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QGC LNG Community Committee

Monday 6 December 2010

QGC Office, Gladstone

1. Opening

The fifth meeting of the QGC LNG Community Committee was called to order at 2.00pm on Monday 6 December 2010 at the QGC Office, 72 Goondoon Street, Gladstone facilitated by Mr Jim Cavaye, Independent Facilitator.

2. Attendees

The following people attended the QCLNG Community Committee meeting:

QGC LNG Community Committee Members	QGC Representatives
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cr Maxine Brushe, Gladstone Regional Council• Veronica Laverick, Gladstone Regional Council• Karina Saxvik, Relationships Australia• Len Smith, Gladstone Area Promotion and Development Limited• Jim Purcell, Volunteer Marine Rescue• David Manttan, Education Queensland• Jayne Ball proxy for Alan Smith, South End Progress Association• Blue Thomson, Gladstone Local Marine Advisory Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lorna McGinnis, Manager Social Performance – LNG• Pat Gaffney, Construction Manager, Gladstone
Apologies	Independent Facilitator
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Matthew Cooke, Nhulundu Wooribah• Greg Realf, Miriam Vale Lions Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jim Cavaye - Cavaye Community Development

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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	<p>Jim Cavaye led roundtable introductions of community committee members and QGC representatives.</p> <p>Jim Cavaye gave a broad overview of the meeting format.</p>
b. Safety moment	<p>A committee member provided a safety moment about driving safely and to the weather conditions even if it means you will need to apologise for being late.</p>
c. Adoption of Minutes	<p>Jim Cavaye asked the Committee to formally consider the October 4 minutes and asked for suggested changes.</p> <p>The October 4 QCLNG Community Committee minutes were adopted by the Committee.</p>
d. QCLNG Update	<p>Pat Gaffney provided an update on construction activity planned including land clearing, dredging at mainland GPC sites and the QCLNG site on Curtis Island, and piling at RG Tanna and at Auckland Point marine sites. It was explained that prior all clearing works Traditional Owners and Environmental Officers provide clearance and that all hollow bearing trees are checked and removed prior to full clearing.</p> <p>Lorna McGinnis provided an update on the status of the QCLNG project with State and Federal approvals now both received with a total of 1,500 conditions and that the BG Group board had provided project sanction with a Final Investment Decision (FID) made on 31 October 2010,</p> <p>An overview of QGC's social investment plans was provided with explanation that the Sustainable Communities Program would be launched early 2011, including 3 components,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. a continued Sponsorships and Donations program (applications for up to \$10,000 can be made on the QGC website) , 2. a Sustainable Communities Fund with a Grant Assessment Panel made up of equal numbers of QGC reps and Community Representatives, and 3. QCLNG's Social Impact Management Plan (SIMP) including a range of major social investment projects and partnerships focused around impact mitigation with sustainable legacy and community enhancement benefits and a significant monitoring program.

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<p>e. Community Feedback</p>	<p>Jim Cavaye asked the committee members to provide any community feedback regarding what was happening around the region. The issues discussed are detailed below.</p> <p>Shipping zones A committee member raised that they felt the community was unclear about the zones to be used by LNG ships and how this would impact the community.</p> <p>Pat Gaffney and Lorna McGinnis provided information on shipping zones and the EIS process. Copies of a multi-proponent fact sheet developed in conjunction with Marine Safety Queensland and the Gladstone Port Authority was provided to committee members. It provided many answers to the frequently asked questions which were feed back at this meeting regarding LNG carrier safety zones. It is available on the QCLNG website: http://qclng.com.au/uploads/docs/Anchorage-Harbour-Transit-Safety-Zones.pdf</p> <p>The committee discussed how this information could be promoted better and what additional information was required. Communication suggestions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VMR Website and Newsletter • MSQ Registration – Boat Registration MSQ Database • MSQ Safety awareness programme QGC/MSQ partnership • People need to feel like they can access general information rather than information only being updated to special interest groups (QGC regularly updating key stakeholder groups) • Newsletters • Information stands <p>Jetty Locations A committee member raised that the VMR and sports fishing clubs would like detailed information on QCLNG jetty locations to pass onto their members.</p> <p>Action: To provide information to VMR and sports fishing associations (Lorna McGinnis)</p> <p>Housing Members raised concerns about housing. They said it was an urgent issue for the community. An in-depth discussion was had about the topic. Key points are detailed below.</p>

