

Meeting Minutes

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

Meeting #21

DATE / TIME

Wednesday 17 June 2026
9.30am

LOCATION

Narrabri Shopfront Conference Room
125 Maitland Street, Narrabri

FACILITATOR

Garry West

MINUTE TAKER

Garry West

ATTENDEES

Garry West (Independent Chair)
Ken Flower (Community Representative)
Lynn Trindall (Narrabri Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC))
Stuart Murray (People for the Plains) (P4P)
Jocelyn Cameron (Community Representative)
Russell Stewart (Community Representative)

Brendon Child (Santos)
Abby McClure (Santos)
Janelle Twyman (Santos) VC
Cr Darrell Tiemens (Narrabri Shire Council)

APOLOGIES

Cr Brett Nolan

GUESTS

NIL

Discussions

NO.	DISCUSSIONS
Welcome, introductions and 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 and all Aboriginal persons present. Apologies received from Cr Brett Nolan Mayor, Darrell Tiemens in attendance representing Narrabri Shire Council
Declaration of pecuniary or other interests / Code of Conduct	Chair asked if there were any new declarations of interest. Chair advised he has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Hunter Gas Pipeline Community Reference Group which is a project related to the NGP.
Confirmation of previous minutes	Minutes of the previous meeting were circulated to attendees. Stuart Murray had advised by email he was opposed to the adoption of the final minutes for the 17 March 2026 NGP CCC as he believed they were inaccurate and misleading. Stuart Murray said The Chair altered the question he had asked at the December 2025 CCC meeting to enable Santos to avoid answering the question. The Chair presented to Stuart Murray a copy of the question he tabled at the December 2025 meeting and the Santos question and answer tabled at the March 2026 CCC meeting and asked if the question Santos answered differed. The Chair noted there was no difference, and he took exception to Stuart Murray falsely misrepresenting the facts and to senior people in the Department of Planning. Stuart Murray defended his role indicating there was ample evidence of the Project reducing its production from 200 TJ per day to 150 TJ per day. All other community members spoke in support of The Chair in his role as Chairperson, objected to P4P attitude at the meetings and supported adoption of the minutes as circulated.
Correspondence	Stuart Murray provided written questions to the Chair for Santos to address
Actions from previous meeting	NIL
Presentations Santos Corporate Update	Presentation: Santos delivered the June 2026 CCC Presentation Agenda items included: Santos Corporate Update – Brendon Child (Santos) Santos delivered increased production of 22.5 mmboe, up 1% on the prior quarter and 3% on the corresponding period in 2025, as Barossa achieved its first cargoes. Sales revenue of approximately \$1.27 billion for the first quarter, up 3% on the prior quarter. Free cash flow from operations of approximately \$383 million, in line with the prior quarter. Pikka phase 1 reached mechanical completion early in the quarter, followed by fuel gas introduction to support electrification. Dynamic commissioning continued through to quarter end, and oil initiation for first tank and facility fill activity is now underway. <u>Investor Briefing – 26 May</u> Santos is committed to progressing the remaining approvals for Narrabri and the pipelines and will review a final investment decision once the approval are in place. Other projects like Beetaloo that have the necessary approvals will commence appraisal in the meantime.

Narrabri Gas Project Update – Janelle Twyman (Santos)

Development update

Phase 1 activity continues to progress, ongoing care and maintenance of existing wells, operating wells are delivering gas to Wilga Park Power Station, produced water is managed at Leewood Water Management Facility, field development planning is ongoing, and continuation of groundwater monitoring. Annual review has been submitted to DPHI and DCCEEW. An Independent Environmental Audit will be undertaken over July-August.

Management Plans

Phase 2 and 3 management plans are under development and engagement is expected to commence in 2027. All management plans and DPHI approvals are available on the NGP website.

Hunter Gas Pipeline Overview – Brendon Child (Santos)

The NGP, supported by the Hunter Gas Pipeline, 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 NSW Government and assessed as not a controlled action in accordance with the EPBC Act by the Commonwealth Government.

The underground pipeline route passes close to the NGP and once constructed, the pipeline will deliver much needed gas to the east coast domestic market in the shortest timeframe possible.

Stage 1 (early and low impact works) commenced in December 2023. Stage 2 (Narrabri to Hexham section of pipeline) will commence construction once the route is finalised and all secondary approvals are in place.

Landholder engagement & activity – Brendon Child (Santos)

Santos has been undertaking extensive engagement for access to undertake survey activities

Santos has carried out over 18,000 personal landholder engagements and 59 community information sessions and continue to progress land access agreements and surveys.

Deed of Option Easement Agreements continue to be negotiated.

Early works sites are now complete and survey activities continue.

Santos has commenced the progressive submission of documentation required for the HGP Pipeline Licence.

Narrabri Lateral Pipeline Update – Brendon Child (Santos)

NLP EIS was on Public Exhibition 20 November 2025 to 18 December 2025. 375 community submissions received (314 objected, 56 supported & 5 commented only).

Advice received from 12 NSW government agencies.

