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QGC Northern Gas Field Community Committee

Wednesday 15 September 2010

Wandoan Community Centre, 6 Henderson Street, Wandoan.

1. Opening

The fourth meeting of the QGC Northern Gas Field Community Committee was called to order at 2.40pm on Wednesday 15 September, 2010 at the Wandoan Community Centre, Wandoan by Mr Jim Cavaye, 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">• Helen Devlin, Wandoan Chamber of Commerce• Lavinia Tyrell, Western Downs Regional Council• Nancy Davies, Wandoan SS P&C• Rachel Kerwick, Miles Chamber of Commerce• Cecily Brockhurst, Murilla Community Centre• Sharn Pogan, Miles SHS P&C• Cecilia Donohoe, Wandoan Liaison Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Catherine Tanna, Managing Director, QGC• Tracey Lenz, Manager, Stakeholder Relations• Tony Nunan, General Manager Land Access• Ben Myers, Communications Manager• Dee Elliott, Social Performance Consultant• Claire Chambers, CSR Research Assistant• Meredith Connor, CSR Seconded
Apologies	Independent Facilitator
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Joe Abbott, Murilla Landcare	<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 accepted for Joe Abbott from Murilla Landcare.</p> <p>Jim Cavaye formally introduced Catherine Tanna, Managing Director QGC to the Committee and explained that Catherine was attending the meetings as an observer and was eager to listen and respond to members' feedback from their community networks.</p> <p>Jim Cavaye gave a broad overview of the meeting format.</p>
b. Safety moment	<p>Jim Cavaye invited members to provide a safety moment. The importance of being aware of your surroundings was discussed. This related to an incident on a landholder's property when a person wanting to pat calves was unaware that one of the calves had an aggressive mother.</p>
c. Follow up from last meeting	<p>Jim Cavaye led a discussion regarding action items from the last meeting. Key points were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Field Trip<p>Tracey Lenz confirmed with the Committee that the date for the field trip for the Gas Field and Regional Committees to QGC's Windibri facility was October 6. Tracey Lenz advised the committee that:</p><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bus transportation and catering for the members would be provided• Technical experts from QGC's water and land access teams would provide information sessions and answer members' questions.• If a member was unable to attend their proxy could be sent in their place.<p>Action: Formal invitation and field trip details to be emailed to Committee members (Meredith Connor)</p>2. Committee Health/Emergency Services Representation:<p>Tracey Lenz advised that QGC is in the process of identifying potential Health and Emergency Services organisations for</p>

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	<p>health sector representation on the Community Committee. Tracey Lenz reminded the Committee that self-selection is the favoured approach when seeking Committee representatives.</p> <p>Action: Potential Health and Emergency Services organisations will be contacted prior to the next Northern Gas Field Community Committee meeting.</p> <p>3. QGC Recruitment Advertisements: Tracey Lenz advised the Committee that if community members wished to access recruitment ads they could search vacancies or set up a job alert on the QGC career website by going to http://www.qgc.com.au/01 cms/details.asp?ID=310 and clicking on Job Opportunities.</p> <p>Action: Email job vacancy link to Committee members (Meredith Connor)</p> <p>4. Community brochures and cards Jim Cavaye advised members that community brochures and 1800 number cards have been provided for members to take back to their community networks.</p> <p>Committee members advised that they were starting to be approached by community members on a more frequent basis.</p>
<p>d. Regional Representative Feedback</p>	<p>The Regional Community Committee Representative Cecily Brockhurst provided feedback to the Committee on the July 28 Regional Community Committee meeting.</p> <p>Key points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Regional Community Committee had found QGC's Seismic Survey presentation to be extremely interesting • The Regional Community Committee meeting received an update on QGC's stakeholder feedback process and communication strategy • Feedback from the Regional Community Committee meeting suggested that the questionnaire for the social indicator monitoring had been confusing and daunting for many members
<p>e. Adoption of Minutes</p>	<p>Jim Cavaye asked the Committee to formally consider the July 28 minutes and asked for suggested changes.</p> <p>The July 28 Northern Gas Field Community Committee</p>

