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QGC Central Gas Field Community Committee

Wednesday 10 September 2014

QCWA 53 Heeney St Chinchilla

1. Opening

The 19th meeting of the QGC Central Gas Field Community Committee was called to order at 09:05am on Wednesday 10 September at the QCWA Hall facilitated by Ms Deb Camden, Independent Facilitator.

2. Attendees

The following people attended the QGC Central Gas Field Community Committee meeting:

QGC Central Gas Field Community Committee Members	QGC Representatives
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bill Blake, Chinchilla Community Commerce and Industry• Leanne Evans, Chinchilla Community Unity Group• Don Bell, Chinchilla and District Landcare• Terri Cobb, Western Downs Regional Council• Tim Reid, Condamine Cods• Jackie Beck, Chinchilla State High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brett Smith, Vice President Sustainability• Ben Power, Manager Land and Environment• Kristelle Townsend, Central Social Performance Coordinator
Apologies	Independent Facilitator
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Doreen Goldsmid, Chinchilla Family Support	<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	<p>Deb Camden led roundtable introductions of Community Committee members and QGC representatives.</p> <p>Deb Camden gave a broad overview of the meeting format.</p>
b. Safety moment	<p>Deb Camden invited Committee members to share a safety moment.</p> <p>Kristelle Townsend provided a safety moment on the importance of sun protection whenever going out of doors.</p>
c. Introductions	<p>Deb Camden led introductions of Community Committee members and QGC representatives.</p>
d. Adoption of minutes	<p>Deb Camden asked the Committee to formally consider the Wednesday 11 June 2014 minutes and asked for suggested changes.</p> <p>The 11 June 2014 Central Gas Field Community Committee minutes were adopted.</p>
e. Actions from previous meeting	<p>Deb Camden reviewed the actions from the previous meeting.</p> <p>SunWater QGC was asked to follow up with SunWater regarding improvements to communication between SunWater and beneficial use customers and the broader community.</p> <p>A committee member said they were pleased with the improvements SunWater had made since the last QGC meeting. In particular the regular newsletters were noted as an improvement.</p> <p>Action: QGC to distribute the most recent SunWater newsletters to the Central Community Committee.</p> <p>Men’s Mental Health Forums Kristelle Townsend informed the committee that she had followed up with Terri Cobb from Western Downs Regional Council to discuss learnings from the “<i>Awesome Night Out</i>” event. Opportunities for other pre-existing men’s health initiatives to potentially be held throughout the region were discussed.</p> <p>A committee member mentioned a health initiative held several years ago through the Miles Hospital Health Auxiliary by local doctors and health practitioners encouraging men to attend health checks.</p> <p>Action: QGC to follow up with Miles Hospital Auxiliary to determine whether the program is still operating.</p>

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	<p>Local employment Brett Smith provided a broad overview of QGC staff living in the Western Downs. Key points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QGC offers staff financial incentives to relocate to local areas • As the company transitions from construction to operations, QGC's workforce will decrease in the area • As of September 2014, there were approximately 160 QGC personnel living in the Western Downs. These numbers changed on a regular basis due to role and shift changes • Once the QCLNG project was fully operational, there will be approximately 1,200 jobs in the Upstream area, which includes all operations, maintenance, drilling, environment, land access, and social performance • Slight fluctuations in staff levels will occur periodically as ongoing maintenance is required on particular parts of the business. <p>A committee member asked whether QGC received any feedback regarding what new residents think of the town and/or if they move away, why they move.</p> <p>Brett Smith said that there is not much data gathered at present due to the strong focus to date on recruitment for delivery of the project. Following the transition from construction to operations QGC may start gathering more information.</p> <p>A committee member said it was important that the town maintained a focus on welcoming new members of the community and that this may be something a community group or organisation in the region should consider.</p> <p>A committee member asked whether there was a way of gathering feedback from QGC's workforce to help with informing community programs.</p> <p>Action: QGC to discuss internally whether it is possible to gather feedback from their workforce.</p>
<p>f. Community feedback</p>	<p>Deb Camden invited Committee members to share feedback from their networks.</p> <p>Landholder Concerns A committee member commented that after recently speaking with some local landholders they were surprised to find there is still much scepticism within the rural community about resource companies. Landholders who had been directly affected were the most critical of the gas industry. The committee member said that gas companies still have work to do to build and maintain relationships, particularly with landholders.</p>

