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QGC Central Gas Field Community Committee
Thursday 24 February 2011
Chinchilla Customer Service Centre, 80-86 Heeney Street

1. Opening

The sixth meeting of the QGC Central Gas Field Community Committee was called to order at 9.00am on Thursday 24 February 2011 at the Chinchilla Customer Service Centre, facilitated by Mr Jim Cavaye, 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">• Marion Loveday, Chinchilla Community Commerce and Industry• Don Bell, Chinchilla and District Landcare• Doreen Goldsmid, Chinchilla Family Support Centre• Leanne Evans, Chinchilla Community Unity Group• Tim Reid, Condamine Cods• Peter Saxelby, Western Downs Regional Council• Trudy Tronc, Department of Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bruce Coats, General Manager Field Operations• Tracey Lenz, Manager, Community Affairs Manager• Tony Heidrich, Social Performance Manager, Gas Fields• Meredith Connor, Stakeholder Relations• Zoe Carroll, Social Performance Technical Coordinator• Steven Liddell, Engineering Manager Pipelines• Nicole Caruso, Groundwater Officer• Paul Wright, Manager Water Strategy and Sustainability
Apologies	Independent Facilitator
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cindy Grimes, Chinchilla SHS P&C	<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>Apologies were offered for Cindy Grimes.</p> <p>Jim Cavaye gave a broad overview of the meeting format.</p>
b. Safety moment	<p>Jim Cavaye invited Committee members to share a safety moment. Bruce Coats shared information about a recent safety incident. He reminded Committee members to remain alert while driving in car parks.</p>
c. Adoption of minutes	<p>Jim Cavaye asked the Committee to formally consider the 8 December 2010 minutes and asked for suggested changes.</p> <p>A Committee member noted that attendance by a Wandoan representative had been recorded by mistake.</p> <p>Action: correct minutes and republish online (Zoe Carroll)</p> <p>On the basis of the above correction being made, the 8 December Central Gas Field Community Committee minutes were adopted by the Committee.</p>
d. Actions from previous meeting	<p>Jim Cavaye reviewed the actions from the previous meeting.</p> <p>Social indicator monitoring Tracey Lenz advised that the Centre for Social Responsibility in Mining (CSRMI) is still in the process of drafting the social indicators. QGC will provide an update on social indicators at the next meeting.</p> <p>Action: QGC to provide update on social indicator monitoring at the next meeting (Zoe Carroll).</p> <p>Childcare Zoe Carroll advised that there will be opportunities to for QGC support childcare initiatives as part of the social impact mitigation initiatives and investment commitments under the Social Impact Management Plan. There are also opportunities for funding one-off projects, for example, the purchase of equipment and building upgrades, through QGC’s Sustainable Communities Fund. Guidelines were provided on eligibility and how to apply to the fund. Fund guidelines and Application</p>

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	<p>Forms are accessible through QGC's website http://www.qgc.com.au/</p> <p>Community values The committee discussed community values and recently observed changes in the community. Zoe Carroll advised that there is a commitment in the SIMP for contractors to train workers in awareness about local values and the project's behavioural standards.</p> <p>Community integration Zoe Carroll had been given Chinchilla welcoming packs and would pass them on to QGC's HR team to discuss whether to provide them to QGC's employees and potential employees.</p> <p>A Committee member asked whether QGC would help to upgrade the packs or with a planned update to the CCCI website where this information could be uploaded.</p> <p>Action: Discuss Chinchilla welcome packs with QGC Human Resources and Social Investment teams (Zoe Carroll).</p>
<p>e. QCLNG update</p>	<p>Bruce Coats provided a QGC and QCLNG update.</p> <p>Floods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Throughout the floods QGC maintained an average production rate of 85%. • QGC's main ponds were above the Q100 flood line. Ponds were monitored during the floods and there was no breach of ponds and run off. Following the floods, QGC is re-examining business aspects including the positioning of infrastructure. Business is now getting back to normal and drill rigs are moving back into the area. <p>A Committee member asked what the implications were of a wells being underwater and whether de-watering would have to take place. Bruce Coats advised that the integrity of the wells are unaffected. Wells are isolated from water above ground.</p> <p>A Committee member asked if it was possible to turn a well off. Bruce Coats advised that it was possible to do so.</p> <p>A Committee member asked whether flaring was a mechanism for pressure release. Bruce Coats explained that flaring is mainly used in appraisal wells to tell and test the rate of the gas flow.</p>

