

Meeting Minutes



QGC Regional Community Committee
Thursday 15 July 2010
Chinchilla Customer Service Centre, Chinchilla

1. Opening

The second meeting of the QGC Regional Community Committee was called to order at 10.05am on Thursday 15 July 2010 at the Chinchilla Customer Service Centre, facilitated by Mr Jim Cavaye, Independent Facilitator.

2. Attendees

The following people attended the QGC Regional Community Committee meeting:

Community Attendees	QGC Attendees
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carollee Murphy (Western Downs Regional Council)• Penny Hamilton (Condamine Alliance)• Desley Gobbert (Dept of Education and Training, DDSW Region)• Floyd Leedie (Goondir Health Services)• Bill Nicholas (AgForce)• Denis Sommerfeld (Southern Gas Field Community Committee)• Marion Loveday (Central Gas Field Community Committee)• Cecily Brockhurst (Northern Gas Field Community Committee)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tracey Lenz, Manager Stakeholder Relations• Tony Heidrich, Manager Social Performance – Gas Fields• Aderian Nixon, QGC• Robin Evans, CSRM Senior Research Fellow• Claire Chambers, CSRM Research Assistant• Meredith Connor, CSRM Secondee
Apologies	Independent Facilitator
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cr Carolyn Tillman (Western Downs Council)• Geoff Penton (Queensland Murray-Darling Committee)	<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 introductions of community committee members, QGC and CSRМ representatives. Ongoing representatives from the local gas field community committees were introduced. These people were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Denis Sommerfeld (Southern Gas Field)• Marion Loveday (Central Gas Field)• Cecily Brockhurst (Northern Gas Field) <p>Jim Cavaye introduced representatives from the Centre for Social Responsibility in Mining (CSRМ) and explained that the CSRМ would be conducting Social Indicator Monitoring sessions as part of QGC's Sustainable Development Indicators project. Jim Cavaye outlined the format of the two sessions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The July 15 session would provide a broad overview of the social monitoring process.• The July 27 session would take a workshop format.
b. Safety moment	<p>Tony Heidrich led a safety moment with a clip called 'Embrace Life' highlighting the importance of wearing seatbelts when driving.</p> <p>Clip available on: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h-8PBx7isoM</p>
c. Logistics	<p>Jim Cavaye reminded the Committee that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It is a member's responsibility to contact their proxies if they are unable to attend a meeting• Members can request that particular meeting items remain confidential through the Independent Facilitator• If members require reimbursement for travel expenses they need to contact Meredith Connor <p>Jim Cavaye advised that the agreed changes to the Regional Committee meeting schedule had been made and members had been emailed the updated meeting schedule.</p> <p>Action: Request to re-send updated meeting schedule to Committee members (Meredith Connor).</p>

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<p>d. Terms of Reference</p>	<p>Amendments to The Terms of Reference (ToR) were discussed. The finalised ToR was provided.</p> <p>Tracey Lenz thanked the Committee for their feedback with the ToR.</p>
<p>e. Adoption of Minutes</p>	<p>Jim Cavaye asked the Committee to formally consider the May 26 minutes and asked for suggested changes.</p> <p>The minutes of the May 26 meeting were formally adopted.</p>
<p>f. Field Trip</p>	<p>Jim Cavaye advised the Committee that QGC was looking to organise a day field trip for the gas field and regional committees to observe QGC operations first-hand at Windibri. Technical experts from QGC’s water and land access teams would be present to answer members’ questions.</p> <p>Jim Cavaye asked the Committee if there were particular aspects of QGC operations they wished to see. Suggestions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drilling wells • Condamine Power Station • Storage ponds • Noise, lighting • Re-vegetation <p>The committee expressed their enthusiasm about the field day and indicated that having technical experts was integral. Possible dates were discussed.</p> <p>Action: QGC to advise committee of date of field trip (Meredith Connor).</p>
<p>g. Committee Representation</p>	<p>A committee member raised an issue regarding membership. Specifically, in relation to members attending community meetings or events as a representative of the QGC Community Committee.</p> <p>QGC clarified that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership on the QGC Community Committees is voluntary. While QGC relies on the members’ community networks to facilitate two-way information exchange; QGC does not expect members to attend specific community forums or meetings as a ‘QGC Community Committee representative’. • If committee members feel as if they are being pressured

