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## QGC Northern Gas Field Community Committee

Wednesday 3 December 2014  
QCWA 53 Heeney St Chinchilla

### 1. Opening

The 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the QGC Northern Gas Field Community Committee was called to order at 02:05pm on Wednesday 3 December at the Murilla Community Centre facilitated by Ms Deb Camden, Independent Facilitator.

### 2. Attendees

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

QGC Northern Gas Field Community Committee Members	QGC Representatives
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lavinia Tyrell, Western Downs Regional Council</li><li>• Jessica Kibble, Murilla Community Centre</li><li>• Rose Asplin, Murilla Landcare Group</li><li>• Cecilia Donohoe, Wandoan Liaison Group</li><li>• Adam Clark, Upper Dawson Wildlife Preservation Society</li><li>• Anita Bolton, Miles Health Service</li><li>• Helen Devlin, Wandoan Chamber of Commerce</li><li>• Kylie Bourne, Miles Chamber of Commerce</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sue-Ern Tan, Manager Land Access</li><li>• Lisa Cecchi, North Area Asset Manager</li><li>• Jane Roberts, Social Investment Manager</li><li>• Elizabeth Cooney, Community Engagement Manager</li><li>• Kristelle Townsend, Social Performance Coordinator</li></ul>
Apologies	Independent Facilitator
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bill Blackley, Wandoan Chamber of Commerce</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>	<p>Deb Camden led roundtable introductions of committee members and QGC representatives gave a broad overview of the meeting format and acknowledged the traditional owners of the land, recognising past and present elders.</p>
<b>b. Safety moment</b>	<p>Deb Camden invited Committee members to share a safety moment.</p> <p>Kristelle Townsend reminded committee members to be aware of snakes during the warmer months.</p>
<b>c. Adoption of minutes</b>	<p>Deb Camden asked the Committee to formally consider the Wednesday 10 September 2014 minutes and asked for suggested changes.</p> <p>A committee member made comment that they felt the minutes didn't reflect the full intensity of the concern about the Strategic Cropping Land topic during the meeting.</p> <p>The 10 September Northern Gas Field Community Committee minutes were adopted.</p>
<b>d. Actions from previous meeting</b>	<p>Deb Camden reviewed the actions from the previous meeting.</p> <p><b>Meeting minute amendment</b> The minute amendment was updated in the 11 June 2014 meeting minutes.</p> <p><b>Strategic Cropping Land Validation</b> Sue-Ern Tan to provide an update on the strategic cropping land validation at the upcoming meeting.</p>
<b>e. Regional Community Committee Update</b>	<p>Deb Camden provided an overview of the regional community committee. Key points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A key highlight of the meeting was the tour of QGC's Upstream Control Room located in QGC's Chinchilla office on the Warrego Highway</li> <li>• Committee members were impressed by the level of complexity of the system and its ability to monitoring the entirety of QGC's field infrastructure. In particular its ability to diagnose issues and manage a safety incident should it occur</li> <li>• An update on QGC's transition to operations was also provided and a similar presentation would be provided to all of QGC's local community committees</li> <li>• Regional issues such as the challenges and opportunities which are facing the region as the area transitions were discussed in addition to climate change, extreme weather events and regional mental health needs which the Consortium of Community Centres were working to collaborate on and address</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Joanne Pafumi Introduced herself as the new Vice President for External Affairs and Sustainability.</li> </ul>
<p><b>f. Community feedback</b></p>	<p>Deb Camden invited committee members to present questions or comments to QGC.</p> <p>A committee member commented that some remanent vegetation has been disrupted by in an attempt to control suckers on one of QGC's agisted properties and that this needed to be addressed by QGC.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Sue-Ern Tan offered to follow up with the committee member following the meeting.</p> <p>A committee member noted that their organisation recently held their annual general meeting. Key feedback from the group was that landholders find coexistence one of the most challenging aspects of working with the CSG Industry and Government. The representative reinforced that coexistence needs to include collaboration from the agricultural industry, environment and extractive industries. CSG companies could take better advantage of local knowledge and experiences before embarking on some environmental activities. Offsets are critical to the long term ecological health of the region and therefore need to be done correctly to ensure impacts are appropriately mitigated and long term sustainability of the region is maintained.</p> <p>Miles Chamber of Commerce is embarking on the implementation of their five year community plan. Some of the projects include ANZAC park upgrade, Miles Online portal, Dogwood tourism initiatives, Young Entrepreneurs group and youth activities.</p> <p>A committee member noted that they had been engaging with Origin and QGC regarding their projected need for health services in the region. They had some workforce estimates from Origin but noted that QGC estimates should also be taken into account for the Wandoan and Miles region as Miles is typically the major centre for those residing in or around Wandoan.</p> <p>Elizabeth Cooney noted that some workforce information will be presented later in the meeting and that this may assist.</p> <p>At present the Northern region is suffering from a lack of support for any local function. The Wandoan community would like to see CSG companies encourage staff to be more involved in the community.</p> <p>Elizabeth Cooney responded that the business is presently preparing a local workforce plan and considering how to encourage more staff to live locally in the Western Downs. QGC needs to ensure they retain the right skills in their workforce, in the right</p>