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	<p>Project update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 600 person camp and pipe laydown area by Wambo Downs is to commence construction. • QGC is looking heavily into its contracting strategy to maximise local sourcing of goods and services including the use of electricians and trades, land management and equipment hire. <p>Chinchilla office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QGC will be establishing a new, larger office in Chinchilla. This will allow us to demobilise the Windibri and Kenya office areas, moving all non-essential staff to Chinchilla and thereby increasing QGC's accessibility and presence in the area. • The new office will be located away from the main street and it is anticipated that it will be operational by end Q1 2012.
<p>f. Community feedback</p>	<p>Jim Cavaye invited Committee members to share feedback from their networks. Issues raised by community members included the following:</p> <p>Flooding Several Committee members thanked QGC's for its response during the floods, including, housing residents of Condamine, food drops and donations.</p> <p>A Committee member mentioned that the recent flooding has affected investors' confidence in Chinchilla. It was discussed that QGC had talked with local banks informing them of QGC's plans for the region.</p> <p>Four Corners A Committee member asked for QGC's response to the Four Corners coal seam gas (CSG) programme. Paul Wright, QGC's Water Strategy and Sustainability Manager corrected some of the claims in the program.</p> <p>Key points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QGC is aware of 60 people interviewed for the programme, however, the Four Corners program chose only to focus on a few. • On the program, landowners showed a map provided by QGC which showed a pipeline. The landholder claimed that QGC has misinformed them about the number of wells QGC intended to build on their

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	<p>property. It was explained that the map detailed a seismic line, not a pipeline. Seismic allows QGC to plan well locations and is followed by exploration and appraisal wells. The exact location of production wells and other infrastructure cannot be determined until after exploration and appraisal drilling has been completed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Another segment showed a bore hole that was going dry due to CSG development. QGC has conducted independent analysis of this bore, which has been shared with the landholder and confirmed by government agencies. The results showed that it was unlikely that our activities had affected the water level in their bore. <p>Bruce Coats acknowledged that some of the wells shown on the Four Corner's programme were legacy wells (that is a result of business acquisitions). QGC will plug and rehabilitate wells do not meet today's industry standards.</p> <p>Jim Cavaye asked the Committee members what advice they had for QGC's response to Four Corners. Committee members replied that QGC needed to proactively get its message out. They said the Four Corners programme not only affected QGC, but would affect investment in the Western Downs and the ability of landowners to sell their properties.</p> <p>A committee member said that QGC should have responded in person to the program.</p> <p>A Committee member asked why QGC was pursuing gas development in rural residential areas in Tara. Bruce Coats explained that not all of Tara is opposed to CSG development and that many Tara residents welcome a secondary income. QGC understands from its interaction with the community that the views represented on Four Corners do not represent the majority of the Tara population.</p> <p>Compensation</p> <p>A Committee member raised the issue of compensation. Bruce Coats said that the different CSG proponents approach this issue differently. Compensation is an open topic within QGC and is open to re-evaluation. QGC's compensation approach tries to minimise our impact, to rehabilitate land quicker so that normal activities can resume.</p>
<p>g. Pipeline presentation</p>	<p>Steven Liddell, Engineering Manager Pipelines provided an update on the QLNG pipeline. Key points were:</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QGC is building a 540km pipeline network of 42” pipe made up of a 200km collection header and 340km export pipeline. The export pipeline will start near Wandoan and transport gas to Gladstone. The collection header is in two-parts; the northern collection header starts near Woleebee Creek and follows east to the export pipeline near Wandoan. The southern collection header will start near the Ruby gas fields and travel north-west to the export pipeline. • In the Field, gas gathering pipelines connect wells to field compression stations, which boost its pressure. From there gas is piped (‘trunk lines’) to central processing plants that again boost pressure before feeding into the collection header. • The pipeline will be built along a path cleared along the route, known as a right of way. The right of way is typically 40m wide to allow access for the equipment required. • Each piece of 12m pipe weighs 6 tonnes. Due to damage caused by the floods to the rail tracks QGC is currently trucking the pipe. Once the train services resume QGC will continue transporting the pipe by train to reduce the impact on the roads. • Traffic management plans have been submitted to the Western Downs council to manage QGC’s traffic impacts, this includes measures such as avoiding school bus times and routes and transporting pipeline constructing workers by coach to reduce the number of vehicles on the road. • Weed control wash down areas will be placed along the route of the pipeline construction. All equipment will be washed and inspected to prevent transporting weeds. • Six accommodation camps are being built along QGC’s pipeline route. The camps are distanced to take account of driving times and reducing road risks. These are not permanent camps and will be removed once construction and land rehabilitation along the pipeline route is completed. <p>A Committee member asked how QGC would protect against people inadvertently digging and damaging the pipeline. Steve Liddell replied that a number of measures are in place to safeguard the pipeline. The pipeline is buried to depths greater than those expected to be reached by common land use and there are markers on the surface to identify its</p>

