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QGC Joint Northern and Central/Southern Regional Community Consultative Committee Meeting

Thursday 3 December 2015

Club Hotel, 131 Heeney Street, Chinchilla

1. Opening

The meeting of the QGC Joint Northern and Central/Southern Regional Community Committee was called to order at 09:09am on Thursday 3rd December 2015 at Chinchilla Club Hotel, facilitated by Ms Deb Camden, Independent Facilitator.

2. Attendees

The following people attended the QGC Joint Northern and Central/Southern Regional Community Committee meeting:

QGC Northern and Central/Southern Regional Community Committee Members	QGC Representatives
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Krzysztof Oracz, Chinchilla Family Support Centre• Linda Elder, Chinchilla Family Support• Ros Wade, Tara Neighbourhood Centre• Bill Blake, Chinchilla Community Commerce and Industry• Leanne Evans, Chinchilla Community Unity Group• Trish Leddington-Hill, Darling Downs Health Board• Patricia Peck, Wieambilla Estates Rural Subdivision• Theresa Jane Philips, Wieambilla Estates Rural Subdivision• Dean Russell, Dalby State High School• Jayne Swift, Ozcare• Peter Cox, TAFE Queensland South West• Leisa Finch, Myall Youth and Community Network Centre• Helen Devlin, Wandoan Community and Commerce Inc.• Rose Asplin, Murilla Landcare• Adam Clark, Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland, Upper Dawson	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Angus Hetherington, Field Operations Manager - Water and Common Processes• Lizzie Staines, Manager Land• Jane Roberts, Social Investment Manager• Kristelle Townsend, Lead Social Performance Adviser• Carlie Watson, Social Performance Coordinator

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cecilia Donohoe, Wandoan District Liaison Group • Lavinia Tyrell, Western Downs Regional Council • Cecily Brockhurst, Murilla Community Centre • Sharn Pogan, Miles State High School P&C 	
Apologies	Independent Facilitator
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Carolyn Tillman, Western Downs Regional Council • Gayle Porter, Tara Futures Group Inc. • Rowena Price, Wandoan State School • Kathie Fletcher, Queensland Murray Darling Committee • Terri Cobb, Western Downs Regional Council • Beth Wood, Dalby Welcoming Community Committee • Aschleigh Perring, Miles Health Service • Louise Sanderson, Goondir Health Services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deb Camden, PRISM Communication Architects

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3. Meeting agenda

The following items of business were discussed as per the meeting agenda:

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a. Introductions and meeting overview	Deb Camden gave a broad overview of the meeting format, housekeeping/emergency procedures and acknowledged the traditional owners of the land, recognising past and present elders.
b. Safety moment	<p>Deb Camden invited Committee members to share a safety moment.</p> <p>Carlie Watson shared a safety moment on being mindful you were not fatigued when driving.</p>
c. Adoption of minutes	<p>Deb Camden led roundtable introductions of Community Committee members and QGC representatives. Deb Camden asked the committee to formally consider the minutes of the Northern Regional Community Consultative Committee meeting held 9th September and Central/Southern Regional Community Consultative Committee meeting held 10th September and asked for suggested changes.</p> <p>The last Northern Regional Community Consultative Committee meeting minutes and Central/Southern Regional Community Consultative Committee minutes were adopted.</p>
d. Actions from previous meeting	<p>Deb Camden reviewed the actions from the previous meeting.</p> <p>Rural Property Pest Management Program</p> <p>Advised that Lizzie Staines cover any questions in Rural Property Management section.</p> <p>Wandoan Community tour of Woleebee and landholder drop-in sessions</p> <p>Eligible participants were invited to both sessions. A committee member thanked us for allowing him to inspect the Ooline trees at Woleebee Creek.</p> <p>End of year meeting</p> <p>Committee members were invited, however it was noted that some proxies did not receive an email invitation.</p> <p>Speech pathology services</p> <p>Jane Roberts provided information that QGC were currently negotiating an extension of the Health-e-Regions program. They were looking to expand into other schools in the Western Downs that would include St Joseph's school in Tara in addition to other schools in Miles, Chinchilla and Wandoan as well. A committee member asked if program services would start with the next school year and Jane Roberts responded that she hoped it would be able to pending arrangements with the project partners being finalised.</p>