EIS Submissions

The most commonly raised questions in community submissions were:

- Terrestrial biodiversity impacts
- Aboriginal cultural heritage
- Impacts on agricultural land
- Adequacy and accuracy of the EIS
- Strategic justification for additional gas supply

	A report responding to the submissions and government advice is currently being prepared and the Response to Submissions (RtS) report will be provided to DPHI in Q3 2026. Stuart Murray noted the RtS was originally due by 31 March 2026. Project Amendments • Brendon Child noted some minor adjustments to the project disturbance footprint are being considered in response to further field surveys, technical studies, stakeholder consultation and ongoing engineering design and construction planning. • The amended Project will be described and assessed in an Assessment report which will be provided to DPHI for consideration in Q3 2026. • Jocelyn Cameron questioned if all landholders had agreed to the proposed route or will compulsory acquisition for some be required. Brendon indicated Santos had negotiated voluntary agreements with the overwhelming majority of NLP landholders. Lynn Trindall noted that the proposed route had been subjected to Aboriginal cultural heritage surveys. Exploration Program and other activities – Janelle Twyman (Santos) PEL 1 – Kahlua pilot activity Maintaining wells online Groundwater monitoring and reporting is being undertaken PEL 1 and PEL 12 – scouting for future minimum tenure commitments Community Engagement and Consultation – Abby McClure (Santos) <u>NRL Community Weekend</u> • Santos representatives attended the junior clinic, fundraising event and home game which attracted more than 1,000 attendees. • The event raised valuable funds for the club and supported junior participation & skills development. • Local players benefited from coaching and mentoring opportunities with current and former NRL legends. <u>Narrabri Show</u> • Santos was both a sponsor and exhibitor again this year, with the Community and Land Access teams engaging with showgoers about the NSW projects. Santos has supported the Narrabri Show for over a decade. <u>Narrabri Jockey Club</u> • Santos provided a community grant to purchase transportable event fencing to help with crowd management and improve safety at community events. • The fencing is a reusable community asset that can be deployed across multiple events delivering ongoing benefits to the broader Narrabri community. <u>Upcoming events:</u> June • NGP site tour with Gunnedah High & Rotary Science and Engineering Challenge & Shared Table Volunteering
--	---

	- Volunteer Learning lunch – this is a collaborative initiative designed to equip local volunteers with practical information, key contacts and valuable resources. The session will address common challenges faced by community groups, including funding applications, financial management, event approvals, compliance requirements and food safety obligations. Lynn Trindall noted an issue that needs addressing is volunteer insurance. July - National Tree Initiative – a Santos-led community initiative supporting National Tree Day, providing free gardening packs containing two native tube stock plants, gloves, sunscreen and hats to interested community members. Pick up packs at Santos Shopfront. August - Santos will be launching a mini grants program (maximum \$1,000 each) - Lynn Trindall noted the need for a defibrillator around town.
Member updates	Lynn Trindall noted that a NAIDOC Day activity will be held 17 July. Also noting the proposed Cultural Centre development will be relocated to opposite the Rural Fire Service.
General Business	Stuart Murray drew attention to an alleged incident at the Mt Pleasant Creek cultural heritage site and requested a briefing on the issue. Mr Murray asked if the complaint was being investigated by the Biodiversity and Heritage regulator and what was the current status of the investigation. [ACTION] Stuart Murray asked if Santos has lodged an expression of interest in the NSW Government new gas developments in far west NSW? Brendon Child advised Santos is focussing its activity on the Narrabri Gas Project. [ACTION] Stuart Murray read a statement that dwindling gas reserves is one of many problems facing the Santos Narrabri Gas Project. Stuart Murray mentioned the following: There are numerous references that the NGP could produce up to 200 TJ/day, and the IPC approved the project on this basis in 2020. However, since 2020 various Santos and third-party documents have materially lowered production values below the original 200 TJ/day. References that support the reduced capacity of the NGP from 200 TJ/day to 150Tj/day. April 2020: At the Santos AGM Chair Keith Spence acknowledged Santos was not interested in producing gas from the Huskisson coal seam because it contains elevated levels of CO₂. Revised reserves were not mentioned at this time to the best of my knowledge, but this statement infers there will be less gas. November 2021: Oil Search and Santos Merger Scheme Booklet. Base scenario 104 TJ/day Stretch scenario 108 TJ/day. May 2023: Santos Macquarie Conference Presentation, CEO Keven Gallagher. Progress Narrabri Approval up to 150 TJ/day. May 2024: Australian Govt Future Gas Strategy states: The Narrabri Basin will supply 55 PJ/annum, [or] 150 TJ/day. August 2024: Santos Media Release, CEO Keven Gallagher said the: Narrabri Gas Project could produce up to 150 TJ/day. May 2025: Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO). Gas Statement of Opportunity. The Narrabri Gas Project is the least effective of the four options to reduce the severity of gas shortfalls. On page 70 The proposed quantity of supply from Narrabri 150 TJ/day. On page 72 Narrabri production rate maximum 150 TJ/day.

	October 2025: Santos Third Quarter Report to the ASX: The Narrabri Gas Project could provide up to 150 TJ/day. November 2025: Santos, Closing Date for Expression of Interest document: For CO2 removal system (amine) package initial gas throughput 80 TJ/day with expandability to 150 TJ/day. February 2026: Santos Annual Report: The Narrabri Gas Project has the potential to supply up to 150 TJ/day. May 2026: Santos Investor Briefing Day document and comments by CEO Kevin Gallagher. While there was no mention of production potential or revised reserves the briefing was insightful as the references to the Narrabri Gas Project cast doubt as to whether Santos will proceed with the project.
--	---

Actions

NO.	ACTIONS	ACTION BY	DUE DATE
1	Alleged pollution event at the Mt Pleasant Creek cultural heritage site	Brendon Child	ASAP
2	Does Santos intend to submit an expression of interest for the development of gas production in far west NSW where the NSW Government has opened tenders for new gas development?	Brendon Child	ASAP

Next meeting

Tuesday 15 September 2026

Meeting closed

10.40am