

# Meeting Minutes



## QGC Northern Regional Community Consultative Committee Meeting

Friday 10 March 2017

Bushlander Motel, 17 Henderson Rd, Wandoan

### 1. Opening

The meeting of the QGC Northern Regional Community Consultative Committee was called to order at 10:00am on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at the Bushlander Motel, facilitated by Ms Deb Camden, Independent Facilitator.

### 2. Attendees

The following people attended the QGC Northern Regional Community Committee meeting:

QGC Northern Regional Community Committee Members	QGC Representatives
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cecilia Donohoe, Wandoan District Liaison Group</li><li>• Adam Clark, Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland, Upper Dawson</li><li>• Margarette Sinnamon, Wandoan Community, Commerce and Industry Inc</li><li>• Rowena Price, Wandoan State School</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Carlie Watson, Social Performance Coordinator</li><li>• Bill Langin, General Manager Integration</li><li>• Simon Nish, Social Performance Manager</li><li>• Dr Tom Measham, GISERA</li><li>• Dr Andrea Walton, GISERA</li><li>• Assoc Prof Will Rifkin, UQ</li><li>• Dr Katherine Witt, UQ</li></ul>
Apologies	Independent Facilitator
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Aschleigh Perring, Miles Health Service</li><li>• Sharn Pogan, Miles State High School P&amp;C</li><li>• Rose Asplin, Murilla Landcare</li><li>• Cecily Brockhurst, Murilla Community Centre</li><li>• Lavinia Tyrell, Western Downs Regional Council</li><li>• Darren Cook/Andrew Robertson, Field Manager - North</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Deb Camden, PRISM Communication Architects</li></ul>

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## 3. Meeting agenda

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

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<b>a. Introductions and meeting overview</b>	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>b. Safety moment</b>	Carlie Watson shared a safety moment on how you intervene with others when you see them doing something unsafe.
<b>c. Adoption of minutes</b>	Deb Camden led roundtable introductions of Community Committee members and QGC representatives. Deb Camden asked the committee to formally consider the minutes of the Joint Northern/Central/Southern Regional Community Consultative Committee meeting held 1st December 2016.  The last Northern/Central/Southern Regional Community Consultative Committee minutes were adopted.
<b>d. Actions from previous meeting</b>	Deb Camden reviewed the actions from the previous meeting.  <b>Pipeline subsidence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A concern was shared with us at the last meeting around pipeline subsidence and potential safety issues for land owners. Carlie Watson advised that she highlighted the concerns with our Manager for Common Processes who has advised that for the bulk of pipeline areas that rectification of subsidence will now be a quicker process.</li> <li>• This issue that areas for repair are not always initially visible and that more repairs are being uncovered when the area is walked has been raised with our management and senior management. Where possible, we will attempt to ascertain full repairs for a property to avoid additional scopes of work.</li> <li>• A committee member stated that the repairs were being undertaken, however there were other process that were separate from the repairs that were taking longer.</li> </ul> <b>Fire Planning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key QGC contacts were provided to a committee member for the Woleebee Creek rural fire brigade and information was shared with key contacts on their upcoming fire day.</li> </ul> <b>Concerns regarding Stanbroke cattle breaking out of fences</b> <p>Carlie Watson emailed information on both Stanbroke direct contact and our normal info line to committee members. If they prefer, locals are able to call Stanbroke directly if they would like further information or alert Stanbroke to an operational issue that needs to be addressed,</p>

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	<p>such as cattle getting out of a fenceline. You are also welcome to call our QGC 1800 030 443 line.</p> <p><b>Economic planning/marketing planning for Wandoan</b></p> <p>Carlie and Simon reported that Government bodies had met to progress economic planning for the region and to collate initiatives happening across various departments. The Department of State Development are leading this rather than QGC.</p> <p><b>Bank closure</b></p> <p>QGC wrote to WDRC indicating support to lead a delegation to state government as we would be stronger together. Carlie provided a copy of the letter to committee members via email last December. We have not received a response to the letter to date.</p> <p><b>Socio-economic data for Miles</b></p> <p>Carlie Watson provided previous socio-economic data available for Miles to committee member. Researchers from UQ and GESIRA also at meeting to provide an update on latest research data available for communities.</p> <p><b>Social Investment Update</b></p> <p>Thank you to those who provided feedback into our community workshops to information our social investment. These meetings were held in early February and we will provide an update during the meeting.</p> <p><b>Next meeting dates</b></p> <p>Carlie proposed moving the June meetings to the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> June for Bill Langin to be able to attend. Committee members agreed to this move, with the next Northern meeting to be held on the 16<sup>th</sup> June.</p>
<p><b>e. Operations Update</b></p>	<p>Bill Langin, General Manager Upstream Integration, provided an update on QGC operations and the Charlie development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further lease areas have been opened by the Queensland Government for tender for domestic gas production.</li> <li>• The link to the government website is below where you can find a map of tender areas:  <a href="https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/invest/mining/exploration-incentives/current-tenders">https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/invest/mining/exploration-incentives/current-tenders</a></li> <li>• QGC is examining the blocks and conditions now that the details are available before deciding whether or not to formally</li> </ul>

