

# Meeting Minutes



## QGC Southern Gas Field Community Committee

Thursday 12 June 2014

Tara Showgrounds, Showground Rd, Tara

### 1. Opening

The 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of the QGC Southern Gas Field Community Committee was called to order at 9.10am on Thursday 12 June 2014 at the Tara Showgrounds, facilitated by Ms Deb Camden, Independent Facilitator.

### 2. Attendees

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

QGC Southern Gas Field Community Committee Members	QGC Representatives
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beth Wood, Dalby Welcoming Committee</li> <li>• Richard Thornbury, Tara Futures Group</li> <li>• Dean Russell, Dalby State High School</li> <li>• Graham Muller, Tara Neighbourhood Centre</li> <li>• Sharon Barker, Tara Shire State College</li> <li>• Michael Taylor, Wieambilla Country Club</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brett Smith, Vice President Sustainability</li> <li>• Cameron Crowther, General Manager Environment</li> <li>• Chris Paterson, Field Area Coordinator</li> <li>• Leighton Profke, Lead Land Access Consultant South &amp; Central</li> <li>• Kristelle Townsend, Social Performance Coordinator</li> </ul> <p><i>Guest Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Don Stiller, GasFields Commission Commissioner</li> <li>• Amanda Thomas, GasFields Commission</li> </ul>
Apologies	Independent Facilitator
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patricia Peck, Wieambilla South Country Club</li> <li>• Karmyn Dorries, Myall Youth and Community Network</li> <li>• Peter Brown, Dalby Chamber of Commerce</li> <li>• Sharon O'Shea, Western Downs Regional Council</li> <li>• Jayne Swift, Ozcare</li> <li>• Ros Wade, Tara Neighbourhood Centre</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deb Camden, PRISM Communication Architects</li> </ul>

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## 3. Meeting agenda

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

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<b>a. Meeting overview</b>	Deb Camden gave a broad overview of the meeting format and acknowledged the traditional owners of the land.
<b>b. Safety moment</b>	<p>Deb Camden invited Committee members to share a safety moment.</p> <p>Kristelle Townsend provided a safety moment on the safe disposal of low energy light bulbs.</p>
<b>c. Adoption of Minutes</b>	<p>Deb Camden asked the Committee to formally consider the 6 March 2014 minutes and asked for suggested changes.</p> <p>The 6 March 2014 Southern Gas Field Community Committee minutes were adopted by the Committee.</p>
<b>d. Actions from previous meeting</b>	<p>Deb Camden reviewed the actions from the previous meeting.</p> <p><b>Distribution of meeting minutes</b> QGC to confirm the distribution of minutes from the last meeting.</p> <p><b>Western Downs Housing Trust and Social Housing Letters</b> A letter was received from John Cotter of the GasFields Commission Queensland in response to the letters sent from the Regional Community Committee about affordable and social housing. The letter was provided to community committee members and discussed. The letter outlined a number of key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Commission had been updated on the activities of the Western Downs Housing Trust and notes their progress since September 2013</li> <li>• At present there is no information to demonstrate that affordable housing in the Western Downs remains a pressing issue, with a number of vacancies available in Chinchilla and Miles at what would be considered affordable rates</li> <li>• The Commission does not consider it to be part of their role to advise individual proponents on how they should meet their conditions and therefore cannot advise them to contribute to the Western Downs Housing Trust</li> <li>• The Commission would require more data that demonstrated social housing need was in great excess of supply to be able to raise the issue further with the State Government.</li> </ul> <p><b>Western Downs Housing Trust</b> A suitable presenter from the housing trust will be determined later in the year when organisational changes are determined. The Western Downs Housing Trust 2013 Annual report was provided to the committee at the meeting. Additional updates on the progress of the Trust would also be provided from QGC later in the meeting.</p>

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	<p><b>QGC Sustainable Communities Fund</b> Detailed feedback was provided to the QGC Social Investment manager about the Dalby Sustainable Communities Fund Information Session. In future the sessions will be delivered in a more slow and detailed manner.</p> <p><b>Dalby Chamber of Commerce</b> A tour has been scheduled for the Dalby Chamber of Commerce on the 21 July 2014.</p> <p><b>Local Workforce</b> Brett Smith was scheduled to provide an update on workforce and employment figures later in the meeting.</p> <p><b>Welcoming and Integration booklets</b> The Dalby Welcoming Committee are looking to create welcoming and integration packs which can be provided to QGC's Human Resources department for workers looking to relocate to the region. There is potential for the project to be supported within QGC's Strengthening Local Chamber program which QGC has been partnering with Social Ventures Australia (SVA) and Dalby Chamber of Commerce on.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> QGC to continue to liaise with the Dalby Welcoming Committee regarding the availability of the welcoming packs and distribution of these to QGC's human resources department once complete.</p>
<p><b>e. Regional committee representative feedback</b></p>	<p>An overview of points raised at the Regional Community Committee meeting were provided. Key points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A response had been received from the GasFields Commission</li> <li>• The GasFields commission letter mentioned an evidence-based approach rather than anecdotal approach, highlighting the importance of gathering and sharing data and evidence needed to substantiate needs.</li> <li>• An update on the Western Downs Housing Trust was provided</li> <li>• Similar updates on the project, workforce figures, agistment and salt management would be provided at this meeting</li> <li>• Information was requested on QGC's employee assistance program.</li> </ul>
<p><b>f. Community feedback</b></p>	<p>Deb Camden invited Committee members to share feedback from their networks.</p> <p>A committee member said their neighbours had recently seen laser lights in the sky from their home towards Dalby. A fellow committee member said the lights could have been from an astronomy show held recently at Dalby for the State School students. During the show high powered lasers were used to assist in pointing out constellations. Proper approval processes to use the</p>