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	<p><i>Rental housing availability and affordability</i> Some members shared anecdotal and indicative data from their services regarding housing in the region. Key points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rent rises – recent experiences ranged from \$70 per week increases to \$200 per week increases in rental leases • A decrease in rentals available under the \$250 per week mark (11 now compared to 140 this time last year) • Real estate agents promising increased rental returns to landlords to obtain business. One home owner was offered 25% more rent if they agreed for a particular agency to manage their property • Companies (not QCLNG) providing large rental allowances for overseas workers • Income earners of \$60,000 or less make up approx 50% of Gladstone residents and could come under housing stress in the future. • One support service is experiencing higher volume of clients living in caravans, higher than known caravan park availability • Emergency housing is at full capacity • Emergency housing providers are receiving less in state funding than other locations • Some members said they were concerned that housing stresses could lead to financial pressure which would contribute to social issues. <p><i>Housing and land availability and affordability</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blocks of land to buy have increased by \$85,000 <p><i>Affordable housing</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some members felt that affordable housing was needed but felt that ULDA was not the solution due to the eligibility criteria <p>Social services The impact to local social services was discussed. Key points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A committee member said that the Community Advisory Service was increasingly paying bills for lower socio economic community members suffering financial hardships • There was an increased need for child support counselling in the region, which is currently being serviced by a provider one day a week on a fly-in-fly-out basis

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency relief case managers were under pressure and unable to take new clients • There had been a 27% increase on social support services demand compared to last year <p>Acknowledgement The committee acknowledged that the housing and social services issue was not all directly related to QGC. A committee member said that the regional council mayor had met with the Queensland Premier to discuss these issues.</p> <p>Some members said that this was being compounded by new arrivals to the region; some of whom were packing up and moving to Gladstone with no jobs or accommodation and as a result might end up homeless, living in cars with families and further impacting on already stressed support services. Some committee members said that the promotion of potential LNG jobs in Gladstone by the State Government and media without timeframes was resulting in misconceptions about work availability and encouraging new arrivals. Some members suggested that QGC needed to push back and provide correct information.</p> <p>Sponsorship suggestion A committee member suggested that QGC could assist with emergency relief in the Gladstone region by closing the \$12,000 shortfall for the Families Shopfront.</p> <p>Action: QGC to investigate sponsorship proposal (Lorna McGinnis)</p>
<p>4.General Business</p>	<p>Agenda items for the next meeting were sought.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Communications with the community 2. Feedback on emergency relief meeting (Veronica Laverick) <p>The committee asked for the meeting date to be brought forward to February 2011.</p> <p>Action: QGC to investigate and advise (Lorna McGinnis).</p>

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4. Meeting Close

The meeting was closed by Jim Cavaye at 5.30pm.

The next LNG Community Committee meeting will be at 2.30pm on Monday 7 March 2011 from 2.30pm – 5.00pm at the QGC Gladstone Office, 72 Goondoon Street, Gladstone.

5. LNG Community Committee Members

Representative	Organisation
Cr Maxine Brushe	Gladstone Regional Council
Matthew Cooke	Nhulundu Worribah
Veronica Laverick	Gladstone Regional Council
Greg Realf	Miriam Vale Lions Club
Karina Saxvik	Relationships Australia
Alan Smith	South End Progress Association
Len Smith	Gladstone Area Promotion and Development Limited (GAPDL)
Blue Thomson	Gladstone Local Marine Advisory Committee
Jim Purcell	Volunteer Marine Rescue
David Manttan	Education Queensland