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	<p>participate in the bidding process.</p> <p><b>Charlie Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress of Charlie Development is on schedule, with mechanical completion of:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Charlie Pump Station</li> <li>▪ Woleebee Creek Sub Station</li> <li>▪ Charlie and Phillip Ponds</li> </ul> </li> <li>• There will be additional flare stacks at Charlie field compression station as a safety measure during maintenance, which will come online during the year. Rehabilitation works are currently underway for areas around the trunklines.</li> <li>• On the 4th February, we held a tour for Wandoan community members to see progress on the Charlie development.</li> <li>• Charlie project activity will be declining over the coming months as the project heads towards completion. Once the project is complete, it will be integrated with the existing facilities at Woleebee Creek and operated from there. This means the temporary project contractor and workforce numbers in, and accessing Wandoan town, will decrease over the coming months.</li> <li>• To inform and assist local businesses so they can prepare, QGC will be holding a session in Wandoan on the 23rd March, beginning 7am at the Central Motel.</li> </ul>
<p><b>f. Key Topic Update</b></p>	<p><b>Local Content</b></p> <p>Bill Langin, General Manager Upstream Integration, provided an update on local content as per the appended slides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently, 40% of our upstream workers live locally, with a lower proportion of temporary contractors living locally.</li> <li>• For QGC directly, during the last quarter 3% of our procurement was undertaken in the Western Downs.</li> <li>• In 2016, our local procurement included a total of about \$135.6 million spent upstream.</li> <li>• A much higher proportion of the spend of contractors, around 20%, was procured in the Western Downs.</li> <li>• In 2016, there was a total of about \$62 million spent upstream.</li> <li>• We ask our larger contractors to report to us any upcoming recruitment and procurement opportunities.</li> <li>• Multiple positions being recruited over coming 6 months, including strong recruitment drives at: Broadspectrum, Decmil, Diamond Protection and Skytrans.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are also a number of upcoming procurement opportunities our contractors have reported. These include:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International SOS – medical supplies</li> <li>• Veolia Water - fire system maintenance, crane hire, equipment servicing, leak detection, compressor and boiler maintenance</li> <li>• Kentz – plant and equipment supply for Charlie FCS</li> <li>• Diamond Protection – vehicle maintenance</li> <li>• CPB – signage and PPE</li> </ul> </li> <li>• A quarterly update of opportunities will be distributed to Western Downs Chambers of Commerce and Regional Community Consultative members from mid-April.</li> <li>• People are reminded to contact the contractors directly regarding these opportunities as they arise.</li> </ul> <p>You will receive an update for this quarter around mid April</p>
<p><b>g. Social Investment Update</b></p>	<p><b>QGC Social Investment Update</b></p> <p>Carlie Watson, provided an update on QGC’s social investment program and an overview of the feedback received through the workshops:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank you to those who participated in our community engagement around our legacy projects.</li> <li>• Over 52 people attended the sessions across Miles, Wandoan, Chinchilla and Tara and an additional four people provided feedback outside of these sessions.</li> <li>• A handout was provided which summarises the feedback received and areas where we think we share common interests. A more detailed overview of the feedback received can be viewed via the summary appended.</li> </ul> <p>Across the region, there were common themes of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increasing pathways into our business and other businesses through better STEM education.</li> <li>• Encouraging new businesses/diversifying economy and supporting existing businesses</li> <li>• Promoting the communities across the Western Downs.</li> <li>• There was a lot of feedback that groups across the region found the QGC Communities Fund very valuable - so these are our four priority areas for consideration.</li> <li>• There was also strong feedback around local employment and procurement, as well as other pathways into our business, including apprenticeships and traineeships. This is feedback we</li> </ul>