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	minutes were adopted by the Committee.
f. Community Feedback	<p>Jim Cavaye invited Committee members to share feedback from their networks and for members' suggestions about how progress could be made on the issues discussed. Issues raised by community members included:</p> <p>Planning for LNG projects seemed unsystematic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catherine Tanna advised the Committee that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ QGC was waiting on Federal Government and environmental approvals before it could move forward with the QCLNG project. ○ QGC acknowledged the difficulty Wandoan faced anticipating a business upturn. ○ QGC was looking to establish a regional office to provide communities with accessible information and support. <p>Roads (conditions):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee members discussed community concerns over the increased 'wear and tear' on rural roads from gas project activities. • Road gravel shortage was discussed. • Dee Elliott advised the Committee that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ QGC is consulting with Council and the Department of Main Roads regarding road maintenance. • Catherine Tanna advised the Committee that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A Queensland Government major road upgrade agreement is pending and will include cumulative considerations. <p>Action: QGC to confirm if there is a difference in quarrying regulations for community and the resource sector (Tony Heidrich).</p> <p>Roads (behaviour):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road etiquette was discussed in relation to people being unaware of the danger of driving on soft-edges; keeping vehicles off the road after large amounts of rain (especially 4-wheel drives and trucks). • The Committee expressed concern that gas company cars are often observed with drivers only and no passengers. • The group felt that some sub-contractors who are paid

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	<p>on a load basis are inclined not to observe speed limits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catherine Tanna advised the Committee that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ QGC has taken steps to reduce the amount of equipment on the road by using rail services. ○ QGC believes that getting good contractors is integral part of maintaining good community relations. QGC's selection criteria for large contractors includes their having local experience. ○ QGC had introduced a plane charter service to move personnel from Brisbane to Chinchilla on a daily basis to reduce the amount of time personnel spent on the road. ○ QGC continues to consider contract arrangements to incentivise good behaviour. <p>Land Access:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee members advised some landholders felt permission granted for one access visit extended to multiple visits by QGC. • Some landholders had experienced operational trucks arriving unsure of where to go and seeking directions. • The issue of how to best identify/request identification from QGC personnel was discussed. <p>Noise/lights/dust</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The issue that construction workforce need to be aware when mitigating a problem on one property, such as lighting, they did not inadvertently impact on neighbouring properties was discussed. <p>Water:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee members said that more information was required about the impact to aquifers from gas companies. <p>Wandoan's Sustainability:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group feedback suggested that some people in Wandoan felt that their town was struggling and were concerned that families were leaving, school numbers were falling, volunteer numbers were dropping and businesses were struggling. • The time lag between losing a sense of community and the arrival of QCLNG benefits was also discussed. Some members felt that the longer the gap the less people Wandoan would be able to support. • Sustaining local business development was discussed.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catherine Tanna advised the Committee that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ QGC supports sustainability of communities and that QGC’s Social Investment Plan looks to maximise the positive aspects of the community while minimising the potential negative aspects. <p>Queensland Government Forum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community feedback from the members suggested that the Government Forum on water had been useful and had given landholders more information.
<p>g. Seismic Surveying</p>	<p>Andy Smart, QGC Seismic Project Manager took the Committee through a Seismic Surveying presentation. Key points included:</p> <p>Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seismic surveying is a data capturing method which is a normal part of developing a gas field program • It is used to map rock strata to give an underground picture of where coal seams are located and involves putting sound-waves into the ground to get a picture of the sub-service. • Data from the surveys assists QGC to accurately plan well locations and ensures land disturbance is minimised • Seismic surveying is a low-impact activity which QGC does under state and local government approvals <p>The seismic surveying process involves:</p> <p>Determining Survey Route</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The initial survey route is chosen by using maps, satellite images and aerial photographs in the office before being checked in the field • QGC’s Land Access team then negotiates the route with landholders • QGC’s land access team obtains the formal consent of landholders for access. This determines the most acceptable route • Route inspection involves Traditional Owners and an environmental scientist • A formal agreement with landholders is made from which compensation can be calculated • The survey route is marked out using wooden stakes for seismic lines and coloured flags for access routes <p>Conducting the Seismic Survey</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seismic surveying involves a seismic crew laying the line • Up to 10km of seismic cable is laid out at any one time • Clearing may be necessary if sections of the seismic line are inaccessible. A mulcher is used to cut vegetation that does not interfere with the root stock. This allows plants to regrow quickly and return to their original state. Utility vehicles are modified to lessen impact on vegetation • Geophones (sensors) are placed along the seismic line. They are connected to a line cable attached to the recording truck. • The vibroseis truck starts at the beginning of the line, vibrating the ground at points marked by wooden stakes. Two trucks constitute one group and each group will vibrate the ground either once or twice per vibration point. This is done for about eight to 12 seconds every 10 to 15 metres along straight lines. • Vibrations are rarely felt more than 20 metres from the truck. • The acoustic waves generated by the vibrations are reflected back and recorded by sensors attached to the cable connected to the recording truck. • The trucks cover about 10km a day and operations are restricted to daylight hours only. • As the ground equipment is continually cycled from the back of the seismic line to the front at the same speed, most landholders will have equipment on their properties for only three or four days. • Two portable weed washdown facilities are available at all times. <p>After the Survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipment retrieval or pick up is carried out by a small number of people who load the cables, sensors and batteries into pick-up trucks for transport to the front of the line. • Restoration and rehabilitation of the area to its condition prior to the seismic survey occurs after the whole crew has passed over a section of line. • Crews check that all equipment and any accidentally discarded rubbish are removed. • All temporary gates are removed. Fences and any accidentally damaged property is repaired. <p>The QGC link to its Seismic survey fact sheet is http://www.qgc.com.au/dbase/upl/Seismic_2010-09-02.PDF</p>

