Narrabri Chamber End of Year meeting. • Gunnedah Chamber of Commerce Christmas Networking event & NHS Presentation Night. • NDCAS Christmas Drive Volunteering. • Narrabri Christmas Shop Local draw/Christmas carnival. • Singleton drop-in session at the Singleton Square. • Pink Up Narrabri Fundraiser.
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7. Member updates	<p>Lynn Trindall advised the Narrabri LALC will be making a submission to the NLP EIS at the appropriate time and also reflected on the number of Aboriginal people were securing good jobs in recent times.</p> <p>Russell Stewart drew attention to an unrelated project (Maules Creek Solar Farm) needed local council representation on their CCC.</p> <p>The Chair raised the need for a site tour to be organised early in 2025 for the Narrabri Shire Council representatives on the CCC, the WTAG and David Cameron, a member of the WTAG.</p>
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8. General Business	<p>Stuart Murray referred the Chair’s communication with DPHI following receipt on an unredacted copy received by the P4P after a successful appeal under the GIPA Act. Stuart in particular referenced the quote about P4P tabling questions seeking Santos’s response and sought a response from the Chair.</p> <p>The Chair responded by referring to the DPHI consideration of the complaint and believed the issue should not be taken any further. Russell Stewart and Ken Flower both addressed the meeting which resulted in the following resolution being moved and seconded by both members:</p> <p>“That the NGP CCC confirm that it has high confidence in the operation of the CCC and in the independent operation of The Chair and consider that the questions raised regarding the complaint and the NGP CCC process should not be raised again.” Motion carried with only Stuart Murray dissenting.</p> <p>Steve O’Donoghue asked members to focus on issues instead of process.</p> <p>Stuart Murray advised he has several questions to be addressed by Santos which will be emailed.</p>
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Actions

NO.	ACTIONS	ACTION BY	DUE DATE
NIL			

Next meeting

18 March 2025 – to be confirmed

Meeting closed

10.55 am