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<p>e. QGC Update</p>	<p>Angus Hetherington, Field Operations Manager - Water and Common Processes, provided the committee with a QGC update. Key points included:</p> <p>Shell Offer to buy BG Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shell announced a pre-conditional offer to buy BG Group, parent of QGC, in April 2015 • This means that all of BG Group, including QGC and QCLNG, will be acquired by Shell if and when the transaction completes • The transaction is expected to complete in early 2016 • The drivers of the timeline are primarily regulatory clearances • The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) gave unconditional clearance in November 2015 • The two remaining clearances are from Australia's Foreign Investment Review Board (FIRB) and China's Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) • The proposed transaction will also require support from both BG Group and Shell shareholders • QGC continues to run our own business until the transaction completes <p>LNG Production</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural gas production in the Surat Basin continues to ramp up according to plan • Achieved the highest production in a single day to date in October • Plateau production expected in mid-2016 • The QCLNG plant on Curtis Island is now fully operational • Over 70 cargoes of LNG have been shipped <p>Central/Southern Operations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planned shut-down took place at the Jordan Central Processing Plant (CPP), north-east of Tara, in late October to enable a new pipeline to be connected to the plant • Jordan CPP started operating earlier this year and is one of six plants supplying natural gas to domestic customers and the QCLNG plant on Curtis Island near Gladstone • The shut-down at Jordan CPP required natural gas supply to the plant to be suspended temporarily, resulting in short-term controlled flaring at two smaller field compression stations and nine wells • Lauren Trunkline has been completed • Lauren Field Compression Station is on track for completion by the end of 2015 • Matilda John Field Compression Station has doubled capacity from two to four compressors

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This will increase production from Jordan Central Processing Plant • A planned maintenance shutdown for Bellevue Central Processing Plant, near Miles is presently occurring and should finalise around mid-December 2015 • Planned maintenance is coordinated with Curtis Island • Recently five Year 12 students graduated from a school trade collaboration between QGC and Dalby State High School • Over the past two years the Southern Operations team have hosted the students one day a month for their field practical and assessments in addition to five-day blocks in school holidays • The students benefited from hands-on experience across the operation, spending time on wellsites, field compression stations and central processing plants with operators and maintenance staff. <p>Northern Operations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • About 660 wells are now operational. • Central processing plant (CPP): Three-train operation, connected to the Northern Gas Collection Header • Five field compression stations (FCS): Four-train operation connected to hundreds of kilometres of water and gas gathering • High-voltage infrastructure from the network powers the CPP, the FCSs and Northern Water Treatment Plant (NWTP) • Northern Water Treatment Plant: Three-train operation, numerous ponds with associated infrastructure and SunWater pumping station (operated by SunWater). <p>Charlie Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QGC announced a two-year, A\$1.7 billion development of tenements west of Wandoan to support gas production • The development involves: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • construction of 300-400 wells • large field compression station • associated pipelines and facilities • QGC has appointed Leighton Contractors Pty Limited as the main works contractor • Preliminary work has begun • Major infrastructure will be built on QGC property <p>A question was asked by a committee member as to whether the current water treatment plant at Woleebee was capable of handling any additional water produced by the additional Charlie development. Angus responded that the Northern Water Treatment Plant was not operating at full capacity and is capable of handling</p>

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	<p>the rate of water that the additional development would produce.</p> <p>A committee member asked if there would be contracting opportunities as result of the development. Carlie responded that some contracting opportunities were advertised publically through the ICN gateway early contractor involvement process earlier in the year, however Leighton’s was developing a strategy to get extra information to communities on opportunities and had set up an email address for businesses to express an interest and provide information on their capability.</p> <p>Action: Carlie Watson to provide committee member the expression of interest email address for Leighton Contractors so that businesses can send their capability statements through in time for the Miles Chamber end of year meeting. Carlie to also send information to other Chambers of Commerce in the Western Downs and RCCC members.</p> <p>Committee members asked if there was an update on salt management and when a solution would be found. Angus stated there was no further update at this time, however we were able to contain salt at our own facilities for the future while whole-of-industry solutions were being considered.</p>
<p>f. Key Topic Update</p>	<p>Lizzie Staines, Manager Land presented the key topic update, key points were:</p> <p>Rural Property Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following a competitive tender process, QGC has chosen a leading Queensland pastoral company to partner with us in managing our portfolio of rural land. • Stanbroke will run QGC’s properties according to agricultural best management practices and ensure their long term sustainable use. • We have gained an agricultural industry partner who shares our vision for the region and will continue to contribute to the local economy. <p>Further feedback on the rural property management announcement was provided by community members and is recorded in the community feedback section.</p> <p>QGC Rehabilitation Program Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Like all land managers, QGC has some issues requiring rectification (<1% of our footprint). • QGC monitors rehabilitation across the gas fields and following major weather events. • QGC has a dedicated Rectification Program to address Landholder issues, including:

