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QGC Regional Gas Field Community Committee

Thursday 15 November 2012

Downtown Motor Inn, 60 Heeney Street, Chinchilla

1. Opening

The 12th meeting of the QGC Regional Gas Field Community Committee was called to order at 10:00am on Thursday 15 November 2012 at the Chinchilla Downtown Motor Inn, 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• Carl Mitchell, Condamine Alliance• Cecily Brockhurst, Northern Community Committee Representative• Ros Wade, Southern Community Committee Representative• Bill Nicholas, AgForce• Mabrey Fogarty, Goondir Health Services• Jim Strongman, Chinchilla Community, Commerce, and Industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brett Smith, Vice President Sustainability• Zoe Carroll, Acting Social Performance Manager• Will Rifkin, Associate Professor, Centre for Coal Seam Gas• Sue-Ern Tan, Environment Manager• Lisa Cecchi, Manager Water Strategy and Communications• Angus Hetherington, Condamine Power Station Manager (proxy for Carl Martin)• Sarah Worthing, Social Performance Coordinator North
Apologies	Independent Facilitator
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Doreen Goldsmid, Central Community Committee representative• Carollee Murphy, Western Downs Regional Council• Kathie Fletcher, Queensland Murray Darling Committee• Carl Martin, Field Operations Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jim Cavaye, School of Agriculture and Food Sciences, University of Queensland

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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>Jim Cavaye gave a broad overview of the meeting format and acknowledged the traditional owners of the land.</p>
b. Safety moment	<p>Jim Cavaye invited Committee members to share a safety moment.</p> <p>Zoe Carroll spoke about electrical safety.</p>
c. Social Impact Management Plan	<p>Zoe Carroll provided an update on the QCLNG Social Impact Management Plan (SIMP) six-monthly report. Key points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The SIMP covers the period of peak construction (2011- 2014)• It contains measures to both manage negative impacts and enhance project-related benefits• QGC is conditioned by the Coordinator General to report SIMP implementation progress to the QGC Regional Community Committees every six months. <p><i>Integrated Housing Strategy:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Worker housing completed in the Central region. Continued construction of camps at QGC’s southern hub (Ruby Jo) and northern hub (Woleebee Creek)• Significant progress on affordable housing commitments over last six months with:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ QGC donation of \$5.7 million to the Western Downs Affordable Housing Trust○ Award of contracts to deliver 27 of up to 56 houses across the Western Downs to facilitate additional housing stock. The houses will accommodate QGC employees. <p>A Committee member asked what type of housing QGC was building for staff. Brett Smith replied that the houses would be four bedroom, family-type houses.</p>

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	<p>The Committee discussed affordable housing and the Western Downs Affordable Housing Trust. The Committee recommended that the Trust be invited to present at the next Regional Community Committee.</p> <p>Action: Western Downs Affordable Housing Trust to be invited to present at the 28 February meeting.</p> <p>The Committee discussed the need for more action on social housing in the Western Downs. The Committee spoke about the need to involve other stakeholders including the State Government. QGC discussed a multi-stakeholder workshop and the Committee supported the idea. A target date was set for March 2013.</p> <p>Action: QGC to coordinate a Social Housing Workshop.</p> <p><i>Local employment and economic development:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QGC has continued to supported local schools through our partnership with the Queensland Minerals and Education Academy (QMEA). Activities over the six months include QGC geology presentations to Dalby students, support and participation in 4 Girls 2 Forums and a CSG Engineering Camp • QGC is developing a CSG apprenticeship and trainee strategy • Fifty nine apprentices and trainees are being supported in non-CSG sectors through the QGC Strengthen Local Workforces program. <p><i>Indigenous Participation:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seven indigenous school-based trainees supported • Pre-employment courses delivered on drilling, security and heavy vehicle training • Business development support for indigenous weed wash down company, Muddy Waters. <p><i>Social Infrastructure:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good progress has been made on QGC's rural health initiative, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Four mobile counsellors now assisting more than 100 clients across the Western Downs with free, confidential counselling. The counsellors can be accessed by ringing Lifeline Darling Downs and South West Queensland

