

Meeting Minutes

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

DATE/TIME

Tuesday 17 June 2025
9:30am

LOCATION

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

FACILITATOR/CHAIR

Garry West

MINUTE TAKER

Garry West

ATTENDEES

- Stuart Murray (People for the Plains) (P4P)
- Jocelyn Cameron (Community representative)
- Lynn Trindall (Narrabri Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC))
- David Scilley (NSW Farmers)
- Lisa Smith (Chamber of Commerce – Alternate)
- Andrew Snars (Santos)
- Janelle Twyman (Santos) (MS Teams)
- Brendon Child (Santos) (MS Teams)
- Carmen Brown (Santos Community Advisor HGP) - Observer
- Maddie McLeish (Santos Community Advisor NGP) - Observer

APOLOGIES

- Cr Brett Nolan (Narrabri Shire Council)
- Russell Stewart (Chamber of Commerce)
- Ken Flower (Community representative)
- Cr Amanda Brown (Narrabri Shire Council)

Discussions

NO.	DISCUSSIONS
1. Welcome	The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and acknowledged Gomerioi 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 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	Questions submitted by Stuart Murray and responses provided by Santos were included in the presentation attached to these minutes.
5. Correspondence	NIL
6. Santos update	<p>Santos Corporate Update (Andrew Snars) See presentation slides for details.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025 First Quarter Report • AXS Announcement – 16 June 2025 • Santos has received a non-binding indicative proposal from a consortium led by XRG P.J.S.C. a subsidiary of Abu Dhabi National Oil Company to acquire 100% of Santos Shares for \$US5.76 in cash per share • The indicative proposal is subject to the satisfactory completion of confirmatory due diligence by the XRG Consortium and the negotiation and execution of an agreed scheme implementation agreement with Santos on customary terms and conditions. <p>Narrabri Gas Project (Brendon Child)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase 1 activity continues to progress • The Annual Review has been accepted by DPHI and is available on the Santos website • Santos plans to progress engagement on Phase 2 and 3 management plans throughout 2025 • Management plans and DPHI approvals are available on the NGP website

- On 19 May the NNTT determined that the NGP is in the public interest and should proceed – this decision has been appealed by the Gomeroi Applicants

Hunter Gas Pipeline (Andrew Snars)

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.
- Stage 1 early works commenced in December 2023
- Stage 2 construction will commence once the route is finalised and all secondary approvals are in place

Current Staging

Staging request has been approved by NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI)

- Stage 1 – Construction of temporary laydown yards at multiple strategic locations along the proposed Hunter Gas Pipeline alignment.
- Stage 2 – Construction of Narrabri to Hexham
- Stage 3 – Construction of Wallumbilla to Narrabri

Revised Staging – Approved

Stage 1b – low impact works

- Stage 1b low impact works will be undertaken for the purpose of:
 - Defining the final 30m construction Right of Way (ROW)
 - Informing detailed design and environmental management plans
- No change to stages 2 or 3

Presentation included a summary of what you can and can't do within an easement (see presentation)

Landholder engagement & activity

- Santos has been undertaking extensive engagement for access to undertake survey activities
- In excess of 12,300 personal landholder engagements have been undertaken

- 55 community information sessions – additional sessions will be held later this month
- Continue to progress land access agreements and surveys
- Deed of Option Easement Agreements continue to be negotiated
- Early works sites are now complete

Narrabri Lateral Pipeline (Andrew Snars)

Summary

- The Narrabri Lateral Pipeline (NLP) connects the NGP to the HGP.
- 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 HGP to the NGP.
- 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 CSSI by NSW Government.
- The project includes:
 - The construction of right of way and temporary extra workspaces for vegetation stockpiles, crossings, truck turn-arounds etc.
 - A new temporary construction laydown yard at eastern end of the pipeline.
 - New track to access the construction right-of-way.
 - Use of existing and future NGP infrastructure where able to reduce impacts.
 - Limited operational above-ground infrastructure (e.g. scraper stations, cathodic protection system, pipeline marker signs).
- Santos is committed to minimising the impact on communities, landowners and the environment.

Project update

- Santos is currently finalising the EIS for the NLP
- The ‘controlled action’ decision made by the Commonwealth DCCEE in accordance with the EPBC Act has been challenged by the Mullaley Gas & Pipeline Accord Inc.