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	<p>are providing to our relevant business areas and as noted in the local content update, we are working on an apprenticeship and traineeship program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For some areas that were out of scope of our Social Investment, we are providing information to relevant areas of our business or will be highlighting the feedback with other organisations.</li> <li>• We are now developing our regional program and partnerships, considering these key areas.</li> <li>• Our next steps in the process include deciding on the broad direction of the programs and areas we will work on and then we will start working out the right way to work with the community to develop the programs further.</li> </ul>
<p><b>h. Community Feedback</b></p>	<p>The committee member stated that they had written to QGC CEO Tony Nunan around a local contractor who had been told their work was completing in QGCs supply chain. The committee member had outlined the impact of the decision on the community as the contractor employed local Wandoan people and supported local community groups.</p> <p>The response letter from QGC CEO Tony Nunan to the committee member in response to their feedback revealed that reduced workload projections was the reason for the decision for some civil contractors completing, however that it was true we likely did not understand all the impacts and that a Senior company representative would be present to hear the concerns around economic impacts on the community. Bill Langin, Senior company representative, was present at the meeting to hear feedback around the broader economic concerns of the Wandoan community.</p> <p>Committee members shared concerns regarding the reduced number of jobs, and reduced numbers of families and people in the community to support the school and businesses.</p> <p>A committee member stated that it was important that this feedback is taken further up the chain as the letter had revealed that it was not ok.</p> <p>A committee member stated that they had heard there was a community concern regarding a Tobacco weed in carted gravel. The committee member wanted to find out more about the weed and if landholders potentially impacted were aware of it. Bill advised that there was a weed found in a gravel pit and mitigations were put in place. A committee member stated there were different types of Tobacco weeds some of which were non-invasive but they wanted to confirm type of weed and actions.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Bill Langin to confirm weed and actions undertaken and provide a report that Carlie Watson will share with committee members.</p> <p>A committee member stated they had been hearing in the media around a potential shortage in domestic gas supplies. Bill Langin advised that</p>

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	<p>QGC supplies gas to both the domestic and export markets, supplying around 40% of Queensland demand to the domestic market.</p> <p>Carlie Watson advised that there was still room by the Terms of Reference for an increase the membership and diversity of the Northern RCCC committee. She asked committee members if there were people the committee would like to see represented on the group. A committee member said that Paul Baker may be a good health representative and that it would be good to have a youth representative.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Carlie to review additional candidates that could represent communities for inviting to future meetings.</p> <p>A committee member said that community feedback should be before the last portion of the meeting to ensure there was enough time for discussion and feedback wasn't rushed like previous meetings.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Carlie Watson to ensure community feedback is placed in the beginning sections of future meeting agendas.</p>
<p><b>i. Research Partnerships</b></p>	<p>Dr Andrea Walton and Dr Tom Measham, Gas Industry Social and Environmental Research Alliance (GISERA), presented on their economic and forecasting research.</p> <p>The presentation provided forecasting information on the likely economic effects during the operations phase and lessons to support local businesses. Modelling suggested that a gradual reduction in reliance in CSG over time and diversification of industries may provide better economic outcomes.</p> <p>Meeting participants were show an animation of the project findings, available from: <a href="https://gisera.org.au/project/economic-assessment-and-forecasting/">https://gisera.org.au/project/economic-assessment-and-forecasting/</a></p> <p>A committee member asked if an overview of the research would be available for the upcoming Wandoan year ahead dinner.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Carlie Watson to provide video overview of research for the Wandoan year ahead dinner.</p> <p>Will Rifkin, Associate Professor, Centre for Social Responsibility in Mining, Centre for Coal Seam Gas, provided an update on the Social and Economic Changes with CSG Development Project. Key Points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It's not just the resource development activity that causes impacts - it's the associated construction and multiplier effect – the combined effects of infrastructure and growth and how they change communities.</li> <li>• Core trends found through UQ's indicator findings include:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 5% town population growth per annum in boom years</li> <li>○ Changes to unemployment levels</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Increases in traffic and other reported offences</li> <li>○ Rent increases then significant decreases</li> <li>○ Income increases then declines</li> <li>○ Increases in numbers of families on government support residing in the region since late 2014</li> <li>○ Increased school enrolments</li> </ul> <p>Communities can utilise the toolkit to help them understand the trends occurring in their region <a href="https://boomtown-indicators.org">https://boomtown-indicators.org</a></p>
<b>j. Items for next agenda</b>	<p>The next meeting date has been rescheduled to the 16<sup>th</sup> June.</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 Northern Regional Consultative Committee meeting is proposed for the 16<sup>th</sup> June in Miles, with venue to be advised.

#### 6. Northern Gas Field Community Committee Members

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