

QGC Regional Gas Field Community Committee
 Thursday 11 August 2011
 Chinchilla Customer Service Centre, 80-86 Heeney Street

1. Opening

The seventh meeting of the QGC Regional Gas Field Community Committee was called to order at 10:00am on Thursday 11 August 2011 at the Chinchilla Customer Service Centre, facilitated by Mr Jim Cavaye, Independent Facilitator.

2. Attendees

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

QGC Regional Gas Field Community Committee Members	QGC Representatives
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cr Carolyn Tillman (Western Downs Regional Council) • Denis Sommerfeld (Southern Gas Field Community Committee) • Desley Gobbert (Education Queensland) • Peter Saxelby (Western Downs Regional Council) • Cecily Brockhurst (Northern Gas Field Community Committee) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Malcolm Hellmuth, Road Infrastructure Manager • Chris Chilton, GM Delivery Coordination • Bradley Green, Land and Asset Supervisor • Troy Gavin, Social Performance Manager, Gas Fields • Zoe Carroll, Social Performance Technical Coordinator • Sarah Worthing, Social Performance Intern
Apologies	Independent Facilitator
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penny Hamilton (Condamine Alliance) • Carollee Murphy (Western Downs Regional Council) • Floyd Leedie (Goondir Health Services) • Kathie Fletcher (Queensland Murray-Darling Committee) • Bill Nicholas (AgForce) • Marion Loveday (Central Gas Field Community Committee) • Bruce Coats, General Manager Field Operations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim Cavaye, Cavaye Community Development

3. Meeting agenda

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

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<p>a. Introductions and meeting overview</p>	<p>Jim Cavaye led roundtable introductions of Community Committee members and QGC representatives.</p> <p>Jim Cavaye gave a broad overview of the meeting format.</p>
<p>b. Safety moment</p>	<p>Jim Cavaye invited Committee members to share a safety moment.</p> <p>Chris Chilton discussed taking a behavioural approach to safety. Process and procedures are important; however, it is paramount that each individual routinely check and correct themselves in their safety practices.</p>
<p>c. Actions from previous meeting</p>	<p>Jim Cavaye reviewed the actions from the previous meeting.</p> <p>Sustainability Indicators The draft sustainability indicators were circulated to the Committee following the last meeting. Zoe Carroll encouraged Committee members to provide feedback to the Centre for Social Responsibility in Mining.</p> <p>Land Access The Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation's Land Access Code, together with QGC's Property Details Form, were circulated to Committee members following the last meeting.</p> <p>The Committee requested an update on QGC's Rural Residential Code of Conduct. Zoe Carroll advised the Committee that the Code is still being finalised. Committee members encouraged QGC to finalise the code, making mention of community uncertainty surrounding land access procedures. A Committee member suggested that QGC communicate its procedures to inform the community and allay any concerns.</p> <p>Troy Gavin asked the Committee what would be the most effective way in providing information to the wider community. Committee members suggested that QGC utilise local newsletters, which exist for Tara, Jandowae, Dalby and Miles.</p> <p>Action: QGC to investigate use of local newsletters (Zoe Carroll)</p>

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	<p>Integrated Community Committees Zoe Carroll informed the Committee that in July QGC held its first combined committee in Gladstone with GLNG, APLNG and representatives from the community. Minutes of the meeting are available on QGC's website. Combined committee meetings are held in Gladstone due to the fact, the CSG proponents are located in the same geographic area and cumulative impacts are concentrated. QGC is aware of concerns surrounding consultation fatigue in the Gasfields and will report back to the committee with any additional progress.</p> <p>A Committee member mentioned that it is very important to continue with strong community interaction.</p> <p>Pipeline Zoe Carroll reported that she had followed up directly with the Committee member who had raised concerns that the 42" pipes for the collection header and export pipeline are being dragged. This is not the case. Double jointed pipes are transported two at a time to the right of way by truck where they are vacuum lifted onto the ground. They are placed along the trench and welded. When they are ready to be placed in the trench they will be lowered by the vacuum lift. After the pipeline is laid, QGC will rehabilitate the route in close consultation with landholders and in accordance with strict procedures and environmental guidelines. There is additional information regarding the pipeline on the QGC website.</p> <p>Roads Jim Cavaye informed the committee that a presentation had been prepared on QGC's approach to roads. Malcolm Hellmuth, QGC's Road Infrastructure Manager would present at today's meeting.</p> <p>SIMP Reporting The Committee was informed that their suggestions on the draft SIMP report for the Regional Community Committees had been integrated to the final version, circulated prior to today's meeting.</p>
<p>d. Adoption of minutes</p>	<p>Jim Cavaye asked the Committee to formally consider the 12 May 2011 minutes and asked for suggested changes.</p> <p>The 12 May 2011 Regional Gas Field Community Committee minutes were adopted by the Committee.</p>

