

Meeting Minutes

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

Meeting #22

DATE / TIME

Tuesday 29 September 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)
David Scilley (NSW Farmers)

Brendon Child (Santos)
Abby McClure (Santos)
Tina Stewart (Santos) VC
Kate Alberry (Narrabri Shire Council)

APOLOGIES

Cr Brett Nolan
Cr Mark Strahle

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 and Cr Mark Strahle. Chair welcomed Kate Alberry, Director Development and Compliance (Narrabri Shire Council) and Tina Stewart (Santos) taking over from Janelle Twyman for the NGP.
Declaration of pecuniary or other interests / Code of Conduct	Chair asked if there were any new declarations of interest. NIL
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 June 2026 NGP CCC. No other objections received.
Correspondence	NIL
Actions from previous meeting	Stuart Murray sought clarification if Anna Christie's appointment as an Alternate P4P member had been approved. Mr West advised she was and the necessary forms have been completed. Stuart Murray objected to the words in the previous minutes which referred to his misrepresentation of facts and read from a prepared document defending his actions and outlined the events. Several members spoke objecting to Mr Murray's statements. Mr West closed further discussion.
Presentations Santos Corporate Update	Presentation: Santos delivered the June 2026 CCC Presentation Agenda items included: Questions and Answers to People for the Plains (see attached) Santos Corporate Update – Brendon Child (Santos) Second Quarter report – as at 23 July 2026 Barossa is now producing at 97 percent of planned rates, with two project cargoes loaded towards the end of the quarter, with current cadence of cargoes approximately every eight days. Pikka phase 1 is progressing towards plateau, with the initial set of production wells currently online delivering gross production of approximately 23,000 bbl/day. Seawater injection for reservoir pressure support and additional production wells are expected to come online in the coming weeks. Plateau production of approximately 80,000 bbl/day (gross) is targeted for the third quarter of 2026, with first sales revenue expected in August. Production of 23.1 mmboe for the second quarter, a three percent increase on the prior quarter, with first-half production of 45.6 mmboe. Second-half 2026 production is expected to increase around 20 to 30 per cent on the first half. Higher realised LNG pricing combined with expected production uplift are likely to drive free cash flow in the second-half of 2026.

Narrabri Gas Project Update – Brendon Child (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.

Continuation of groundwater monitoring

An Independent Environmental Audit is currently underway.

Management Plans

Phase 2 and 3 management plans are under development. 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 – Tina Stewart (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).

Main themes of submissions received included:

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

The Response to Submission report was submitted to DPHI in early September and is available for viewing on the DPHI planning portal.

	Project Amendments • Tina Stewart noted some minor refinements to aspects of the project are being made in response to further field surveys, construction planning and consultation with landholders and stakeholders. • The proposed refinements to the project are minor and localised and will not change the overall scope of the project described in the EIS. They include changes to: ○ Site access by refining works on roads and tracks, proposing new tracks and removing some tracks that are no longer required ○ The pipeline alignment and construction right of way at two locations ○ The disturbance footprint, including for construction workspaces, site access and pipeline alignment changes and to incorporate habitat connectivity design features • The overall size of the disturbance footprint is expected to be reduced • No new landholders or stakeholders will be affected • The amended project will be described and assessed in an Amendment Report, to be provided to DPHI for consideration in Q4 2026. EPBC Act • Santos recently submitted an application to vary the NLP EPBC Act Referral (2024/10050) • The variation requests small changes to the proposed action area to approximately accommodate the amended Project. Exploration Program and other activities – Brendon Child (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>AgQuip</u> • Santos has held a site at the event for almost 20 years. This year being one of the busiest, with more than 350 people visiting the Santos site. <u>New Study Pod for CUC</u> • The regional students at CUC North West – Narrabri now have access to a brand new study pod, providing a dedicated space for focussed learning, online classes and exam preparation, proudly sponsored by Santos. <u>Meals on Wheels</u> • Santos provided a community grant to purchase a new Digital ID Card for Meals on Wheels Narrabri. It is a simple piece of equipment that makes a real difference, giving volunteers a professional recognisable identity when visiting community members in their homes. <u>Upcoming Events</u> September • Business NSW Awards Night – Category Sponsor Excellence in Micro Business (0-5 employees)
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	• NSWRU Waratahs HGP Rugby Clinics – Gunnedah, Scone, Muswellbrook & Singleton • King of the Ranges Event – Major Sponsor October • Narrabri Business Awards • CREATE Opening Night • Rural Womens Gathering • Moree Secondary College Site Tour • Dolly Parton Imagination Library Fundraiser
Member updates	Lynn Trindall advised the Development Application for the proposed Cultural Centre has been lodged with Narrabri Shire Council. Lynn Trindall gave a brief report on her NALC trip to Canada.
General Business	NIL

Actions

NO.	ACTIONS	ACTION BY	DUE DATE
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NIL

Next meeting

Tuesday 1 December 2026 TBC

Meeting closed

10.30am

Written questions from People for the Plains – received 17 June 2026	Santos response – 17 July 2026
Question to Santos regarding their response to submissions report on the Narrabri Lateral Pipeline I believe the Santos response to submissions report on the Narrabri Lateral Pipeline was to be lodged with the Department of Planning by the 31st of March 2026. As I have not been able to find this report: Would Santos please provide a copy of this report or advise where it could be viewed?	Santos is currently finalising our Response to Submissions, which will be submitted in the third quarter of 2026 for assessment by Department Planning Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI). The document will be publicly available once accepted by DPHI. Santos will advise the Community Consultative Committee (CCC) members when this occurs and provide a copy upon request.
We note that the NSW Government has opened up tenders for companies to express their interest in new gas development in far west NSW. Do you know if Santos has any attention or has put in an Expression of Interest for the development of gas production in far west NSW?	Santos is focusing attention on progressing the Narrabri Gas Project.
Since 2020 there has been numerous credible references (including Santos documents) that the production capacity of the NGP is now 150 TJ/day which is below the approved capacity of 200 TJ/day. When I asked why ? Santos's reply included the statement : "There has been no reduction in the projects anticipated production capability' "with expansion potential up to 200 TJ/day" "this position has been consistent" Apart from not answering the question Santos's answer implies that all the references listed (including from the Santos CEO Keven Gallagher) are not true. Would Santos please provide the community with the evidence that all of the references to the NGP now having the capacity to produce up to 150 TJ/day are incorrect ?.	As advised by Santos on 2 February 2026 in response to this question previously raised by People for the Plains and discussed again further during the CCC meeting on 17 March 2026, there has been no reduction in the approved production capability of the Narrabri Gas Project (NGP). The NGP has a base development plan of 150TJ/day, with expansion potential of up to 200TJ/day, which remains within the project's approved production limits.
As Santos have not made a final investment decision (FID) to proceed with the NGP, does the statement by Keven Gallagher the CEO of Santos : That "the NGP" will be subject to "further review following appraisal of Beetaloo in 2027" mean that the FID for Narrabri has been deferred until after the Beetaloo appraisal in 2027?	Santos is committed to progressing the remaining approvals for NGP and associated pipelines and will not be able to make a Final Investment Decision (FID) until all the approvals are in place. Other projects like Beetaloo that have the required approvals to commence appraisal work will proceed in the meantime.
Action from Minutes: Alleged pollution event at the Mt Pleasant Creek cultural heritage site.	This matter is subject to an investigation by the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water. Given this, Santos is unable to pre-empt the outcome of that process or provide further comment at this time. Further information can be provided once the investigation is complete.