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	<p>or need clarification about their role as a community representative to contact Tracey Lenz or Jim Cavaye.</p> <p>Action: QGC to clarify the role of Community representatives with all committees (Tracey Lenz).</p>
<p>h. Community Feedback</p>	<p>Jim Cavaye invited the Committee members to share feedback from their networks. Issues raised by community members included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns about water • Decreasing property values • Road safety and traffic volumes • Noise • Affordable housing
<p>i. QGC Overview</p>	<p>Aderian Nixon provided an overview of current QGC activities and QCLNG future activities. Key points discussed were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundations for a reverse osmosis plant on QGC land at Windibri had commenced. Water from the reverse osmosis plant to will be used to supply the local power station. • Pilot areas are being tested at Ridgewood and Montrose Roads, east of Tara. • Development and exploration of wells is being constructed south-west of Wandoan, as well as east and south-east of Tara. • Landholder bore water levels are being monitored and checked regularly.
<p>j. QCLNG Overview: Coordinator-General's Report</p>	<p>Tony Heidrich advised the Committee that the Coordinator-General gave conditional approval to the QCLNG project on June 25. Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Report includes a set of social and environmental under which the project may proceed. • Production licences, safety approvals and other environmental permits are still required • QGC will make its Final Investment Decision later in the year after receiving Queensland and Commonwealth Government approval. <p>Tony Heidrich used the report's housing conditions to demonstrate the detail of the Coordinator-General's requirements.</p> <p>The Coordinator-General has conditioned QGC to further</p>

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	<p>develop its Integrated Housing Strategy (IHS).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The IHS will provide project workforce accommodation and investment in affordable and community housing solutions • To resolve project-related cumulative impacts QGC will consult with other proponents and Government agencies to identify cooperative strategies and participate in regional strategies • QGC is required to mitigate its impact on accommodation for low income households by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Allocating resources for the provision of affordable and community housing - QGC should provide resources for affordable and community housing allocation at the rate of 1 unit of accommodation for every 8 imported workers settling in Western Downs region - QGC to consult with the Department of Communities, the Urban Land Development Authority and social housing providers to develop appropriate housing social mix - QGC will take a 'portfolio approach' by direct and indirect investment in the housing market and ensuring diversity in housing stock • QGC's compliance with Coordinator-General conditions will be reviewed every six months under the IHS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regional Community Committees to review QGC's housing commitments every six months - QGC to provide six monthly reports on affordable and community housing solutions condition to Regional Community Committees <p>Committee members commented that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baseline data for rental and housing prices should be sourced from 2-3 years ago as there had been shifts in price • There was a high level of existing vacant homes in Chinchilla and Dalby and this should be considered prior to housing construction
<p>k. Social Indicator Monitoring</p>	<p>Jim Cavaye introduced Robin Evans from the CSRSM who have a partnership agreement with QGC.</p> <p>Robin Evans explained to the Committee that QGC has been working with the CSRSM to develop a monitoring approach that focused on input from local communities.</p> <p>The underlying objective of this approach is to understand impacts (positive and negative) of change introduced by the</p>

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	<p>QCLNG project and use the knowledge to refine both social and environmental mitigations and investments.</p> <p>The Social Impact Management Plan submitted to the State government includes a monitoring plan.</p> <p>The monitoring plan must include some specific performance indicators (e.g. community health initiatives, Queensland Police partnerships). The monitoring plan must be externally audited every five years.</p> <p>Levels of monitoring include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Level 1 – the delivery of the SIMP conditions• Level 2 – to ascertain the direct effectiveness of the SIMP commitments• Level 3 – to determine the impacts on the underlying community asset base (i.e. impacts/benefits to the regional community) <p>QGC are committed to fulfilling the first two levels. QGC and CSRМ are developing a monitoring framework based on the five capitals (human, natural, financial, physical, social, natural) framework for the third level.</p> <p>The Committee’s role will be to provide input through a workshop process, a review of outcome, and ongoing review of the monitoring process.</p> <p>Where possible, CSRМ will use existing information sources such as regular reports within their community in their monitoring. The Committee was asked to provide any relevant data.</p> <p>Committee members were given a questionnaire prepared by CSRМ to assist in developing a set of social indicators. Robin Evans clarified that the questionnaire is an information gathering exercise and that community members can contribute.</p> <p>Challenges anticipated with the monitoring framework:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maintaining a focus on areas that QGC influence• Isolating QGC’s impacts from the influences of other proponents

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4. General business

Agenda items for the next meeting were sought. These were:

- Confirmation and details of proposed field trip
- QGC's Communication Strategy
- QGC's Stakeholder Feedback Strategy
- Denis wanted to include the water agenda items he emailed QGC but he suggested that they may be better covered on the field trip.

5. Meeting Close

The meeting was closed by Jim Cavaye at 12.40pm. The next QGC Regional Community Committee meeting will be held on Friday August 27 at the Chinchilla Customer Service Centre, 80-86 Heeney Street between 10.00am-12.30pm.

6. Regional Gas Field Community Committee Members

Representative	Organisation
Bill Nicholas	AgForce
Carollee Murphy	Western Downs Regional Council
Cr Carolyn Tillman	Western Downs Regional Council
Cecily Brockhurst	Murilla Community Centre
Denis Sommerfeld	Tara Futures
Desley Gobbert	Department of Education and Training, DDSW Region
Floyd Leedie	Goondir Health Services
Geoff Penton	Queensland Murray-Darling Committee
Marion Loveday	Chinchilla Chamber of Commerce
Penny Hamilton	Condamine Alliance