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	<p>location. The pipeline is very thick and has been tested against equipment to ensure it can withstand accidental damage. The pipeline is also linked to a computer program that monitors leaks. Finally, landowner liaison with QGC provides another degree of comfort.</p> <p>A Committee member asked whether there had been any requirement for the pipe to come from Australia. Steve answered that Australia does not have the facilities to construct a 42” pipeline, and that China is one of the few places in the world where a steel mill large enough exists.</p> <p>A Committee member asked what the route is for the movement of pipe by road.</p> <p>Action: Report back on the route of trucked pipe (Zoe Carroll).</p>
<p>h. Water update</p>	<p>Nicole Caruso, Groundwater Officer gave Committee members a factsheet on QGC’s water bore monitoring program. Nicole Caruso explained that revisions to the Water Act required all coal seam gas companies to conduct water bore baseline assessments in order to understand the condition of the water bores. QGC plans to do assessments on all groundwater bores in QGC tenement areas over the course of 2011 and 2012. Letters and factsheets will be sent to all landowners in the tenements outlining the process.</p> <p>A Committee member asked if there will be a single database for all coal seam gas companies to record this data. Nicole Caruso replied that data will be provided to the Queensland Water Commission (QWC) who will maintain all the data collected by the coal seam gas companies. Landowners will be given the results within 30 days of the assessment taking place.</p>
<p>i. Social Impact Management Plan</p>	<p>Tony Heidrich provided an overview of the Social Impact Management Plan (SIMP), the key commitments it contains and progress to date.</p> <p>Key points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SIMP sets out how QGC will manage and mitigate our social impacts. Impacts were assessed through the environmental and social impact assessment process. • The SIMP is a ‘blueprint’ for \$150 million of investments. This includes both commitments for social impact mitigation and social investments aimed at