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<p>h. Social Indicator Monitoring</p>	<p>Dee Elliot and Claire Chambers gave an overview of the Social Indicator Monitoring process to date. This included Community Committee briefings during August and Committee members' input through a questionnaire provided by the Centre for Social Responsibility (CSR).</p> <p>Claire Chambers thanked Committee members for their time and input in responding to the survey.</p> <p>Presentation of survey input: The Committee members were presented a graph ranking the gas field Community Committee issues. The priorities were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water (protection of) - Risks to ground water and surface water resources. Impact on both water quality and amount. • Training/Education/Skills – Opportunities for more education and training opportunities, increasing the skills of local residents. • Pressure on Services – Main focus was around health services, schools and childcare. • Employment – Increased employment opportunities for local residents and youth. • Loss of/Retention of Agricultural Land – Loss of farming land, labour drain, reduced income from farming and shift from agriculture to mining. • Roads – Damage to roads existing roads, upgrade road network and impact of traffic. • Company/Community Relationship – Open honest communication between Company and Community and working together with Community. • Youth Retention – Increase youth population on the land through increased opportunities (jobs, training, education) • Strong Community (Connectivity /newcomers) – Losing closeness and everybody knows everybody nature of the town. Integration of newcomers and their participation or not in community networks. • Business Opportunities – Local businesses supply chain opportunities and diversification of existing businesses in the region. • Housing affordability – Primary focus on the impact on the lower socio-economic groups in the region. • Water (CSG beneficial water use) - Good safe use of CSG water (for town supply and industrial use). • Lifestyle Amenity – Impact of CSG related noise, lights, pollution and traffic. • Community Infrastructure – Physical infrastructure for

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	<p>recreational, sports, cultural and aged care facilities.</p> <p>Claire Chambers asked members if they felt the results were representative of community issues. Committee feedback indicated they expected water to be the priority issue, but housing was further down the list than they expected.</p> <p>Future consultation: Claire Chambers advised the Committee that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CSRM will produce a summary of feedback and possible indicators, with a preferred option• CSRM will circulate the summary via email, and arrange a series of opportunities for face-to-face feedback in mid-Oct• CSRM target is to agree on a framework and review initial data by the end of this year <p>Action: Email Committee members inviting them to be involved in a voluntary one-on-one or group session planned for mid-October (Claire Chambers).</p>

4. General business

No general business was discussed.

Agenda items for the next meeting were sought.

- No agenda items were submitted.

5. Meeting Close

The meeting was closed by Jim Cavaye at 5.15pm.

The next QGC Northern Gas Field Community Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, December 8 2010 from 2.00pm to 5.30pm at the Murilla Community Centre, 73a Murilla Street, Miles.

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6. Northern Gas Field Community Committee Members

Representative	Organisation
Helen Devlin	Wandoan Chamber of Commerce
Cecilia Donohoe	Wandoan Liaison Group
Joe Abbott	Murilla Landcare
Rachel Kerwick	Miles Chamber of Commerce
Cecily Brockhurst	Murilla Community Centre
Lavinia Tyrrell	Western Downs Regional Council
Nancy Davies	Wandoan SS P&C
Sharn Pogan	President Miles SHS P&C