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	<p>locations and therefore some flexibility will still be available to some employees.</p> <p>A committee member commented that coexistence isn't just about agriculture it includes coexistence with community.</p> <p>A committee member commented that litter remains a significant concern to the community and acknowledged that it is a community wide issue not a resource industry specific problem.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> QGC to remind staff and contractors the importance of properly disposing of litter.</p> <p>A committee member commented that bore monitoring continued to be a major issue for the community and some landholders were not happy with the impacts on their bores.</p> <p>Multiple research parties continue to study the area and this is becoming increasingly frustrating for the community as they commit many hours of time but see minimal outcomes for the dollars and time spent.</p> <p>Elizabeth Cooney responded that QGC have provided feedback on multiple occasions to various research partners that there is significant consultation fatigue in the region.</p> <p>A committee member advised that there is growing uncertainty in Miles particularly around job stability which is contributing to the complexity of some cases and adding to mental health concerns. The Murilla Community Centre is having a greater focus on data collection systems to assist and enhance reporting. Additionally the centre is working with the High School on a Men's shed project.</p>
<p><b>g. QGC Update</b></p>	<p>Elizabeth Cooney, Community Engagement Manager provided the Committee with a QCLNG project update. Key points discussed include:</p> <p><b>Transition to Operations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The initial construction phase of the Queensland Curtis LNG (QCLNG) project is nearing completion</li> <li>• We are preparing to commence LNG production in a world first</li> <li>• Detailed planning is underway to shift our focus from project deliverables to efficient operating performance over a two year transition period</li> <li>• We will continue to invest in the communities in which we operate.</li> </ul>

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	<p><b>QCLNG project – Phase I scope/status</b></p> <p>Within the Upstream the following progress has been made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2,060 access agreements</li> <li>• &gt;2 000 wells available for start-up</li> <li>• 3,500km gathering pipeline now laid</li> <li>• 17 field compression stations (FCSs)</li> <li>• 4 central processing plants (CPPs)</li> <li>• major water treatment facilities</li> <li>• 540km pipeline is constructed.</li> </ul> <p>On Curtis Island, the LNG plant has two processing trains, with a capacity of 8.5 mtpa (million tonnes per annum)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1.3 bcf/d (billion cubic feet per day) is required for plateau production</li> <li>• The LNG plant took 10 million hours of construction and 45,000 tonnes of equipment.</li> </ul> <p>Curtis Island continues to be commissioned in preparation for first LNG export. Key pieces of equipment which the LNG plant consists of includes:</p> <p>Two LNG storage tanks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each tank can hold 140,000 cubic metres of LNG</li> <li>• Each tank is 48 metres high</li> <li>• The roof of each tank is 79 metres wide and weighs 900 tonnes</li> <li>• The inner tank within each tank has a circumference of 250 metres</li> </ul> <p>Process flare</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 95m high.</li> </ul> <p>Total workforce numbers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peak workforce of 14,500 achieved in November 2013</li> <li>• Ramp down between 2013 and 2015 dominated by major contractor demobilisation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– upstream contractors, Thiess in 2014</li> <li>– midstream contractors, Bechtel in 2015</li> </ul> </li> <li>• By the end of 2014, workforce numbers will have reduced by 45% to approximately 8,000</li> <li>• Over 2015, they will almost halve again as our major contractors midstream demobilise</li> <li>• Recruitment for main operational workforce is complete</li> <li>• Long term we are working towards a sustainable workforce level of about 3,400 employees and contractors</li> <li>• It will take about three years to reach this level through the evolution of the business</li> <li>• The business is working towards a steady level workforce in approximately 2016</li> <li>• Long term, the majority of the contractors (estimated 2,000) will continue to be based Upstream</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We are continuing to invest in drilling, gathering and trunklines and associated infrastructure.</li> </ul> <p>A committee member queried whether the workforce figures presented took into consideration the sale of the pipeline.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> QGC to investigate whether the figures presented were inclusive or exclusive of the workforce associated with the pipeline.</p> <p>Local workforce planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>QGC needs to have the right people, in the right roles and in the right place</li> <li>We prefer and encourage our people to live within the communities in which we operate</li> <li>Gladstone employees live locally in the Gladstone region</li> <li>Upstream workforce planning is aiming to increase the percentage of our employees living within the region.</li> </ul> <p>We are developing a plan for 2015 which takes into consideration a number of factors:</p> <p><b>Location:</b> Operational bases established</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>QGC's main operations base is now established in Chinchilla.</li> </ul> <p><b>Role design:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The number of roles required on a 24x7 basis, day and night shift basis, will reduce once fully operational</li> <li>Maintenance and well site operational strategies will see more people working a normal week, day shift only</li> <li>Further developments as the business learns from the early experience of operating the various pieces of major infrastructure.</li> </ul> <p><b>Housing:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>QGC has 33 houses in the Western Downs. Eight are temporarily leased to non-QGC key workers/Western Downs Housing Trust</li> <li>No plans at present to sell any of these houses</li> <li>Investigating how these can be utilised to attract and retain local employees.</li> </ul> <p>A committee member queried whether any QGC employees in the Northern region are going to reside locally and how QGC will source these employees.</p> <p>Beth Cooney responded that QGC has agreements in place with major contractors which stipulate requirements for local content and vacancies in the region are advertised on the QGC website. QGC wants local people to apply but also needs to ensure that staff hired are appropriately skilled for the position.</p>