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	<p>supporting community development. These have been combined because it is often difficult to draw the line between required expenditure for mitigation purposes, and voluntary social investment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SIMP contains a summary of the community consultation undertaken and the key issues raised. The SIMP is available in full on QGC’s website http://www.qgc.com.au/ <p>QGC’s Sustainable Communities Fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Fund was launched on February 1st. Information sessions and Application workshops were held in Chinchilla and Dalby and were well represented with approximately 60 people attending in Chinchilla and 45 in Dalby. • Up to \$6 million is available over four years for eligible applications in the Western Downs and Gladstone Regional Council areas (2011-2014) and for two years in the Banana Shire and North Burnett Regional Council areas (2011-2012). • Each Regional Council area will have its own Grants Assessment Panel. The Grants Assessment Panels will have equal numbers of community and QGC members. This will ensure that the Fund is community led, i.e. with the community submitting applications and providing input into project selection. <p>Indigenous participation and employment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QGC is supporting indigenous CSG training and recruitment initiatives. Over the next three years, QGC anticipates there will be at least 200 indigenous people in the construction workforce through traineeships, apprenticeships and mentoring. • QGC currently operates pre-employment programs for four students in Chinchilla and Tara High School and one student recently gained full-time employment with the QGC. • A Committee member asked if there had been a local interest or take up of indigenous employment opportunities. Tony Heidrich replied that there hadn’t been. • A Committee member commented that there are difficulties attached to approaching schools to develop employment programs as indigenous students are less likely to finish school. The Committee member asked what QGC was doing to attract more mature indigenous employees.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tony Heidrich that QGC is looking to develop initiatives that support indigenous businesses. <p>Action: Provide an update on indigenous participation and employment at the next meeting (Tony Heidrich).</p> <p>Housing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Coordinator General has granted QGC an extension for its Integrated Housing Strategy for the Surat Basin because of the floods and the need to revisit the baseline of available housing. <p>Employment and economic development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QGC has supported CSG and non-CSG skills training. • Last year projects included an engineering placement organised by Queensland Energy and Minerals Academy with QGC and other CSG proponents. • QGC also supported ‘What’s my Trade?’ An event which showcased trades to high school students and encouraged them to try their hand at woodwork, tiling and so on. The events were held in Dalby and in Chinchilla. • A Committee member said that the event had been very well received by the schools. It is also now clearer why the event was held as direct and indirect employment opportunities related to coal seam gas development are better understood. The Committee member asked whether QGC would be holding the event again. Zoe Carroll said she would follow up to whether QGC was intending to hold it again. <p>Action: Follow up on QGC sponsorship for What’s my Trade (Zoe Carroll).</p> <p>Roads and traffic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QGC is working with the police to implement road safety projects. • A Committee member asked why more roads weren’t being upgraded and bridges built to manage increased traffic. Tony Heidrich replied that QGC is in a fairly advanced stage of negotiation with the Council and that the Council are prioritising roads to be upgraded. QGC will contribute to road upgrades related to our impacts.
<p>j. Flood planning</p>	<p>A Committee member raised the issue of a collaboratively developing a regional flood response/recovery plan with CSG companies, state government and others to have in place in</p>

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	the event of another flood event. It was agreed that this plan should be led by the community and council and community Committee members agreed to take it forward.
k. Regional Committee Representation	A Committee member provided a summary of the Regional Committee meeting held on 17 February, 2010.

4. General business

Jim Cavaye advised that Tracey Lenz and Meredith Connor were handing over the Community Committees to Tony Heidrich and Zoe Carroll who are based in Chinchilla. Jim Cavaye noted that it had been over a year since the Committees were first established. The committee thanked Tracey Lenz and Meredith Connor for all their efforts.

5. Meeting Close

The meeting was closed by Jim Cavaye at 11.30am.

The next QGC Central Gas Field Community Committee meeting will be on Wednesday 22 May 2011 from 9.00am to 11.30am at the Chinchilla Customer Service Centre.

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6. Central Gas Field Community Committee Members

Representative	Organisation
Trudy Tronc	Department of Communities
Cindy Grimes	Chinchilla State High School P&C
Don Bell	Chinchilla and District Landcare
Doreen Goldsmid	Chinchilla Family Support Centre
Leanne Evans	Chinchilla Community Unity Group
Marion Loveday	Chinchilla Community, Commerce and Industry
Peter Saxelby	Western Downs Regional Council
Sue Mantell	Kogan and District Progress Association Inc