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Six nurses supported to complete clinical placements in the region ○ Nine Western Downs sports clubs working with the QGC-supported Good Sports program to reduce reliance on alcohol sales for revenue and diversify club incomes ○ The industry funded Aero Medical Evacuation service has completed 70 missions to date, three-quarters of which assisted community members. <p>A Committee member asked if information about obtaining employment with QGC and its major contractors could be distributed to the Committee. Zoe Carroll said that the best method for searching for job openings is through the QGC website [www.qgc.com.au]. Since the majority of QGC's work is contracted, job applicants could also contact QGC's major contractors. A list of QGC's major suppliers and contractors can also be found on the website.</p>
<p>d. Update on the Sustainable Indicators</p>	<p>Will Rifkin facilitated an update on the QGC Sustainable Indicators. Key points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● With the permission of the wider Committee, QGC met with a subgroup of the Committee to discuss the environmental indicators following the last meeting. ● Based on that discussion the environmental indicators were revised. <p>Sue-Ern Tan provided an update on the environmental disturbance indicator.</p> <p>The key change being the indicator has been revised to report total disturbed and rehabilitated area in hectares and as a percentage of total QCLNG footprint. The indicator will be reported year-on-year to show progress in rehabilitating land.</p> <p>The Committee made the following recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Replace the map with a property-specific map to show placement of infrastructure around cultivation and use as part of a case study ● Consider showing the data graphically ● Ensure consistent data boundaries, i.e. Western Downs only ● Clarify if the disturbed areas include buffer zones.

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	<p>Will Rifkin provided an update on the social and economic indicators. The Committee provided the following suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remove the community opinion indicator. The poll is unreliable due to the phrasing of the survey question and not a measure for social capital as described• Include as a case study under the local business development indicator the QGC Upstream Contractor and Local Content Forums, which facilitate local business networks• Survey businesses which attended the recent forum to see what they took away from the forum and what barriers they experience in supplying QGC and contractors• Expand the training and education indicator to include employment outcomes and separate out assistance for vulnerable individuals. Include those supported through the QGC core skills program• Clarify whether training and employment data covers school leavers as well as career changes• Include on the road network indicator, the percentage of the region's roads used by QGC. Differentiate between heavy vehicle and light vehicle movements• Keep the expenditure per kilometre statistic and tax comparison – the benchmark is useful• Investigate QGC's contribution as a percentage of the total regional investment on roads• Include a case study on roads which talks about the In Vehicle Monitoring System and use of rail for freight• Clarify whether the local content data excludes road investments• Specify under the housing indicator the type of houses built, their location, and occupancy. <p>Action: QGC to undertake survey of businesses attending recent local content forum (Zoe Carroll)</p> <p>Action: Sustainability indicators to be updated to take into account the Committee's suggestions (Will Rifkin)</p>

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	<p>Lisa Cecchi provided an update on the development of water indicators. Key points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water indicators table will include breakdown of beneficial reuse of treated CSG water, i.e. percentage and volume for town supply, agricultural or industrial use. • An extensive groundwater monitoring bore network is in the process of being developed and will be included as part of the water indicators • By mid-2013 the majority of the monitoring bores will be drilled.
<p>e. Adoption of minutes</p>	<p>Jim Cavaye asked the Committee to formally consider the Tuesday 4 September 2012 minutes and asked for suggested changes.</p> <p>The Tuesday 4 September 2012 Regional Gas Field Community Committee minutes were adopted.</p>
<p>f. Actions from previous meeting</p>	<p>Jim Cavaye reviewed the actions from the previous meeting.</p> <p>Water indicators Committee members were invited to provide feedback on proposed water indicators to QGC. No additional feedback was given.</p> <p>Environmental indicators Prior to today's meeting QGC staff met with interested Committee members to investigate proposed environmental indicators.</p> <p>Community aesthetic asset indicators QGC met with Miles and Wandoan organisations to identify areas of community aesthetic assets. These assets were mapped in relation to QGC's tenements and no overlap found between the assets and QGC's tenements. Maps can be provided to interested Committee members and those organisations who contributed.</p>
<p>g. Community feedback</p>	<p>Jim Cavaye invited Committee members to share feedback from their networks.</p> <p>Roads A Committee member said poor road conditions are frequently discussed by the wider community. A Committee</p>