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	<p>Brett Smith said he understood there was a perception that Queensland had accepted gas development, compared to other states however individual's personal experiences of the industry varied. The gas industry has fundamentally changed the ownership of landholders and this will take time to adjust to and understand. QGC strives to work with landholders strategic plans for their properties wherever possible. Despite best efforts by the industry, there continued to be scepticism about the information provided, which made it difficult for landholders and community members.</p> <p>Committee members made several comments with relation to the topic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For some landholders, decades of family history and ownership of properties will make acceptance of the industry difficult • Uncertainty of development on properties leads to landholder grievances • Landholders feel that they lose control over some aspects of development of their properties by having industry infrastructure on their property • Gas proponents should consider that community members and landholders will hold industry/companies accountable for the behaviour of its/their contractors. <p>Local Schools</p> <p>A committee member said there was some apprehension about the changing school system with grade 7s now moving to High School, however this would decrease over time as parents and students became familiar with the changes. QGC has the opportunity to bring some positive elements to the schooling of the area through projects that encourage students to pursue education in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.</p> <p>Another committee member said they were working on prioritising some initiatives for young people.</p> <p>Community Cohesion</p> <p>A committee member commented on the importance of Chinchilla continuing to build and maintain community cohesion. Miles is a good example of this at present. They are succeeding in establishing a stronger sense of community and their young leaders program is helping to involve young people in succession planning. The Miles Chamber of Commerce is driving the Miles Community Investment Plan.</p> <p>Brett Smith said the Miles Community Plan process had helped to bring the community together.</p>
<p>g. Regional Community</p>	<p>Deb Camden provided a Regional Community Committee update from the 28 August meeting due to the Regional Committee</p>

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<p>Committee Update</p>	<p>representative being an apology. Key points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on the progress of the Western Downs Affordable Housing Trust, with the first units in Wandoan completed in August 2014. The Trust is now providing quarterly updates to track progress and conducting 6-monthly meetings with the Reference Group. Discussion around QGC's strategic cropping land application to the Queensland Government. Regional Committee members expressed their disappointment in the company's engagement approach with Wandoan landholders. Southwest Queensland TAFE and Condamine Alliance presented on their respective organisation's activities in the Western Downs and Maranoa LGA region.
<p>h. Community Consultative Committee Health Check</p>	<p>Kristelle Townsend provided a brief overview of the findings from the Community Consultative Committee health check survey.</p> <p>There were 15 respondents to the health check survey, four from the Northern CCC. Sarah Worthing thanked Committee members for taking the time to complete the survey. Overall, there was a 44% response rate from all Upstream CCCs. Responses were informative, despite a couple of the questions being ambiguous. Key findings included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overall members thought the quarterly meetings were successful and addressed community issues Respondents were satisfied with the quality and facilitation of the meetings and the meeting time, frequency and venue. Although most respondents had read and understood the Terms of Reference (TOR) some had not or not done so for some time. As such, the TOR will feature as an agenda item at a future meeting to refresh the Committee's understanding of the document. Key areas of interest included the social impacts of QCLNG project in the region e.g. affordable housing, traffic, community integration, environment rehabilitation, salt and water management, local content and local employment 84% of respondents reported that their respective community organisations were highly interested in the CSG industry. 16% reported their organisations were interested. Committee members asked for more pictures and maps during meetings, for minutes to be distributed in a timely fashion, and for occasional site tours. QGC is and will continue to incorporate the feedback from the health check survey into the administration of the Committee. Most respondents confirmed they reported back to their organisations and networks through verbal updates at meetings

