

Meeting Minutes

Narrabri Gas Project (NGP) Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisory Group (ACHAG)

Meeting #10

DATE / TIME

Wednesday 30 April 2025
9.30am

LOCATION

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

FACILITATOR

Garry West

MINUTE TAKER

Garry West

ATTENDEES

- Garry West (Independent Chair)
- Jodie Benton (OzArk Environment & Heritage)
- Edward Trindall (Narrabri Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC))
- Janelle Twyman (Santos)
- Curtis Attard (Santos)
- Ian Brown (Gomeroid Native Title Applicant Group) VC
- Clifford Toomey (Wee Waa LALC)
- Dorothy Tighe (Gomeroid Native Title Applicant Group)
- Thomas Scott (Santos)
- James McHugh (Santos) VC
- Sonya Pascoe (Onward Consulting)

APOLOGIES

- Andrew Snars (Santos)
- Corey O'Driscoll (Heritage NSW – DCCEEW)

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 pecuniary or other interests / Code of Conduct	Chair asked if there were any new declarations of interest. Nil
3. Confirmation of previous minutes and business arising	All minutes of previous meeting distributed to ACHAG members and are available on the NGP website.
4. Actions from previous meeting	<p>Advise on the opportunity for Gomeroi people to be involved in the collection of seeds for Santos' rehabilitation sites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curtis Attard advised that this is possible and that Santos will develop a framework for this process. However, rehabilitation activities will not be undertaken until sites cease to be operational. Forestry Corporation approval will also be required for the seed collection process. <p>Confirmation of earthquake mitigation as part of the Narrabri Lateral Pipeline (NLP) and Hunter Gas Pipeline (HGP) activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James McHugh advised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the pipelines are required to be designed to withstand seismic events in accordance with Australian Standards – AS/NZS 2885.1 (Design and construction of gas and liquid petroleum pipelines) and AS 1170.4 (Structural design actions, Part 4: Earthquake actions in Australia). ○ the design process involves a preliminary study, field investigation and field geohazard design. ○ the types of seismic geohazards include fault displacement, such as localised ground movement; liquefaction, which is possible in saturated, loose, cohesionless soil subjected to significant seismic shaking; and seismic wave propagation which is a vibration typically associated with earthquakes.
5. Correspondence	Nil correspondence received
6. Presentations Santos Corporate update	<p>Presentation: Santos delivered a presentation</p> <p>Agenda items included:</p>

Santos Corporate Update – Curtis Attard

Santos addressed recent media reports suggesting that a Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) project was proposed to be developed in NSW. Santos advised that it is not currently pursuing a CCS project in NSW given there is no regulatory framework in NSW for CCS nor are there suitable sites.

Narrabri Gas Project Curtis Attard

- Progressing planning for Phase 2 activities
 - Progressing land access agreements, cadastral surveys and environmental assessments for the HGP route alignment
 - Progressing Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for NLP
 - The Native Title Tribunal process is ongoing, a ruling is expected in May 2025
 - Target gas rate for the NGP is up to 200 TJ/d, unconventional

Curtis clarified that the HGP is not planned to be developed north of the NGP at this time.

Project Update – Janelle Twyman

- Phase 1 activity continues to progress
 - Existing wells online, delivering gas to Wilga Park Power Station
 - Undertaking routine maintenance on existing wells
 - Groundwater corehole was completed in late April 2025
- Amended Environmental Protection Licences for the NGP and Gunnedah area activities received on 17 February 2025
- Annual Review submitted to DPHI on 28 March 2025.

