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QGC Regional Gas Field Community Committee
Thursday 3 November 2011
Chinchilla Customer Service Centre, 80-86 Heeney Street

1. Opening

The eighth meeting of the QGC Regional Gas Field Community Committee was called to order at 10:00am on Thursday 3 November 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">• Mark Fitzgerald, Chinchilla Community Commerce and Industry• Desley Gobbert, Department of Education and Training• Bill Nicholas, AgForce• Kathie Fletcher, Queensland Murray Darling Committee• Carolee Murphy, Western Downs Regional Council• Cecily Brockhurst, Northern Community Committee representative• Carl Mitchell, Condamine Alliance• Cr Bill McCutcheon, Western Downs Regional Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Craig Eustice, Block Construction Manager• Troy Gavin, Gas Fields Social Performance Manager• Zoe Carroll, Lead Community Relations Advisor• Caleb Yeoh, Lead Monitoring and Reporting Analyst• Robin Evans, Centre for Socially Responsible Mining, University of Queensland• Bruce Coats, General Manager Field
Apologies	Independent Facilitator
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marion Loveday, Central Community Committee representative• Cr Carolyn Tillman, Western Downs Regional Council• Denis Sommerfeld, Southern Community Committee representative• Floyd Leedie, Goondir Health Services	<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.</p>
b. Safety moment	<p>Jim Cavaye invited Committee members to share a safety moment.</p> <p>A Committee member spoke about the importance of drinking fluids to prevent against dehydration.</p>
c. Actions from previous meeting	<p>Jim Cavaye reviewed the actions from the previous meeting.</p> <p>Local newsletters Zoe Carroll informed the Committee that QGC had acted on their suggestion to make use local newsletters to provide regular QCLNG updates. QCLNG news had appeared in the Miles, Tara and Dalby newsletters which are delivered free to households in the towns and surrounding areas.</p> <p>Salt Zoe Carroll updated the Committee on QGC's salt disposal plans. QGC will produce more than four million tonnes of salt by 2040 in the treatment of water from coal seams. Salt will be contained in ponds with double layers of plastic at two central storage facilities on QGC land until it can be put to beneficial uses in industries such as glass making and chemical manufacturing. QGC and other gas companies are collaborating on commercial applications for salt produced from coal seam water. Results from technical trials in France, the US, Germany and Australia are expected in 2012.</p> <p>The Committee reiterated their support for finding a beneficial reuse of salt.</p> <p>Housing Zoe Carroll advised the Committee that QGC is progressing internal approvals to tender the construction and purchase of employee housing as part of the Integrated Housing Strategy. QGC is waiting on the publication of Council's housing strategy in order to move forward on our social and affordable housing commitments. More details on the Integrated</p>

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	<p>Housing Strategy can be found online at (http://www.qgc.com.au/01_cms/details.asp?ID=528)</p> <p>Rural residential code Zoe Carroll informed the Committee that since the drafting of QGC’s rural residential code of conduct – a voluntary code – the Queensland Government has released a Land Access Code that governs how resource companies interact with landholders. QGC’s rural residential policy is to comply with these newly legislated requirements as well as our Environmental Authorities, which set out operating conditions, including noise thresholds, working hours and minimum distances. Environmental authorities vary considerably from petroleum lease to petroleum lease as they take into account local factors such as topography and sound profiles to set operating conditions.</p> <p>Motels and hotels Zoe Carroll advised the Committee that the feedback provided at the last meeting regarding the shortage in hotel and motel rooms had been provided to QGC travel and upstream contractors.</p>
<p>d. Adoption of minutes</p>	<p>Jim Cavaye asked the Committee to formally consider the 11 August 2011 minutes and asked for suggested changes.</p> <p>The 11 August 2011 Regional Gas Field Community Committee minutes were adopted by the Committee.</p>
<p>e. Community feedback</p>	<p>Jim Cavaye invited Committee members to share feedback from their networks.</p> <p>Caravan parks A Committee member advised that the Chinchilla and Miles caravan parks had been sold to private developers for workers accommodation. The Committee expressed concern over the loss of affordable housing options and facilities for tourism.</p> <p>The Committee recommended QGC and the Chinchilla Community Commerce and Industry engage Council on this issue.</p> <p>Action: QGC to follow up with Council.</p> <p>Speeding</p>

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	<p>A Committee member reported that drivers were not adhering to the speed restrictions imposed along the road works. QGC was asked to remind contractors of the importance of driving to road conditions and speed limits.</p> <p>Craig Eustice replied that QGC takes speeding and driver behaviour very seriously. QGC has in vehicle monitoring system in its cars that register speeding, sharp acceleration and deceleration, and when a driver is not wearing a seatbelt. This data is investigated regularly. The Committee was asked to provide QGC with additional information to help identify the vehicle. QGC would also use the toolbox meetings with contractor companies to remind them of expectations for safe driving.</p> <p>Action: Zoe Carroll to pass information on to QGC contract owners.</p> <p>QGC Health, Safety and Environment day The Committee commended QGC for organising the Tara HSE day, which was held on 29 October. It was a very informative event and Committee members enjoyed the displays and access to key informed staff. Zoe Carroll replied that approximately 1000 people attended the event, which included information hydraulic fracturing, flora and fauna, seismic surveys, together with a drill rig, rescue helicopter, stalls from community partners, and address by V8 Supercar driver Craig Lowndes.</p> <p>Cumulative impacts A Committee member spoke about the importance of being able to provide communities with a better understanding of the 'complete picture' of cumulative impacts, particularly in the north where coal and coal seam gas development is taking place.</p> <p>Zoe Carroll replied that QGC is investigating a combined Regional Gasfields Committee with other CSG proponents. A combined committee has already been established in Gladstone. QGC will also lease an office in Wandoan which will include a shopfront and community access for project information.</p> <p>Waste A Committee member said sewage and landfill facilities in Chinchilla were nearing capacity due to the increase in</p>