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> QGC will continue to support members' verbal updates by providing fact sheets, brochures etc. for distribution and encouraging Committee members to distribute the minutes.
<p>i. QGC Update</p>	<p>Brett Smith, Vice President Sustainability provided the Committee with a QCLNG project update. Key points discussed include:</p> <p>QCLNG Progress:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drilling on schedule for wells required for first LNG Mechanical completion at Bellevue Central Processing Plant (CPP) and three Field Compression Stations (FCS) Gas introduced to LNG plant, with the pilot flame – a flare stack on Curtis Island - ignited on 4 August as part of the commissioning process of the gas turbine generators, refrigeration turbines and compressors. Gas will be cooled to -162 degrees Celsius and turned into a liquid for transportations Key QGC milestones for 2014: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First gas into the LNG plant (completed in Q2) Progress ramp up on Bellevue FCSs and CPP On track for first LNG in 2014 QCLNG on budget - \$20.4bn (2011-2014) Gas terminal complete Progress in the South area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ruby Jo CPP and six FCS complete 94% of wells drilled 99% of gathering completed 78% of wells put on production (PoP) Progress in the Central area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction on Bellevue CPP is 95% complete McNulty FCS and Matilda-John FCS are complete while Kate FCS is 96% complete 95% of wells drilled 86% of gathering completed 73% of wells put on production (PoP) Progress in the Jordon area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction on Jordon CPP is 43% complete Jammat, Poppy, and Kenya East FSC are still under construction 78% of wells drilled 49% of gathering completed 3% of wells put on production (PoP) Progress in the North area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction on Woleebee Creek CPP is 62% complete Cam, Kathleen, Polaris, Ross, Woleebee Creek FSCs are still under construction 94% of wells drilled 79% of gathering completed 42% of wells put on production (PoP)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the Northern area, 27 flare stacks will be in operation intermittently until March 2015 as wells were put on production. Flaring is an industry standard practice and is operated under strict QLD Government standards. Local fire services are advised of all flaring activities. <p>The committee members had some questions in relation to the update. Key points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Most of QGC’s electricity requirements are currently made available off the electricity grid ○ QGC will be building more FCSs in the future but no more CPPs ○ Bellevue is located near to Condamine PowerStation ○ QGC has lodged an Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conversation Referral in the Northern region to drill up to a further 400 wells ○ QGC will continue to drill new wells in existing development areas to produce gas.
<p>j. Key Topic Update</p>	<p>Brett Smith provided an update on topics which were recently raised by the community. Key points were:</p> <p>Salt Management update</p> <p>QGC aims to make 97% of all produced water available for beneficial use. The remaining three percent is not able to be used due to salt saturation. Approximately 600,000 tonnes of salt will be produced each year equating to approximately 4 – 4.5million tonnes of salt throughout the life of the QCLNG project. QGC will be managing project-produced salt through the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QGC spent \$20 million dollars investigating brine management technologies • Regulated waste facilities were identified as the only feasible option for large-scale operations. QGC’s salt encapsulation strategy represents a safe long-term solution. • Regulated waste facilities are authorised in QGC’s EAs and were identified in the QCLNG EIS as the base case for salt management • Salt can be safely encapsulated on two QGC-owned sites at the Kenya and Northern Water Treatment Plants using reliable and proven technology. Both sites are separated from good quality agricultural land and fresh water aquifers • Seven salt encapsulation cells, each 4 hectares, will be built (required until 2040) with 3 in Central and 5 in the North. Cell design exceeds international best-practice standards. <p>Approximate timetable for storage operation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 2014 - decision on design and contract • December 2014 to 2016 - two years order and construction • December 2016 - brine crystaliser and storage ready • December 2016 to July 2017- 6 months contingency