Management Plans – Janelle Twyman

- Rehabilitation Management Plan has been approved by DPHI
- All Management Plans requiring amendment for the changed corehole location have been approved
- Management plans and DPHI approvals are available on the NGP website
- Santos will progress engagement on the Phase 2/3 management plans from Q2 2025

Social Impact Management Plan - Sonya Pascoe (Onward Consulting)

Santos has engaged Onward Consulting 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 measured.
- Stakeholder interview key themes identified include:
 - Environment: biodiversity, bushfire safety, local amenity
 - Aboriginal cultural heritage values; past and present
 - Community wellbeing and liveability
 - Employment, industry and business opportunities
 - Engagement and decision making
- Key desktop study findings include:
 - Population growth declining
 - Socio-economic disadvantage
 - Workforce and industry challenges
 - Housing and accommodation pressures
 - Social infrastructure

Onward will join a future CCC meeting to present findings in further detail and seek feedback on the preliminary management plan.

NGP ACHAG Update – Thomas Scott

Additional Research Program

- NGP Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Working Group (ACHWG) members met in January 2025 to undertake a high-level review of the Additional Research Program following a field trip in November 2024
- The Additional Research Program is currently going through a Santos internal review
- The final draft Additional Research Program Report (the Report) will be provided to the ACHWG members for review and comment

ACHWG members

- Next ACHWG meeting will be scheduled once the final draft of the Report is ready
- ACHWG has two vacancies available to be filled by the Gomeroi Native Title Party

- Q: Ian Brown sought clarification when the ACHWG meeting will be held and what is the process for providing feedback on the Report to the ACHAG?
- A: Thomas Scott and the members of the ACHWG present at the ACHAG meeting outlined that there was an agreement within the ACHWG that the Report would not be circulated. Thomas Scott took an action for Santos to consider if the Report would be provided to the ACHAG. **ACTION**

National Native Title Tribunal (NNTT) – Thomas Scott

NNTT determination and appeal

- Original NNTT decision handed down in December 2022 that permitted future acts, being the grants of Petroleum Production Lease Applications 13, 14, 15 and 16 for the NGP, may be done.
- The Full Federal Court heard the Gomeri's appeal of NNTT decision in August 2023.
- The Court allowed the appeal stating that the NNTT erred at law by declining to have regard to evidence on climate impacts that was tendered on behalf of the Gomeri applicant.
- The Court did not make any findings in relation to Santos' conduct. Santos has at all times negotiated with the Gomeri people in good faith.
- The matter has been remitted to the NNTT to reconsider the climate issue and is due to deliver its finding in May 2025.

Hunter Gas Pipeline and Narrabri Lateral Pipeline – Curtis Attard

- Santos has been undertaking extensive engagement to progress the HGP and NLP
- In excess of 11,700 personal landholder engagements
- 55 community information sessions – most recent sessions were held in March (Narrabri, Baan Baa, Boggabri, Gunnedah, Quirindi, Maitland, Singleton, Muswellbrook, Scone)
- Continue to progress land access agreements and surveys
- Deed of Option Easement Agreements to landholder (continuing)
- Early works sites are now complete

Exploration program – Janelle Twyman

- PEL1 – Kahlua pilot activity
 - Maintaining wells online
 - Application to amend the activity will be lodged in Q2 2025

	<p>Santos in the community – Curtis Attard</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Santos is partnering with the Country University Centre North West to fund 13 student bursaries in 2025. This will assist rural students by helping to provide access to the tools they need to develop their academic potential Over the holiday season, Santos helped deliver locally sourced fresh food hampers across the community to spread festive cheer. This is a joint initiative with the Narrabri Local Aboriginal Land Council and other local businesses. Healthy Harold sponsorship has assisted the Life Education van to reach over 700 children in 14 schools and childcare centres Festival of Rugby will return to Narrabri in September 2025 Q: Dorothy Tighe asked if the food hamper activities extend to areas other than Narrabri and if not can they? A: Santos agreed to take this question as an action. ACTION
7. Member updates	Nil
8. General Business	

Actions

NO.	ACTIONS	ACTION BY	DUE DATE
1	Santos to consider if the Report would be provided to the ACHAG.	Thomas Scott	Prior to next meeting
2	Do food hamper activities extend to areas other than Narrabri, if not, can they?	Andrew Snars	Prior to next meeting

Next meeting

To be advised

Meeting closed

10.30am