

Meeting Minutes



QGC Northern Gas Field Community Committee
Thursday 24 February 2011
Wandoan Customer Service Centre, 6 Henderson Road

Opening

The sixth meeting of the QGC Northern Gas Field Community Committee was called to order at 2.30pm on Thursday 24 February 2011 at the Wandoan Customer Service Centre, facilitated by Mr Jim Cavaye, Independent Facilitator.

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• Cecilia Donohoe, Wandoan Liaison Group• Lavinia Tyrell, Western Downs Regional Council• Sharn Pogan, Miles SHS P&C• Nancy Davies, Wandoan SS P&C	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Angus Hetherington, Manager Condamine Power Station• Tracey Lenz, 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">• Joe Abbott, Murilla Landcare• Rachel Kerwick, Miles Chamber of Commerce• Cecily Brockhurst, Murilla Community Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jim Cavaye, Cavaye Community Development

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- **Meeting agenda**

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

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Introductions and meeting overview	<p>Jim Cavaye led roundtable introductions of Community Committee members and QGC representatives.</p> <p>Apologies were offered for Joe Abbott, Rachel Kerwick and Cecily Brockhurst.</p> <p>Jim Cavaye gave a broad overview of the meeting format.</p>
Safety moment	<p>Jim Cavaye invited Committee members to share a safety moment. A Committee member reminded the Committee to be observant of closed road signs in the wet weather.</p>
Adoption of minutes	<p>Jim Cavaye asked the Committee to formally consider the 8 December 2010 minutes and asked for suggested changes.</p> <p>The 8 December minutes were adopted by the Committee.</p>
Actions from previous meeting	<p>Jim Cavaye reviewed the actions from the previous meeting.</p> <p>Committee Health Representation Tony Heidrich advised that identifying a health representative for the Committee had been delayed due to the flood. QGC will provide an update at the next meeting.</p> <p>Action: QGC to provide an update on identifying a health representative at the next meeting (Tony Heidrich).</p> <p>QGC Website Tracey Lenz informed the Committee that their feedback on QGC's online recruitment site had been passed to QGC's Human Resources department. She advised that a global template is used which constrains navigation of the recruitment website.</p> <p>Rail Crossing Zoe Carroll advised that the action regarding signage of the railway crossing was still open. QGC will provide an update at the next meeting.</p> <p>Action: QGC to provide an update on the rail crossing (Zoe Carroll).</p>

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	<p>Communication Tracey Lenz advised that the QGC Communications team were placing a monthly project update in local newspapers to inform the wider community about QCLNG schedules. QGC will also be placing community notifications in local papers to advise of upcoming works in project areas</p> <p>Integrated Housing Strategy Tony Heidrich advised that the Coordinator General had granted QGC an extension on the submission of the draft QGC Integrated Housing Strategy (IHS) for the Surat Basin. This will allow QGC to reassess the baseline following the floods. QGC will provide an update at the next meeting.</p> <p>Action: QGC to provide an update on the IHS at the next meeting (Zoe Carroll).</p> <p>Land Access Zoe Carroll informed the Committee that the names of Land Access personnel they had supplied for acting disrespectfully had been passed to Bruce Coats and that they had been reassigned.</p>
<p>Community feedback</p>	<p>Jim Cavaye invited Committee members to share feedback from their networks. Issues raised by Committee members included the following:</p> <p>Land availability A Committee member reported a lack of available land in Wandoan and that there could be a role for resource companies to approach government to release the land.</p> <p>Four Corners A Committee member asked QGC to respond to the Four Corners programme. Angus Hetherington replied that QGC had responded to questions posed by Four Corners prior to the program airing. Following the program, QGC prepared a second response that addresses themes raised by the program. Both responses can be accessed on QGC's website (http://www.qgc.com.au/01 cms/details.asp?ID=479).</p> <p>A Committee member asked whether a leaking well could combust. Paul Wright replied that there would need to be an ignition source, a high concentration of gas and the right mix of methane, gas and air.</p> <p>Camp size A Committee member enquired about the size of the Woleebee Camp. Tracey Lenz replied that the camp also</p>

