

Meeting Minutes



QGC Regional Gas Field Community Committee
Thursday 26 April 2012
Chinchilla Customer Service Centre, 80-86 Heeney Street

1. Opening

The tenth meeting of the QGC Regional Gas Field Community Committee was called to order at 10:00am on Thursday 26 April 2012 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">• Kathie Fletcher, Queensland Murray Darling Committee• Cecily Brockhurst, Northern Community Committee representative• Doreen Goldsmid, Central Community Committee representative• Ros Wade, Southern Community Committee representative• Carl Mitchell, Condamine Alliance• Cr Carolyn Tillman, Western Downs Regional Council• Desley Gobbert, Department of Education and Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carl Martin, General Manager Field• Brett Smith, Vice President Corporate• Caleb Yeoh, Lead Monitoring and Reporting Analyst• Zoe Carroll, Lead Community Relations Advisor• Robin Evans, International Mining for Development Centre
Apologies	Independent Facilitator
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bill Nicholas, AgForce• Floyd Leedie, Goondir Health Services• Carollee Murphy, Western Downs Regional Council• Troy Gavin, Gas Fields Social Performance 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.</p>
b. Safety moment	<p>Jim Cavaye invited Committee members to share a safety moment.</p> <p>Carl Martin reminded the Committee to not leave shoes and equipment outside, or to check them for spiders before use.</p>
c. Actions from previous meeting	<p>Jim Cavaye reviewed the actions from the previous meeting.</p> <p>Tourism impacts Zoe Carroll said Council had advised QGC that they are conducting research into declining tourism in the region and developing strategies to attract more tourists.</p> <p>Transfer of water Zoe Carroll answered the question from the last meeting regarding QGC's right to transfer water associated with coal seam gas extraction to SunWater. Under the Petroleum and Gas Act, section 185, petroleum tenure holders are granted the right to extract groundwater. Once on the surface, CSG water is defined as a waste under Queensland's Environmental Protection Act, and beneficially used under a beneficial use approval from DERM.</p> <p>Sustainability indicators and cumulative impacts Jim Cavaye advised that presentations on cumulative impacts and indicators developed by the Centre for Social Responsibility in Mining would be covered later in the agenda.</p> <p>Wash down facilities Zoe Carroll said that following the Committee's suggestion in February for wider information on QGC's weed management activities, presentations had been shared with the Southern and Central Community Committees. In addition, an article had been prepared for QGC's quarterly newsletter, due to be published shortly.</p> <p>In response to the specific question on water capture from</p>

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	<p>weed wash down facilities, Zoe Carroll explained that QGC collects and disposes off run-off water from our static wash down facilities and filters or collects water at mobile units.</p> <p>Materials from last meeting Jim Cavaye reported that the map and emissions matrix requested by the Committee were circulated following the meeting.</p> <p>Sponsorship Zoe Carroll invited Committee members to take a copy of the handout listing organisations funded through QGC's Sponsorship and Donations program.</p> <p>Committee Jim Cavaye asked that Committee members who attended the preceding meeting on the operation of the Committee provide an update in the community feedback session.</p>
<p>d. Adoption of minutes</p>	<p>Jim Cavaye asked the Committee to formally consider the 9 February 2012 minutes and asked for suggested changes.</p> <p>The 9 February 2012 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>Water quality data A Committee member provided information on the water quality guidelines and indicators Condamine Alliance had been engaged by the state government to develop for the Condamine River. QGC was invited to provide water quality data for the project. Zoe Carroll agreed to pass the information to QGC's water team.</p> <p>Action: Zoe Carroll to investigate QGC contributing data to the Condamine Alliance project.</p> <p>Pipeline A Committee member reported that producers near Wandoan are still being inconvenienced by the delay to the QCLNG pipeline. A landholder had reported a grievance to QGC's Community Hotline regarding a QCLNG contractor who had visited their property without notice and could not produce a weed wash down certificate.</p>

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	<p>Brett Smith replied that while easement agreements with landholders did not give a set duration for the pipeline works, landholders had been given an indication that the work would take three months. For reasons mentioned at the last meeting, there has been a delay and affected landholders have received an additional compensation payment.</p> <p>Brett Smith thanked the Committee member for encouraging people to report grievances through QGC's Community Hotline, allowing the company to track and respond effectively.</p> <p>Committee A small group of Committee members met before the Committee meeting to discuss how to make meetings more effective. A number of positive suggestions were made. A Committee member outlined these:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Focus each meeting on a key, strategic issue, while still allowing time for community-company information exchange• Have longer meetings to allow deliberation of potential solutions• Provide pre-meeting materials at least a week ahead of the meeting to enable the best use of Committee members time• Check protocols on disseminating QGC meeting materials and information to wider networks and what is confidential• Have succinct safety moments prepared in advance that are relevant for the Committee members and informative (i.e. what to do in a certain situation)• Address cumulative impacts, for example, investigating a joint industry committee <p>Zoe Carroll thanked the Committee for their suggestions.</p> <p>There was a discussion on cumulative impacts and the pros and cons of a joint CSG community committee for the region. Questions were asked about what such a committee would look at, whether it would be confined to CSG, whether it would mean companies were less candid, and whether there might be another process to understand the 'big picture' of development in the region.</p> <p>It was agreed that the next Committee meeting would run for</p>