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	<p><b>Supporting services:</b> capacity, procurement and future demand for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flight services:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Continuing to fly into Chinchilla. Conversations commenced with Banana Council regarding use of Taroom airport</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Camps – ours and third parties:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Demobilisation of camps is being planned in stages for third party camps future requirements are likely to be around half the number of beds used in the past 3 years, approximately 300 – 400.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>QGC's Integrated Housing Strategy</b></p> <p>QGC Contributions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$200,000 towards WDRC Housing Strategy</li> <li>• \$5.7 million towards the Western Downs Housing Trust + participation on the Reference Board</li> <li>• \$2 million towards WDRC water infrastructure upgrade in Wandoan (via a water supply agreement)</li> <li>• 27 houses in Western Downs completed, with 5 under construction</li> <li>• Eight QGC houses leased to community organisations           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 4 x Western Downs Housing Trust</li> <li>– 2 x Queensland Health</li> <li>– 2 x Indigenous Business.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>A committee member questioned how much of the 5.7 million had been spent on housing.</p> <p>Beth Cooney responded that QGC have a representative who sits on the reference group but has entrusted the group to manage this funding therefore questions regarding the status of the Trust's finances need to be posed to the Western Downs Housing Trust.</p> <p><b>Procurement Strategy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committed to giving local, Queensland and Australian suppliers full, fair and reasonable opportunity to participate in QCLNG</li> <li>• As we move into operations, we know that increased local content directly through QGC is a critical part of how we work in the community</li> <li>• Support the industry's voluntary Code of Practice for Local Content</li> <li>• QGC strategy aims to:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Increase local supplier capability</li> <li>– Develop and maintain local content in the supply chain</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Methods to drive local content:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Enhanced supplier capacity and engagement</li> <li>– Robust internal processes and resources</li> <li>– Improved reporting, monitoring and evaluation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Major contractor compliance with local content obligations</li> <li>• On the 11 December CCCI, Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprise and the Queensland GasFields Commission are hosting a Chinchilla CSG Local Content Forum focusing on the operations activities and supply chain opportunities in our region. All CCCI members are invited to attend in addition to other local Chambers.</li> </ul> <p>Building local content</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pre-qualifying local suppliers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Part of the Achilles First Point Supply base community - community supplier management system for pre-qualifying suppliers to the major oil and gas buying organisations in the Asia Pacific</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Contract reviews</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Major contracts now let so focus now on maintaining and managing contracts</li> <li>– Some contracts due for review in 2015</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Sub-contracting opportunities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Contractors required to support Local Content and Indigenous Participation</li> <li>– Contractors obliged to:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Provide full, fair and reasonable opportunity for local content participation</li> <li>○ Maximise opportunities for Indigenous people and enterprises</li> </ul> </li> <li>– Requires delivery of plans, annual reports required on performance and audits</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Strengthening Local Chambers Program</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Consulting support provided to six local Chambers of Commerce across the Western Downs to develop strategic plans during 2014</li> <li>– New \$440,000 partnership announced with Queensland Chamber of Commerce and Industry to continue support</li> <li>– Building the capacity of local Chambers of Commerce to grow memberships and facilitate business development</li> <li>– Three elements:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Technology – website and customer relationship management system</li> <li>○ CCIQ membership services – employer assistance call centre, advice, insights and education</li> <li>○ Workshops – on subjects relevant to their members and communities.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Future profile of QGC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operator producing natural gas from coal seams for domestic markets and LNG for international markets</li> <li>• Contracts to support local and domestic markets are in place until 2032</li> <li>• Continuing to develop upstream infrastructure for which a</li> </ul>