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	<p>member encouraged QGC to distribute more information on the company's investment in roads.</p> <p>Brett Smith commented that QGC is committed to ensuring roads remain in good condition especially as construction works increase. QGC is regulating the company's construction traffic on Council approved roads and addressing issues before they escalate. A Committee member commented that Western Downs Regional Council often receives complaints about roads and then discovers that QGC has already mobilised to address the issue.</p> <p>Dust A Committee member said dust was an ongoing issue. Many local roads were not originally designed for heavy usage.</p> <p>Brett Smith stated that concerned community members should call the QGC Information Line [1800 030 443]. QGC uses water trucks to manage dust suppression. Water trucks may be planned to accompany work, depending on the nature of the work and weather, and may be mobilised in response to feedback from the community. Angus Hetherington added that a water truck is used full time on Power Station Road.</p> <p>Industrial activities A Committee member said Chinchilla Community Commerce and Industry is still working on a report to Council on non-compliant industrial activity taking place in residential or rural zoned areas.</p> <p>Environmental monitoring A Committee member asked whether QGC could share information on the environmental testing in the Wieambilla Estates.</p> <p>Zoe Carroll said QGC had commissioned a third party to undertake water, soil and air samples at nine locations in the estates. Separately noise modelling had been conducted. QGC has provided the residents on whose properties the samples were taken with the results. An update could be provided at the next meeting. The results would be aggregated and unidentifiable.</p> <p>Action: Zoe Carroll to provide a summary of the sampling at the next meeting.</p>

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	<p>Southern Cross University study A Committee member commented on a recent study, which claimed concentrations of methane were higher in the atmosphere around Tara than in New South Wales as a result of gas infrastructure. A Committee member said Tara had experienced natural gas seepage prior to the coal seam gas industry.</p> <p>Brett Smith said that QGC encouraged and funded scientific research. QGC does not have a position on the Southern Cross Study but the Australian Petroleum Production & Exploration Association has released a comment available online.</p> <p>Angus Hetherington reiterated that QGC and the CSG industry have a strong commercial incentive to keep hydrocarbons in the pipe. QGC is working towards reducing greenhouse gas emissions with half a million dollars invested in monitoring greenhouse gas emissions at Condamine Power Station alone.</p>
<p>h. QGC Sustainable Communities Fund Grant Assessment Panel</p>	<p>Zoe Carroll provided the Committee with information on the QGC Sustainable Communities Fund (SCF) Grant Assessment Panel. Key points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SCF has invested more than \$2.8 million on 92 community projects in two years. • Eligible applications to the SCF are reviewed and assessed by a Grant Assessment Panel (GAP) made up of an equal number of QGC and community representatives • The GAP makes recommendations to QGC on applications to fund • This ensures that the community can direct and prioritise QGC funding • QGC is inviting expressions of interest from QGC Community Committee members for the GAP in 2013-2014 • The GAP meets twice a year in line with SCF funding rounds • Previous GAP members can reapply • QGC looks for a diverse range of interests among representatives on the GAP.

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i. End-of-year feedback	<p>Jim Cavaye invited the Committee to provide feedback on the QGC Committee and company as a whole and asked what worked well and what could be improved. Key points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• QGC is transparent and willing to share information• The Committee structure works, including the longer meetings• Committee organisation is professional and meetings well facilitated• QGC brings along subject matter experts to address questions• QGC has senior representation at the meeting which is important• Committee members felt like all voices were heard and respected• Trust has been built between the company and community• QGC should continue to widen distribution of information about management of water.• The company should continue to build relationships with landholders.
j. Items for next agenda	<p>Jim Cavaye invited the Committee to propose agenda items for the next meeting. The following suggestions were received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Western Downs Affordable Housing Trust presentation• Update on Social Housing Workshop.

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4. General Business

Jim Cavaye advised that Desley Gobbert from the Department of Education and Training has resigned her position on the Committee. The Committee thanked Desley for her involvement in the Committee. The Committee was asked to suggest a suitable replacement. The Committee recommended the education sector continue to be represented and suggested QGC approach Chinchilla TAFE for a suitable candidate.

Action: Zoe Carroll to approach Chinchilla TAFE to be represented on the Regional Community Committee.

Brett Smith offered the Committee a site tour in 2013. The Committee suggested the tour take place following the next meeting as an optional extra.

Action: QGC to organise a tour and provide the Committee with details in advance of the next meeting.

Zoe Carroll provided the Committee with meeting dates for 2013:

- 28 February
- 6 June
- 29 August
- 5 December

5. Meeting Close

The meeting was closed by Jim Cavaye at 2:00pm.

The next meeting will be held on 28 February 2013 in Chinchilla, location to be advised.

6. Central 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	Northern Gas Field Representative
Ros Wade	Southern Gas Field Representative
Floyd Leedie	Goondir Health Services
Kathie Fletcher	Queensland Murray-Darling Committee
Doreen Goldsmid	Central Gas Field Representative
Carl Mitchell	Condamine Alliance