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soil erosion, drainage or other issues related to heavy rain and severe weather. • Pasture growth following reinstatement and dry weather. • Subsidence in certain soils following reinstatement and heavy rainfall. • Disturbance weeds that occur following overgrazing or dry conditions and stifle common pasture and vegetation. <p>Photographs were shown to committee members of successful rehabilitation across QGC project areas including McNulty Pond, Wambo Downs Pond, Isabella Field and Harry Field.</p> <p>A committee member asked where the water was taken from the ponds that were rehabilitated.</p> <p>Action: Lizzie Staines to report back to the committee where the water from rehabilitated ponds was taken, including for Wambo Downs.</p> <p>Deb Camden acknowledged the committee had a lot of feedback to give and opened the meeting to further community feedback.</p>
<p>g. Community feedback</p>	<p>Representative committee members expressed strong disappointment and a high level of concern about the announcement that Stanbroke had won the tender to lease QGC's properties.</p> <p>A question was asked by a committee member as to whether Stanbroke would have the ability to sublease the land. Lizzie Staines responded that yes, Stanbroke would have the ability to sublease any land that was surplus to their requirements and would call for interest should this occur.</p> <p>A committee member shared a concern that there was nowhere for current agisters to go at this time of year as there was a lack of available land and cattle sales had closed.</p> <p>A question was asked as to whether Stanbroke would be managing all of the properties in all of the zones across QGC and Lizzie Staines answered that yes, this would be the case and that QGC was working with current agisters on a case-by-case basis to ensure their needs were met and, in some cases, this has included extensions to their agistment beyond that contained in their current agreements with QGC.</p> <p>A committee member expressed disappointment that the decision was the opposite of what community members had asked for during the consultation process before the tender and that they had asked for smaller parcels of land and opportunities for local agisters.</p>

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	<p>Two committee members stated that they had received calls from landholders who were concerned about the matter. A committee member stated that people spent a lot of time and money to prepare tenders and had tried to form consortiums.</p> <p>A committee member also expressed disappointment at the length of time between the call for tenders and announcement. It was a long time for people to wait to be able to make decisions around their cattle businesses. The member noted that for weeks before the official announcement by QGC many had known Stanbroke had won the tender.</p> <p>A committee member stated that in their view although QGC had operated within its legal rights, the decision to lease the properties to Stanbroke was contrary to what some community members had asked for during initial community consultation. The committee member stated the decision was undoing previous good work by QGC. Sustainable land management was also highlighted as a concern.</p> <p>Lizzie Staines said that as part of the tender award, Stanbroke were required to manage the land according to agricultural best management practices. She stated that they had to have existing people employed in the region – Stanbroke employ approximately 550 people in the region including at a feedlot near Chinchilla. She informed the committee that Stanbroke had made commitments related to local employment, purchasing, and regional development where possible as well as youth development programs. She also stated QGC is working with current agisters on QGC properties and making arrangements on a case-by-case basis.</p> <p>A question was asked about how QGC intended to monitor Stanbroke’s commitment to local employment in the agreement. Lizzie Staines stated that Stanbroke had given a commitment to advertising locally.</p> <p>Another question was asked by a committee member about how QGC would monitor whether Stanbroke met best practice management requirements, including managing pests and weeds. Lizzie Staines provided information that Stanbroke would be required to become accredited under the relevant Grains, Grazing or Cotton Best Management Practice program established by the government and relevant industry bodies and part of that program is ongoing auditing.</p> <p>A committee member stated that the issue was now how Stanbroke interacts with the local people and that needed to be managed, though another committee member said the decision should be reversed. They stated that a response was needed to address the high level of concern. There was a community member suggestion</p>