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	<p>contract workforce will be required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operations characterised by:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– More of our people living locally in regional communities</li> <li>– Local content contributions to procurement directly and indirectly</li> </ul> </li> <li>• A company which continues to work closely with and invest in the communities in which we operate.</li> </ul> <p>A committee member asked whether the live local living incentive will stay.</p> <p>Elizabeth Cooney responded that QGC is working on a strategy to encourage staff to live locally.</p> <p>Lisa Cecchi, provided a general Upstream Operations update to the committee on QGC's Major Infrastructure Development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Four out of the five Field Compression Stations at Woleebee Creek are constructed and starting commissioning</li> <li>• The Northern Region is not contributing to the First LNG Export at the end of 2014 but will contribute in 2015</li> <li>• Kathleen, Cam, Woleebee Creek and Ross FCSs – introduced hydrocarbons</li> <li>• 100% trunklines completed (pipelines joining the FCSs and CPPs)</li> <li>• Early dewatering process continuing               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Water from wells being transported to temporary storage ponds, ready for treatment at Northern WTP</li> <li>– Flaring (via flare stack) required to burn/safely dispose of excess gas during early dewatering process</li> <li>– Flaring increases the utilisation of the gas processing facilities once operational by starting the gas 'ramp-up' phase</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Glebe Weir Pipeline – commissioned and ready for treated water.</li> </ul> <p>Water Production</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aim to make up to 97% of all CSG water produced available for beneficial use</li> <li>• Supplied to SunWater for distribution:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Kenya WTP supplies water to irrigators along the pipeline and Condamine River via Chinchilla Weir</li> <li>– Northern WTP under construction and will supply water to irrigators via Glebe Weir</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Kenya Water Treatment Plant produced more than 20,000ML since January 2013</li> <li>• Over summer, expect to maintain at least 50ML per day</li> <li>• Total combined capacity to treat almost 200ML a day during peak production approximated to be in 2016.</li> </ul>

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	<p>Major Infrastructure development overview:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• QGC's core upstream infrastructure is being delivered in line with schedule</li> <li>• The Ruby Jo Central Processing Plant is operational, along with the six field compression stations that feed into it. This infrastructure plays a key role in supplying gas for our first exports.</li> <li>• Bellevue CPP is now on line and supplied by three FCS.</li> <li>• Kenya Water Treatment Plant operational</li> <li>• Northern Water Treatment Plant on track for completion in Q1 2015</li> <li>• Commissioning of the gas turbine generators has begun.</li> </ul>
<p><b>h. Key Topic Update</b></p>	<p>Sue-Ern Tan, Manager of Land Access, provided an update on key environmental topics of interest. Key points discussed include:</p> <p><b>Salt Management Update</b></p> <p>Salt encapsulation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regulated waste facilities are authorised in QGC's EAs and were identified in the QCLNG EIS as the base case for salt management</li> <li>• QGC has spent \$20 million investigating technologies to treat salt for commercial use. None of these technologies is feasible</li> <li>• No viable injection targets</li> <li>• Salt can be safely encapsulated on two QGC-owned sites at the Central and Northern Water Treatment Plants using reliable and proven technology</li> <li>• Both sites separated from good quality agricultural land and fresh water aquifers</li> <li>• Both sites above all recorded flood levels, including 2011 and 2013</li> <li>• QGC's salt encapsulation strategy represents a safe long-term solution</li> <li>• The facilities will be managed by a specialist waste management company</li> <li>• Finalisation of the contract for management and maintenance of the facility is ongoing</li> <li>• Design of the facility is still being finalised and further updates will be provided at future meetings.</li> </ul> <p>A committee member questioned if encapsulation was the definite solution by which QGC would manage salt and if 4 – 4.5 million tonnes of salt was still the projected forecast of salt production over the life of the project.</p> <p>Sue-Ern responded that yes, encapsulation had been chosen by QGC as the viable solution for salt management and that the present projections of 4 – 4.5 million tonnes of salt is the most up to date forecast.</p>