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	<p>Site selection and design</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual 4-hectare cells will be built as they are required until 2040 (3 in Central, 5 in North) • Total cell area across both sites will be about 30 hectares – about a quarter of the area of the largest of QGC’s water storage ponds • Both sites are above all recorded flood levels, including 2011 and 2013 • Average central cell capacity – 530,000 tonnes. Average size – 4.8Ha • Average Northern cell capacity – 330,000 tonnes. Average size – 3.5Ha • Site typography has been taken into account; the Central site is quite flat allowing for larger storage cells while the Northern site is slightly hillier requiring smaller cell sizes <p>The committee had some questions regarding the topic. Key points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design life of the encapsulation facility is approximately 100 years • The facility is designed of layers of materials such as soil, geotech engineered fibres, concrete, textiles and plastics • The facility will have leak detection layers and drainage systems to allow water to drain into specialised ponds • QGC will hire a professional engineering contractor with waste management expertise to build and monitor the facility • The salt will be laid and capped in gradual layers • Ongoing sampling and monitoring will be required of the facility • Through the Government’s Environmental Approvals process the encapsulation method went through the Resources Cabinet Committee • Landholders will be most worried about leakages of the facility and effects of the salt on the soil long term. <p>Action: QGC to provide more detailed information on the storage facility including moisture/water management and ongoing facility maintenance.</p> <p>Strategic Cropping Land</p> <p>In August, QGC submitted an application to the State Government under the Strategic Cropping Land Act to ask the government to determine whether 125,000 hectares in the Surat Basin North project area is strategic cropping land (SCL) or non-SCL. Brett Smith provided the following summary of QGC’s application and key learnings from the process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The purpose of the Strategic Cropping Land Act is to protect high quality cropping land. • There are three categories of strategic cropping land

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	<p>identified in the Act:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Land identified as strategic cropping land 2. Land that is not strategic cropping land; and 3. Land identified as potential strategic cropping land. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The legislation has subsequently been repealed and has now been replaced by the Regional Planning Act. • Trigger maps developed by the Department of Natural Resources and Mines (DNRM) identified broad areas where SCL could potentially exist. • Under the previous Act, eligible persons could apply to DNRM to decide whether to record land as SCL or non-SCL. • QGC sought validation that less than half of potential SCL in the Surat Basin North project area is non-SCL. • 49 landholder groups near Wandoan were affected (excluding companies and QGC owned land). • A majority of land in the Wandoan region, related to this submission period, is currently classified as potential strategic cropping land. • While natural gas can be developed on any category of strategic cropping land there are varying approvals, processes and environmental conditions which QGC must follow for areas of strategic cropping land which differ to non-strategic cropping land. • QGC has requested that the government determine whether this land is strategic cropping land for greater clarity of its status under the Regional Planning Act. • In accordance with the SCL Act, QGC undertook land assessments and submitted two validation applications on 12 June 2014. Once DNRM issued acknowledgement notices, QGC posted a copy of the relevant application and additional information regarding the application to landholders in the Wandoan region on 29 July 2014. • Legislation requires a minimum of 21 days for the submission period and the submission period closed on 22 August 2014. <p>Brett Smith said that in hindsight QGC should have been more considerate of the mode of information delivery and the amount of time required for landowners to review the information sent to them and to submit a comprehensive submission. QGC acknowledges the community's feedback including requests for QGC to consider earlier engagement with the local landholders on similar future matters and to note that landholders would value discussion with QGC to navigate complicated regulatory information and government approval processes.</p> <p>Brett Smith told the Committee that QGC had responded to stakeholder feedback in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Although the official submissions period has closed, the