Exploration & Other Activities (Janelle Twyman)

- PEL 1 – Kahlua pilot activity
 - Maintaining wells online
 - An application to amend the Activity Approval will be lodged with the Resources Regulator in Q2

Santos in the Community (Andrew Snars)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Santos' 13-year partnership with Narrabri Rugby Union Club supports the club's growth and outreach with a focus on increasing female participation and supporting indigenous engagement and raising awareness of mental health. • Santos has a National partnership with the Clontarf Foundation and is committed to supporting the work of the local Narrabri Clontarf Academy branch. • First year of partnership with the Regional Academies of Sport has proved to be very successful. <p>Upcoming events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wean Picnic Races (12 Jul) • NSW Waratahs Rugby Clinics (14,15,16 July) • Namoi Bushmans Carnival Narrabri Campdraft (26 Jul) • Rotary Science & Engineering Challenge (6 Aug) • AgQuip Field days (19-21 Aug) • Santos Festival of Rugby (20-21 Sep).
<p>7. Member updates</p>	<p>Stuart Murray questioned why Santos was avoiding the question P4P asked about them needing to submit a modification in regard to impact on local aquifers as revealed in a DPHI briefing note. Andrew Snars explained that DPHI had advised it was not their document but done by another department and Santos would only consider a modification to the project if it improved efficiency and minimised impacts.</p> <p>Lynn Trindall raised concern that two Aboriginal Cultural Heritage positions had been filled by Queensland applicants ignoring local applicants and asked for an explanation in writing.</p>
<p>8. General Business</p>	<p>Stuart Murray sought to have questions tabled at CCC meetings to be included with Santos' responses in the meeting minutes as agreed at September 2023 CCC meeting and not waiting until the next meeting. Mr West explained he has agreed with Santos that they would reply to tabled questions from P4P 30 days from tabling and that the minutes of CCC meetings are mostly completed before the 30 days and ruled that tabled questions would be included in the next CCC meeting when they will be reported to the CCC.</p>

Actions

NO.	ACTIONS	ACTION BY	DUE DATE
NIL			

Next meeting

16 September 2025 – to be confirmed

Meeting closed

10.40 am

Written questions from People for the Plains – received 18 March 2025	Santos response – 17 April 2025
<p>Question 1 Apart from the description what is the difference between a: Corehole (Core, MDT, modular formation dynamics tester) Water monitoring bore Appraisal well Pilot well</p>	<p>Santos applies the definitions as prescribed by the State Significant Development (SSD) consent (SSD 6456). Where the SSD does not include a definition, Santos applies the definition prescribed by the NSW legislation relevant to the Narrabri Gas Project (NGP) activities and / or NSW Resources Regulator Codes of Practice.</p> <p>Chapter 6 of the NGP Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) provides a description of each of these activities as follows:</p> <p>A corehole is used to improve the understanding of the characteristics of the coal; including coal thickness, its gas content and quality.</p> <p>A pilot well is also known as an appraisal well. These wells are constructed to evaluate the quality and quantity of gas at a given location.</p> <p>Corehole, appraisal well and pilot wells are associated with exploration and appraisal activities.</p> <p>A water monitoring bore is used to monitor water quantity and / or quality. NSW legislation does not allow for a water monitoring bore to be converted into an oil or gas production well.</p> <p>The groundwater corehole is intended to obtain data from formations that overlay the target coal seams. The data collection is a commitment in the Groundwater Modelling Plan to validate and improve certainty of groundwater modelling.</p>
<p>Question 2 If the Final Investment Decision approves the development of the NGP which of these are potential production wells?</p>	<p>As described in the NGP EIS, exploration and appraisal wells may be converted to production wells.</p>
<p>Question 3 What does Santos define as a drilling activity?</p>	<p>Please refer to the response to Question 4.</p>
<p>Question 4 According to the Feb 2025 Monthly Activities Update, Santos, under Other Activities, advised</p>	<p>'Drilling Activities' as stated in the Monthly Activities Updates are activities associated with the drilling of a coal seam gas exploration or appraisal wells, and / or monitoring wells. The groundwater corehole is not an</p>

<p>they commenced in late February, "<i>drilling a groundwater corehole</i>"</p> <p>How can this be so when under the section Drilling Activities they claim "<i>there are no drilling activities planned to be undertaken at this time</i>"?</p>	<p>exploration, appraisal or monitoring well and as such was included in the 'Other Activities' section of the update.</p>
<p>Question 5</p> <p>Please advise an estimated completion date for this groundwater corehole?</p>	<p>The groundwater corehole was anticipated to take approximately 6 weeks to complete. However, given the recent rainfall there have been some delays to the activities. Santos anticipates that the works will be completed by the end of April 2025.</p>
<p>Question 6</p> <p>Although the Other activities section indicates that only one groundwater corehole is being drilled, please confirm that this is the case and no other sites are involved?</p>	<p>One groundwater corehole is currently being drilled. There are no other sites involved with the current groundwater corehole activities.</p>

<p>Verbal question from People for the Plains – CCC Meeting – 18 March 2025</p>	<p>Santos response – 17 April 2025</p>
<p>People for the Plains requested written clarification regarding Santos' response to the question relating to the impact on local aquifers where they stated "... <i>strongly disagrees with the Dept's statement. Santos has asked the Dept to substantiate this claim</i>".</p> <p>Question 1</p> <p>What was the Department's answer when they were asked to substantiate this claim?</p>	<p>Santos has discussed the claim with the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) and was advised that the briefing note in question was not their document. The document was generated by the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.</p> <p>DPHI was unable to comment as to the origin of the statement as it was not their document and understands that Santos would only consider making a modification to the project if it improved efficiency and minimised impacts to landholders, the environment, water resources and cultural heritage.</p>