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	<p><b>Rural property management</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moving to a longer term, larger scale rural property management approach</li> <li>• Implementing this as existing agreements come to an end</li> <li>• An expression of interest has been advertised in local newspapers. The expression of interest period will run from December 2014 to February 2015</li> <li>• QGC owned land across the upstream region will be agisted in six zones</li> <li>• The criteria used to assess the tenders will include commitment to local communities and youth in agriculture in addition to a comprehensive 5 year business plan</li> <li>• Working with existing agistors to manage any short term arrangements.</li> </ul> <p>A committee member expressed their considerable disappointment in QGC for not taking on board the feedback that had been shared in relation to the rural property management strategy. The community were very vocal that large agistments in the North would make it difficult for local landholders to participate in agistment for QGC owned properties. Community perception is this decision suggests QGC shows little consideration for coexistence with local agriculture. The committee member questioned whether this decision was now final.</p> <p>Sue-Ern Tan informed the committee that QGC did take on board some of the community's feedback and local landholders are welcome to form consortiums to participate in agistment. The decision is now confirmed as tenders for the land have been advertised.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> QGC to feedback to management the intense disappointment of the community that the feedback was not taken on board when preparing the Rural Property Management Strategy.</p> <p><b>Strategic Cropping Land</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Government is presently finalising its decision and landholders will receive written notification shortly, an appeal period is then available should landholders wish to raise any concerns over the decision</li> <li>• No major issues have been raised in the last several months</li> <li>• QGC expect to be able to provide a more detailed update at the next meeting</li> <li>• QGC learnt some valuable lessons from the process including the importance of proactive engagement to explain its position to landholders e.g. information sessions ahead of time.</li> </ul> <p><b>Landholder drop-in information sessions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Landholder drop-in information sessions were held in Dalby, Chinchilla, Wandoan, Taroom, Biloela, Gladstone from</li> </ul>

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	<p>Monday 24 November to Friday 28 November 2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The purpose of these sessions was to provide landholders with the opportunity to engage face-to-face with QGC and also to talk to landholders about important safety information and working around QGC infrastructure above and below ground</li> <li>Additionally, QGC sought to keep landholders updated on our project and what activities are being undertaken in their local region</li> <li>A number of QGC representatives from a range of different areas within QGC were available at the sessions to answer questions and provide advice.</li> </ul> <p>A committee representative noted that there was some feedback provided that staff present at the Wandoan information session were unable to answer questions. Additionally, they were wondering whether QGC felt that the information sessions were worthwhile.</p> <p>Sue-Ern responded that 10 landholder groups from the Wandoan region attended the session and it was good having the time to discuss a range of topics with them. There were some specific landholder questions which could not be answered however details were taken and these questions were followed up shortly after the sessions. QGC also had feedback that evenings may have suited some people better.</p> <p>A committee member shared feedback that a small “field day” may be an idea for the future, whereby a landholder can showcase something on their property and QGC can be part of the event.</p> <p><b>Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Referral</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>QGC has lodged an application to develop up to 400 natural gas wells on land about 20km west of Wandoan in the north of the Surat Basin. (ATP 852, ATP 768 and PLs 401, 464, 467, 498, 505 and 506 (over 123,500ha about 20km West of Wandoan)</li> <li>The area involves about 50 landholders and construction of up to three gas compression facilities, water and gas gathering pipelines and supporting infrastructure such as access roads and laydown areas</li> <li>Development will take place on a maximum of about 2500ha, or 2% of the area, with up to 1,400ha affected at any one time</li> <li>Preliminary documentation was available for public review &amp; comment from 31 July to 27 August 2014</li> <li>Small number of submissions received</li> <li>Responses to issues raised have been provided to Federal Government</li> <li>Federal Government still considering application under</li> </ul>