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<p>QGC and QCLNG update</p>	<p>known as the Northern Accommodation Village will house 800 workers at its peak.</p> <p>Angus Hetherington provided a QGC and QCLNG update.</p> <p>Key points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The flood was challenging for QGC, but the company managed to maintain gas and electricity production. • QGC carried out a number of community support activities during the floods, including food drops, sandbagging, housing residents of Condamine in the camps, and community use of vehicles. <p>A Committee member asked whether evaporation ponds had been flooded. Paul Wright replied that QGC conducted two rounds of inspections of evaporation ponds and that there had been no breaches of the ponds and no surface run off.</p> <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>Pipeline presentation</p>	<p>Steven Liddell, Engineering Manager Pipelines provided an update on the QCLNG pipeline. Key points included:</p> <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 Jo gas fields and travel north-west to the export pipeline. • 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. • Pipe laying involves digging a trench 2m deep. The top soil is separated from the trench spoil and replaced once the pipe is laid.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pipe is being transported from Gladstone to Miles and from Brisbane to Biloela. It is currently being trucked due to rail damage caused by the floods. QGC expects to be able to transport pipe by train from mid-April. • Three spreads (groups of construction crews) will be used to construct the export pipeline. • Temporary workforce accommodation camps are being constructed along the pipeline route at 120km increments to reduce travel distance and driving hazards. Construction crews are bussed to the right of way • QGC conducted a weed survey to identify the location of weeds. The company will locate weed control wash down areas along the route of the pipeline construction. All vehicles and equipment will be washed and inspected to prevent transporting weeds. • Reseeding will be conducted as agreed with landowners as part of land rehabilitation. <p>A Committee member commented that the wet weather had caused weeds to appear in new areas. Steven Liddell advised that QGC was aware of this. Environmental scientists were re-walking the pipeline route to take stock of these changes.</p> <p>A Committee member asked what happened to excess soil. Steven Liddell replied that it would be spread over the right of way. Top soil would be replaced on top. Landowners will sign off on land rehabilitation to release the contractor, MCJV.</p> <p>A Committee member relayed community concern over vehicles driving along the right of way compacting soils. Steven Liddell advised that trucks will travel along the roads until they reach the closest point of access to the pipeline easement.</p>
<p>Water update</p>	<p>Paul Wright, QGC’s Water Strategy and Sustainability Manager presented on QGC’s water approach.</p> <p>Key points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wells are fully cased and cemented from the surface to the Walloon Coal Measures to stop any water being pumped from above aquifers. • Water treatment plants are being built in central and southern areas. A northern water treatment plant is planned for 2013. This reflects the northern field development plan; water will be produced in the north

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	<p>when development wells commence operation in 2013.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Options for beneficial reuse of associated water include treating water through reverse osmosis desalination plants for aquifer reinjection, forestry plantations and irrigation; use of raw untreated water in power generation; and salt crystallisation storage. • Most of the water treated through the central and southern water treatment plants will go to Chinchilla Weir owned by SunWater. • Of the water that goes into water treatment plants approximately 80-95% comes out treated and 5-20% is brine. <p>Nicole Caruso presented on the groundwater bore monitoring program. A factsheet on the program was also provided. Key points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revisions to the Water Act require all coal seam gas companies to conduct water bore baseline assessments in order to understand the condition of the water bores. • QGC's water bore monitoring program is starting in March and will continue to end-2012. Bores will then be monitored every six months over the life of the project. • Letters and factsheets will be sent to all landowners in the tenements outlining the process. • The program will collect information on water level and water quality. This information will be reported to the Queensland Water Commission and results provided to landowners within 30 days of the assessment taking place. <p>A Committee member asked who would be provided with the results for shared bores. Nicole Caruso replied that the information would be given to the registered owner.</p> <p>A Committee member asked about the sodium content of treated water meant used on soils. Paul Wright replied that QGC is working with the University of Southern Queensland to define the optimum sodium content.</p>
<p>A. Regional Committee Representation</p>	<p>A Committee member provided a summary of the Regional Committee meeting held on 17 February, 2010.</p>
<p>B. Preparation for 25 May Meeting</p>	<p>Agenda items for the next meeting were sought.</p>

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	<p>Suggested agenda items were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update on QGC's Integrated Housing Strategy• QGC Social Impact Management Plan update

General business

Jim Cavaye advised that Tracey Lenz and Meredith Connor were handing over the Gas Field 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.

Meeting Close

The meeting was closed by Jim Cavaye at 5.00pm.

The next QGC Northern Gas Field Community Committee meeting will be on Wednesday 25 May 2011 from 2.00pm to 4.30pm at the Murilla Community Centre, Miles.

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- **Northern Gas Field Community Committee Members**

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Helen Devlin	Wandoan Chamber of Commerce
Cecilia Donohoe	Wandoan Liaison Group
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Cecily Brockhurst	Murilla Community Centre
Lavinia Tyrrell	Western Downs Regional Council
Nancy Davies	Wandoan SS P&C
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