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<p>e. Community feedback</p>	<p>Jim Cavaye invited Committee members to share feedback from their networks.</p> <p>A Committee member asked if QGC was contemplating a roster change. Committee members thought some rosters may discourage QGC employees from relocating to the area. As a result, staff may not integrate into the community and rental prices could also be affected. It could also increase fatigue amongst the workforce.</p> <p>Troy Gavin replied that QGC has not announced any change in roster. Research into the best roster for employees and their family life had shown seven days on, seven days off was most effective. QGC will continue to evaluate the best options for employees.</p> <p>Committee members approve of the QGC's Integrated Housing Strategy; however, thought it may take some time to implement.</p> <p>Expressing concern about a lack of hotel/motel accommodation, a Committee member stated that the CSG industry was not necessarily to blame since a considerable amount of unrelated construction workers had been using accommodation recently. Concern was expressed that some events may go elsewhere due to a lack of accommodation.</p> <p>QGC was asked to reconsider the way it made block bookings and encourage its contractors to do the same</p> <p>Action: QGC to follow up with its travel department and contractor companies (Zoe Carroll).</p>
<p>f. QGC and QCLNG update</p>	<p>Zoe Carroll provided an operations and project update. Key points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As of 31 March 2011, QGC employs ~ 3600 staff and contractors. Over \$2.3 billion dollars have been spent on the project and over 550 contracts have been let. • QGC participated in the CSG Senate hearings, making a submission to the hearings in Canberra this week. • QGC has announced that it will explore for natural gas in the Bowen Basin by drilling several wells over the next 18 months, some to ~4.5km deep. This is similar to wells being drilled by other companies in the Cooper Basin. • Pond construction works are underway on QGC-owned property at Kumbarilla Park and Kenya East. Works are expected to take six months to complete

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	<p>and are being carried out by Thiess Pty Ltd.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The second round of the Sustainable Community Fund has begun. Successful applications will be announced in the beginning of January. Committee members were advised that the application form and guidance materials have been updated. Only applications using the new form will be eligible. Earlier this year QGC awarded \$394,000 to successful applicants in the Gasfield. • QGC donated \$60,000 to QMDC for flood recovery efforts in the local area. A team of Conservation Australia Volunteers are currently working in the Condamine area assisting with the clean up of debris and fixing fencing. • QGC was a part of a CSG Engineering Camp in Toowoomba. One student from the camp has now been awarded a full scholarship to university. <p>Zoe Carroll asked the Committee if the construction notifications placed in local newspapers were effective. Committee members responded that the large size and bright colour of the notifications were very effective at capturing people’s attention.</p> <p>A Committee member asked about QGC’s strategy for salt disposal. Zoe Carroll informed the Committee that trials for beneficial use of salts are still ongoing. In the meantime, salt was being stored in lined ponds.</p> <p>Committee members urged the company to provide the public with as much information as possible in regards to salt disposal. A Committee member said that the Water Workshop was very informational and asked if the Workshop could be conducted on a larger scale.</p> <p>Action: QGC to provide a salt update to the Committee and wider information to the general public (Zoe Carroll)</p>
<p>g. Road Infrastructure Strategy</p>	<p>Malcolm Hellmuth updated the Committee on QGC’s Road Infrastructure Strategy. Key points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QGC’s approach to roads encompasses extensive assessment of our requirements, impacts and mitigation activities, and monitoring and engagement with local and state government and impacted stakeholders. • QGC will be investing a considerable sum in road infrastructure to mitigate our impacts. Our approach goes beyond upgrading and maintaining roads, to

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	<p>include driver safety and minimising our road use.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QGC is investing in training and in vehicle monitoring systems for our staff and community road safety. • Transport Management Plans are developed to minimise impacts on other road users, for example school bus routes, by using alternative routes and avoiding peak times. Mention of road impacts appear in the paper alongside construction updates. • QGC has mapped every road to be used in the project and the duration of impact and average number of vehicles per day, this information was shown to the Committee members. • QGC has assessed the current quality of those roads to predict and monitor our impact. Noting that the dynamic quality of roads, which can change rapidly based on many conditions including weather. • QGC has identified and prioritised required upgrades – for example, widening gravel, improving gravel quality and drainage – and has submitted this information to Council for them to analyse whether the selected roads would actually be affected in the way QGC anticipates. • For major road work, road infrastructure funding agreements need to be in place. QGC will strive to use local contractors wherever possible. <p>A Committee member mentioned that many roads in the region were not constructed to accommodate heavy transport. A road improvement plan is therefore good to have in place.</p> <p>Malcolm Hellmuth responded that QGC is working closely with the Council about which roads to maintain and which roads to improve.</p> <p>A Committee member thanks Malcolm Hellmuth for these considerations and also suggested that good quality gravel be used in improvements.</p> <p>Malcolm Hellmuth asked the Committee on what is the most effective way to inform affected communities on QGC transport activities. A Committee member said that the townships newsletters might be effective; however, a sign posted on the actual road may be more beneficial.</p>
<p>h. Community Road Safety Campaign</p>	<p>Zoe Carroll updated the Committee on QGC’s community road safety campaign. Key points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SIMP sets out QGC’s commitments to invest in education and awareness programs about traffic