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	<p>Department of Natural Resources and Mines have informed landholders that they will accept applications until the 12th September 2014, an additional 21 days. QGC also contacted landholders to inform them of the informal extension.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QGC coordinated a drop-in information session in Wandoan on 3 September 2014 where landholders could talk with QGC, DNRM, and the GasField Commission. Sixteen landholder groups attended the information session and initial feedback indicated that it was well received. <p>A committee member queried why it was important for QGC to delineate whether the land is strategic cropping land or not.</p> <p>Ben Power responded that wells on strategic cropping land require more detailed and lengthy environmental approvals, therefore by clarifying the land type it would provide QGC with greater clarity around the process of well development in the area. Whether the land is classified as potential strategic cropping or not does not affect compensation payments.</p> <p>For legitimate cases where landholders required assistance, QGC would provide support with payment for checks to help determine the land status.</p> <p>DNRM are currently evaluating and reviewing the submissions received and will advise of an outcome as soon as practicable.</p> <p>Litter Brett Smith said that litter was proving to be a cumulative impact of the resource industry being in the area and QGC is continuing to participate in initiatives directed at preventing roadside litter.</p> <p>Key points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Litter management is a community-wide behavioural issue which is being faced by communities nationwide • QGC strongly messages to staff and contractors the importance of litter disposal • QGC continues to participate in Clean-Up Australia Day initiatives and occasional emu parades along select roadsides • Discussions are being held on a state and local government level on how to address litter concerns in south west Queensland and QGC is eager to be a part of community initiatives directed at this community issue. <p>Social Investment Affordable Housing Wandoan – Longford Lane</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 x 2 bed, 2 x 3 bed • Completed – opened on Saturday 16 August <p>Chinchilla – Barber Street</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be finished in October

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 x 2 bed, 2 x 3 bed <p>Miles – Ross Street</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stage 1 – 8 townhouse style units – 4 x 3 bed, 3 x 2 bed, 1 x 1 bed – March 2015 • Stage 2 – 6 townhouse style units – Optional add-on at later date • Press releases for Wandoan and Chinchilla now circulating to start applying • The Trust continues to lease 4 properties from QGC – all occupied 2 Chinchilla, 1 Tara, 1 Miles <p>QGC’s Sustainable Communities Fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To date, over \$5.3 million has been provided to 166 short-term, one-off projects. Round 8 is open for applications until September 30, 2014. • Overall, the QGC Sustainable Communities Fund has been a very successful program and well-received by the community. <p>Action: QGC to update the committee at the next meeting on QGCs commitment to social investment post 2014.</p> <p>A committee member said there was still some confusion within the community regarding the difference between affordable and social housing.</p> <p>Queensland Fire and Rescue Service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project funded more than \$400,000 towards vital firefighting and rescue equipment for rural and auxiliary brigades in the Western Downs • Equipment Handover 20 August • Equipment purchased includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Talisman elite lite kit (4) ○ Stinger ground monitors (3) ○ UHF GP339 portable radio batteries ○ Reciprocating saws (4) ○ 7,000L water tanker ○ Slip on units (11); and ○ Trailer units (6).
<p>k. Items for next agenda</p>	<p>Deb Camden invited the Committee to propose agenda items for the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-2014 Social Investment update

4. General Business

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A committee member updated the group on Chinchilla Community Commerce and Industry's (CCCI) recent initiatives including:

- Liaison with Department of Main Roads to improve the road intersection of Warrego Highway and Wambo Street at the railroad crossing
- A town branding exercise to promote the town as an industry hub
- Oktoberfest event at the Chinchilla Cultural Centre on the 4th of October to raise funds for CCCI.

5. Meeting Close

The meeting was closed by Deb Camden at 11.35am.

The next QGC Central Gas Field Community Committee meeting will be on Wednesday 3 December 2014 from 9:00am to 11:30am (venue to be advised).

6. Central Gas Field Community Committee Members

Representative	Organisation
Don Bell	Chinchilla and District Landcare
Leanne Evans	Chinchilla Community Unity Group
Doreen Goldsmid	Chinchilla Family Support Centre
Tim Reid	Condamine Cods
Bill Blake	Chinchilla Community Commerce and Industry
Terri Cobb	Western Downs Regional Council
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