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	<p>for QGC town hall meeting with QGC management on issue.</p> <p>Action: Need for more detailed discussions and information from QGC on Stanbroke's lease of QGC's rural properties.</p> <p>Lizzie Staines said she was happy to be contacted on her landline if there were any further queries and left her phone number for Carlie to provide to any interested committee members.</p> <p>A committee member provided feedback that a contractor was moved out of houses and into a camp and that this was concerning as the contractor supported community groups and clubs.</p> <p>A committee member stated they were resigning from the committee as they felt they had not been heard on issues.</p> <p>A question was asked about how many houses QGC and sub-contractors were leasing in Wandoan. Kristelle reported that demand for housing had decreased. Carlie reported that QGC owned four houses in Wandoan however would find out numbers that were being leased.</p> <p>Action: Carlie Watson to find out how many houses QGC is leasing in Wandoan and how many houses are leased by sub-contractors.</p> <p>A committee member reflected that QGC had said there would be more people living locally during operations.</p> <p>A committee member stated that as a chamber they were disappointed that so many incumbent local contractors have been disengaged recently through QGC tender processes. They stated they know of three or four local contractors who had been replaced. They stated that local contractors do not have the advantages of offshore competitors to absorb costs in other areas and to award on price does not demonstrate local content being a consideration. They also indicated that the award of tenders to offshore or out-of-town companies was causing considerable impact on local communities. There were families moving from town due to losing employment with local businesses that lost contracts with QGC. There were concerns that the out-of-town companies that won contracts then had to poach staff as they were not set up locally and that one company did not seem to have the capability for the tender they had won.</p> <p>Action: Kristelle said she would take the feedback around the QGC decisions at the meeting today back to QGC management. She stated it was of benefit today to listen to concerns.</p> <p>A committee member said they had asked if QGC contractors going onto private property had undergone police checks. They</p>

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	<p>said that while there had been no issues reported with contractors that they were aware of, it was a matter that had been raised.</p> <p>Kristelle stated that we would not be able to provide information if all contractors had undertaken police checks however people would be notified if we are accessing properties and the timeframe and type of activities. People accessing properties have to do so on designated roads and are limited to the specific areas of work on the landholder's property.</p> <p>Action: Kristelle Townsend to inform QGC HR issue raised around police checks for contractors.</p> <p>Angus stated that all QGC staff and contractors are tracked with in vehicle IVMS which has a high level of accuracy as to their location throughout their journey.</p>
<p>h. Social Investment Update</p>	<p>Jane Roberts, Social Investment Manager, outlined the Future Makers Program and that the World Science Festival was coming to Chinchilla on the 12th and 13th February 2016.</p> <p>This event is normally only held in New York however QGC has partnered with the Queensland Museum to bring the event to Brisbane and Chinchilla.</p> <p>School students across the Western Downs were invited to participate on the 12th February 2016 and the event will be open to the general public on the 13th February 2016 in Chinchilla.</p>
<p>i. Items for next agenda</p>	<p>Deb Camden outlined the proposed dates for next year's meetings.</p> <p>Action: Committee members to provide feedback to Kristelle or Carlie if they have any concerns regarding the proposed meeting dates via email by mid-January 2016.</p> <p>No agenda items were raised for the upcoming meeting.</p>

4. General Business

No general business items were raised.

5. Meeting Close

The next Central/Southern Regional Community Consultative Committee meeting is proposed for the 10th March in Tara, with venue to be advised.

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The meeting was closed by Deb Camden at 10:50am, after which time committee members participated in a tour of the QGC Control room.

6. Central/Southern Gas Field Community Committee Members

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Representative	Organisation
Krzysztof Oracz	Chinchilla Family Support Centre
Leanne Evans	Chinchilla State School P&C
Patricia Peck	Wieambilla Estates Rural Subdivision
Jayne Swift	Ozcare
Terri Cobb	Western Downs Regional Council
Leisa Finch	Myall Youth and Community Network
Dean Russell	Dalby State High School
Bill Blake	Chinchilla Community Commerce and Industry
Ros Wade	Tara Neighbourhood Centre
Beth Wood	Dalby Welcoming Community Committee
Peter Cox	TAFE Queensland South West
Cr Carolyn Tillman	Councillor - Western Downs Regional Council
Gayle Porter	Tara Futures Group Inc
Louise Sanderson	Goondir Health Services
Cameron O'Neil	Queensland Murray Darling Committee

7. Northern Gas Field Community Committee Members

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Cecilia Donohoe	Wandoan Liaison Group
Sharn Pogan	Miles SHS P&C
Rose Asplin	Murilla Landcare Group
Cecily Brockhurst	Murilla Community Centre and Miles Chamber of Commerce
Helen Devlin	Wandoan Chamber of Commerce
Lavinia Tyrell	Western Downs Regional Council
Aschleigh Perring	Miles Health Service
Adam Clark	Upper Dawson Wildlife Preservation Society
Rowena Price	Wandoan State School