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	<p>safety. This is not designed to mitigate our impacts – our mitigation activities have been outlined by Malcolm Hellmuth – but to educate the community to deal with temporary changes to road conditions over the QCLNG construction period.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QGC’s community road safety campaign, Road Aware, has been developed with the expert assistance of Russell White. Road Aware has two components: • <i>Awareness</i>: providing useful tips and information through editorials, information in tourist centres, on the internet, radio, print media and billboards. Billboards are already visible outside Chinchilla and Dalby. • <i>Education</i>: an 18-month driving program is being offered to local primary and high schools, including school visits, education packs and online tutorials. High school students – our target group – will benefit from simulated driving training. <p>A Committee member asked how the schools are being notified about the program. Zoe Carroll informed the Committee that QGC is working with Philips Group who are contacting schools directly and working around their schedules.</p> <p>Committee members expressed their approval of the Campaign and added that the high school program is likely to attract more interest in 2012 due to scheduling.</p>
<p>i. Bushfire Risk Management</p>	<p>Bradley Green updated the Committee on QGC’s Bushfire Management. Key points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently, QGC owns 30 properties and the company is committed to properly managing it. This includes pest and weed management, bushfire management, and infrastructure and land improvement. • QGC’s preferred option is to lease good quality land to farmers and graziers. Previous owners are given first right to lease then surrounding neighbours, then the wider community. Currently, 3 previous owners and 9 neighbours are leasing back QGC land. • QGC’s long-term plan is to build the necessary facilities on the land and then lease the land out to landholders. The company does not want to become a large landholder. • In regard to potential bush fire risk, QGC has developed a Bushfire Risk Management plan which is routinely examined and updated. • QGC is aware of the danger of high fuel loads and has

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	<p>numerous mitigation activities to reduce risk including: creating fire breaks; prescribed burns of forestry; grazing pasture; strategically renovating pasture.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure is designed and maintained appropriately. Leak testing and monitoring and removing of vegetation is carried out. • In the event of a fire QGC has fire fighting capability on site. During seismic activity, a fire tender accompanies the activity. • QGC is also investing in rural fire brigades and has worked with the brigades to conduct controlled burns, paying a donation. QGC is looking to invest further in line with our SIMP commitment. • We work closely with QLD Fire and Rescue Service and provide resources and equipment in the event of a fire in the area • We are looking at creating community safety zones on our properties where they are located in open spaces with nearby water sources and power to use in emergencies • QGC has trained a number of staff in bushfire awareness and minimum fire fighting skills <p>Bradley Green also outlined the four prescribed burns tentatively planned for the rest of the year. Two prescribed burns are planned for the Tara region, one in Windibri, and one in the Condamine area.</p> <p>Committee members thanked QGC for the company's help after the flood and also commented that assistance with the local Rural Fire Brigade would be very well received by the communities.</p>
<p>j. Items for next agenda</p>	<p>Jim Cavaye invited the Committee to propose agenda items for the next meeting.</p> <p>Committee members proposed that QGC present more information regarding salt and the disposal of brine. Updates on housing and the Rural Residence Code were also requested.</p> <p>Committee members suggested that more information about QGC's activities especially about housing strategies and brine disposal is needed in their respected communities.</p>

4. General Business

No other business was recorded.

5. Meeting Close

The meeting was closed by Jim Cavaye at 12:30pm

The next QGC Regional Gas Field Community Committee meeting will be on 3 November 2011 from 10:00am to 12:30pm at the Chinchilla Customer Service Centre.

6. Regional Gas Field Community Committee Members

Representative	Organisation
Bill Nicholas	AgForce
Carollee Murphy	Western Downs Regional Council
Cr Carolyn Tilman	Western Downs Regional Council
Cecily Brockhurst	Northern Gas Field Representative
Denis Sommerfeld	Southern Gas Field Representative
Desley Gobbert	Department of Education and Training, DDSW Region
Floyd Leedie	Goondir Health Services
Kathie Fletcher	Queensland Murray-Darling Committee
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