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	<p>EPBC Act for Surat Basin Acreage development however we anticipate a final decision by government over the coming weeks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We expect to be able to provide a more detailed update at the next meeting.</li> </ul>
<p><b>i. Social Investment Update</b></p>	<p>Jane Roberts, Social Investment Manager provided an update on QGC's Social Investment Program. Key discussion items were:</p> <p><b>QGC Social Investment Program</b></p> <p>The final QCLNG Social Impact Management (SIMP) report to Government is due in 2015. The SIMP included impact mitigation and management activities as well as voluntary social investment for the key construction phase of the project from 2010 – 2014.</p> <p>A new voluntary Social Investment program has been developed for QGC's ongoing commitment to social investment in the region from 2015 onwards.</p> <p>Our vision for the social investment program is to contribute to strong, diversified economic growth and sustainability in the communities where we live and work. From 2015, QGC's Social Investment Program will have three themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investing in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) education</li> <li>Supporting enterprise development; and</li> <li>Enhancing regional liveability.</li> </ul> <p><b>Investing in STEM education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aims to improve attitudes towards STEM and encourage students to take up STEM careers</li> <li>QGC is pursuing partnerships with leading Queensland based organisations to co-design innovative STEM education programs</li> <li>We will continue to support programs in primary and high schools in the Western Downs.</li> </ul> <p><b>Supporting Enterprise Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aim to contribute to the thriving and diverse entrepreneurship culture and business sector in Queensland</li> <li>We are investing in programs to build the capacity of start-up SMEs and existing small businesses</li> <li>We will support and build the capacity of organisations and other entities that provide the services required to nurture start-ups and entrepreneurs.</li> </ul> <p><b>Enhancing Regional Liveability</b></p> <p>We will partner with local people and organisations to contribute to sustainable local communities. Key areas of focus are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community safety programs, including fire and road safety</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safety and amenity of Gladstone Harbour</li> <li>• Increase access to regional health services</li> <li>• Improve local facilities and build organisational capacity through the QGC Communities Fund.</li> </ul> <p><b>QGC Communities Fund</b> Aims to contribute to the sustainability of community groups and organisations in three priority areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skills development</li> <li>• Service and organisational</li> <li>• STEM education.</li> </ul> <p>The fund opens February 2015 and two funding rounds per year will be held. A similar assessment panel of 3 community representatives and 3 QGC representatives will be used to assess applications. Information sessions on the program will be held early in 2015.</p> <p>QGC will continue to have a long term commitment to the communities in which we operate and will look to deliver benefits throughout South East QLD.</p> <p>Committee members had a number of questions and comments. Key points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The current STEM program is delivered in a range of ways with the schools including through educational and inspirational speakers and programs which expose children to STEM subjects and topics of interest</li> <li>• QGC is presently in discussion with the department and teachers around designing a new STEM investment project that will suit the current curriculum</li> <li>• Interest in STEM projects need to start from a young age e.g. year 5</li> <li>• QGC Communities Fund will also be available for one of projects which include STEM</li> <li>• For most children one-on-one ongoing support is required to fully support young people continuing with STEM subjects</li> <li>• Agricultural science is also an important part of the sciences and young people need to be encouraged to study this.</li> </ul>
<p><b>j. Items for next agenda</b></p>	<p>Beth Cooney led discussion and invited feedback on how the committee may evolve as QGC moves forward into operations. Key points include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• QGC values the committees and the feedback provided to the business through them</li> <li>• General feedback that two committees was the favoured option. This model would create opportunities for sharing learnings across the region while also providing suitable representation and coverage across a significant project</li> </ul>

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	<p>area. It was also recognised that too large of a committee would provide minimal time for input by all representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• QGC has or will also discuss the future of the committee with the South, Central and Regional committees</li><li>• QGC will update committee members at a later date on the outcome of these discussions.</li></ul>

## 4. General Business

No general business items were raised.

## 5. Meeting Close

The meeting was closed by Deb Camden at 5.30pm.

The future dates for the QGC Community Consultative Committees will be distributed in early 2015.

## 6. Northern Gas Field Community Committee Members

Representative	Organisation
Cecilia Donohoe	Wandoan Liaison Group
Sharn Pogan	Miles SHS P&C
Rose Asplin	Murilla Landcare Group
Cecily Brockhurst	Murilla Community Centre
Helen Devlin	Wandoan Chamber of Commerce
Lavinia Tyrell	Western Downs Regional Council
Kelly Newton	Wandoan State School P-10
Kylie Bourne	Miles Chamber of Commerce
Anita Bolton	Miles Health Service
Adam Clark	Upper Dawson Wildlife Preservation Society