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	<p>population – both in towns and in camps. In 2012, the Queensland Industrial Waste Levy will be introduced on landfill operators for each tonne of commercial and industrial waste or construction and demolition waste that is added to landfill. This is likely to encourage illegal dumping.</p> <p>The Committee requested an update on QGC’s waste management at the next meeting.</p> <p>Action: Zoe Carroll to provide waste update at the next meeting.</p> <p>Sunwater The Committee requested an update on the construction of the Sunwater pipeline from QGC’s Kenya facilities to the Chinchilla Weir. Zoe Carroll advised that QGC is not able to talk on behalf of Sunwater and would provide the Committee with the contact details of Sunwater.</p> <p>Action: Zoe Carroll to provide Sunwater details.</p> <p>Location of camps A Committee member requested that Council be provided with the location of camps, in particular, more mobile drilling camps, on a regular basis to inform disaster management activities.</p> <p>Action: Zoe Carroll to follow up with Council.</p>
<p>f. QGC and QCLNG update</p>	<p>Bruce Coats and Craig Eustice provided an operations and project update. Key points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QGC currently has more than 700 wells; four Field Compressor Stations; two Central Processing Plants; and two water treatment plants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Windibri (6ML/day) being commissioned ○ Kenya (9 ML/d) construction completed; construction of additional 80ML/d capacity ongoing (expected mid-2012) • QGC supplied 20% of Queensland’s domestic gas in 2011. In total, 80% of Queensland’s natural gas comes from coal seams. • In the coming year, construction activities will be focused on the Southern region, including a camp and FCS at Ruby Jo and a second FCS at David. • In the Central region, two Field Compressor Stations will be built at Argyle and Bellevue.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the North, geotechnical work is underway and early site preparation activities, largely earthworks, for a camp, pond and water treatment works. • The pipes for the entire 540km collection header and export pipeline are in country. Haulage to infield locations is ongoing; all pipe haul trucks are equipped with in vehicle monitoring systems. • Road condition surveys will be carried out before, during and after construction and any damage will be repaired • Along the collection header, approximately three-quarters of the clearing and grading of the right of way is complete. • QGC is hosting a local content event on 8 November for local companies to meet with twenty of QCLNG's contractor companies. Business assistance advice will be provided at the event by representatives of the Queensland Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation (DEEDI) and the Industry Capability Network. QGC has worked with local chambers of commerce to develop the invite list and encourage participating businesses to prepare materials to present to the contractor companies. • The first of a series of communications towers has been erected at Kenya. The 90m tower, installed in four sections, will hold equipment for a digital communications network throughout the three regions and along the export pipeline to Gladstone. The network will allow direct person-to-person communication, similar to a mobile phone, throughout QGC's operating area and ensure staff can be reached in an emergency.
<p>g. Sustainability indicators</p>	<p>Robin Evans provided an update on the Centre for Socially Responsible Mining's Sustainability Indicators for QGC. Key points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A reminder of the two sets of indicators: QGC's direct impacts and wider regional trends. • The first report against the indicators will be available shortly for the Committees. • An indicator for groundwater has not been finalised as QGC is waiting on the outcome of the Queensland Water Commission's Cumulative Impact Report for the Surat. This report will set specific accountabilities for CSG proponents on monitoring and make good measures.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robin Evans took the Committee through a number of example indicators including – • Amount of Good Quality Agricultural Land directly impacted by QGC infrastructure, including well pads, access roads, above-ground infrastructure and ponds. QGC has a relatively small land take, for example for GQAL type A, just over 6 square kilometres or 0.39% of the total area covered by QGC leases. This probably overestimates impact as QGC seeks to use existing access routes where possible. <p>A Committee member asked whether CSRM could compare GQAL and strategic cropping land. Robin Evans replied he would consider applying strategic cropping land.</p> <p>Action: Robin Evans to investigate use of strategic cropping indicator.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community opinion of QGC and CSG industry as measured through a survey. The Committee noted that the two measures were not comparing like-for-like as Toowoomba was included in one survey and not the other. Robin Evans said he would amend. <p>Action: Robin Evans to update indicator two.</p>
<p>h. Items for next agenda</p>	<p>Jim Cavaye invited the Committee to propose agenda items for the next meeting.</p> <p>The Committee proposed housing be discussed.</p>

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4. General Business

Jim Cavaye informed the Committee that Carl Mitchell had joined the Committee replacing Penny Hamilton as the Condamine Alliance representative. The Committee thanked Penny for her contributions to the Committee and welcomed Carl Mitchell.

Bruce Coats advised the Committee of his new Brisbane-based role at QGC. As a result, he had to relinquish membership of the Committee. Bruce Coats thanked Committee members for the frank, open and constructive dialogue over the past year. The Committee wished Bruce Coats the best in his new role.

Zoe Carroll thanked Committee members for their contributions and involvement in the Committee over the past year and the substantial time volunteered in attending and preparing for meetings. Thanks were returned to QGC for organising the meetings.

Zoe Carroll shared with the Committee the dates and venues of the 2012 meetings.

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 9 February 2012 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
Marion Loveday	Central Gas Field Representative
Carl Mitchell	Condamine Alliance