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	<p>four hours (10.00am-2.00pm) with lunch provided. It would include a discussion on cumulative impacts.</p> <p>Action: Zoe Carroll to organise next meeting in line with Committee suggestions.</p>
<p>f. Housing update and Industry Leadership Group</p>	<p>Brett Smith provided an update on housing and the Industry Leadership Group. Key points were:</p> <p><i>Housing</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The increase in property prices is among the most visible but hardest to mitigate impacts of large projects • The housing market is complex and determined by investors, population increase, access to finance, and available land, among other factors • The Coordinator General set conditions on the QCLNG project for a housing strategy covering QGC's workforce and social and affordable housing • The QGC Integrated Housing Strategy was approved in August 2011 • The strategy is based around the number of people who will move permanently to Gladstone or the Western Downs to take up employment with QGC • Camp accommodation is provided for the large, temporary construction workforce and the FIFO operations workforce • The Coordinator General conditions require QGC to build or facilitate housing for 75% of the non-local permanent (expected to stay for a minimum of 3-5 years) workers who move to the Western Downs • We expect to recruit 75% of our longer-term, operations workforce locally. 25% or 75 employees will be from outside the Western Downs • In line with the Coordinator General conditions we will build 56 houses in the Western Downs; 10 in 2012 • The Coordinator General conditions require us to invest in affordable and social housing. This commitment has been agreed with the CG at \$5.7M for the Western Downs (similar to Gladstone) • In Gladstone, GLNG, APLNG and QGC have just announced an investment \$19.8 million in the Gladstone Housing Company to meet the social and affordable housing commitment. • In the Western Downs, QGC supported Council's Affordable Housing Strategy which considers the potential long-term impact on housing of the up to 40

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	<p>major projects proposed for the area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A trust has been established which will pool investments from project proponents • QGC have pledged to invest \$5.7 million in the trust <p>The Committee discussed the housing impacts in the area. Key points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing prices were affected by the construction of an earlier project • The media’s promotion of jobs in the Surat has encouraged job seekers to relocate – without necessarily having secured a job or accommodation • Flexible funding schemes are not a solution without affordable / available housing • Services are needed to support new residents • There is a need for high and low aged care facilities <p><i>Industry Leadership Group</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ILG established and meets monthly to discuss industry and cumulative issues • Membership consists of CEOs from QGC, GLNG, Origin / APLNG. Arrow is invited but are not a voting member • There is little overlap between the companies’ areas of operation • We invest in the upgrade and maintenance of state and local roads with funding agreements to mitigate our direct impacts, and contribute to cumulative impacts • Cumulative water impacts are managed through the Queensland Water Commission
<p>g. Sustainability indicators</p>	<p>Robin Evans presented the sustainability indicators developed by the Centre for Socially Responsibility in Mining. Key points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been a return to capturing QGC’s direct impacts and contributions in the company’s area of operations • Indicators on regional and cumulative impacts of CSG development will be studied in a project led by the new Centre for Coal Seam Gas • Three of the major CSG proponents are supporting the CCSG centre • Work developed on the QGC sustainability indicators will be fed into the new CCSG project

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is an opportunity for Committee members to participate in the CCSG research • Eight indicators were presented; four additional indicators are waiting to be finalised pending data <p>The Committee made the following suggestions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include water storage in the use of water indicator, delineating treated and untreated water • Include kms travelled by the company under the regional road network indicator. Carl Martin suggested it also capture collective travel to show QGC is taking steps to reduce road impacts • Include indicators on air quality, biodiversity and ecosystems <p>A Committee member endorsed the return to QGC's direct impacts and contributions.</p> <p>The Committee asked that the indicators be added to the agenda for the next meeting and that the results of the questionnaire completed by the Committee to develop the indicators be shared.</p> <p>Action: Add sustainability indicators to next meeting agenda and share information on the questionnaire (Zoe Carroll and Robin Evans)</p>
<p>h. Upstream update</p>	<p>Carl Martin provided an update on QCLNG's Upstream operations. Key points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cath Tanna has been appointed Chairman of BG Australia and Derek Fisher Managing Director of QGC • Field compressor stations at Argyle and Bellevue blocks are due to be operational in June and September, respectively • Two central processing plants are planned in the south and ten field compressor stations. There will not be a water treatment plant in the south – water will be pumped to the Kenya water treatment plant • In the north, there will be one central processing plant and eight field compressor stations • QGC has recently opened an office in Wandoan
<p>i. Items for next agenda</p>	<p>Jim Cavaye invited the Committee to propose agenda items for the next meeting.</p> <p>It was agreed that the meeting would cover</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emerging issues• Cumulative impacts• Sustainability indicators

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 9 August 2012 from 10:00am to 2:00pm 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 Tillman	Western Downs Regional Council
Cecily Brockhurst	Northern Gas Field Representative
Ros Wade	Southern Gas Field Representative
Desley Gobbert	Department of Education and Training, DDSW Region
Floyd Leedie	Goondir Health Services
Kathie Fletcher	Queensland Murray-Darling Committee
Doreen Goldsmid	Central Gas Field Representative
Carl Mitchell	Condamine Alliance