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	<p>lasers had been followed.</p> <p>A committee member said that in the films Gasland 1 and 2 it showed water from taps being ignited. They said people in the region were concerned the gas industry would have similar effects here. Another committee member said people have been able to light groundwater bores in the area for some decades.</p> <p>Brett Smith said it depended on the depth of your bore as to whether gas activities could have an impact. The State Government has instructed QGC to contact landholders with bores identified as likely to be affected to arrange make good agreements.</p> <p>A committee member asked whether radon gas was being monitored at QGC's Kenya and Ruby Jo fields.</p> <p>Cameron Crowther said radon was a naturally occurring element that occurred when you released gas from the ground. Radon wasn't currently being monitored by QGC and the only reason QGC would monitor it would be for production reasons. Radon concentrations are often far below registrable levels and therefore cannot be measured.</p> <p>QGC does have an extensive sweep of monitoring of the well sites and regularly tests wells, vents and seals on infrastructure. Testing is done in partnership with CSIRO. The testing is not particularly designed to detect radon; however they are detecting other gases at levels far below predicted levels.</p> <p>A committee member asked what were the significant differences between the gas industry depicted in Gasland and the industry in this area.</p> <p>Cameron Crowther responded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a difference in geology. In some areas of the United States the gas is shallower and therefore gas in the water is more prevalent</li> <li>• There are differences in the way the gas is released, including the chemicals used. Use of some of the chemicals used in the United States is banned in Australia</li> <li>• Technology varies between the areas</li> <li>• Where the gas is found and extracted varies in many regions</li> <li>• The Australian gas industry has learned a lot from examples around the world</li> <li>• The similarity between the industries is that the end product is similar, this being methane.</li> </ul> <p>A committee member said the Dalby economy was struggling at the moment for a number of reasons including the dry weather which the area was still trying to recover from. They were appreciative of the update from QGC as it provided some context about what is</p>

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	<p>happening within the region for local businesses.</p> <p>Another committee member said rental prices in Dalby were dropping and that it might be timely for companies to consider using hotels or houses rather than camps.</p> <p>A committee member said that traffic management around the school was problematic. Due to the school's location on the Warrego highway many heavy vehicles passed the school every day. With the increased traffic over recent years it was becoming more difficult to manage the safety of 500 students crossing the highway every morning and afternoon. Next year with year seven joining high school there would be approximately 650 students crossing the highway. While the young people carefully follow teacher direction, the safety of the students was a key concern. Some of the vehicles travelling through the region have little respect for pedestrian traffic, particularly red lights. The school will soon be trialling a local truckie warning/alert system and has also looked into other options but does not have an answer for the problem at present. Other possible options include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further discussion with department of infrastructure and main roads</li> <li>• Bypass</li> <li>• Overpass; and</li> <li>• Extension of road crossing time at lights</li> </ul> <p>Other suggestions are welcome to be forwarded through to Dean Russell, Dalby State High School.</p> <p>A committee member asked whether QGC could provide support in discussions with department of infrastructure and main roads.</p> <p>Brett Smith said that QGC may support at some point in the process but there would need to be much more clarity and planning around a solution first.</p> <p>Gasfield commissioner, Don Stiller said the Federal Government has made a major commitment to the Warrego highway, so now may be a good time to raise the issue. While the CSG industry could look at supporting the outcome, government would be required to firstly address, design and contribute to a solution before it could be considered for support by the industry.</p>
<p><b>g. Community Committee Health Check</b></p>	<p>Deb Camden provided an introduction to the community consultative committee health check.</p> <p>Committee members were provided with some time to fill out the committee feedback form.</p>

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<p><b>h. QGC Update</b></p>	<p>Chris Paterson, Field Area Coordinator provided the committee with a Southern region project update. Key points discussed include:</p> <p><b>Southern Area active work fronts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction of interconnection pipeline between existing Arrow and QGC pipelines</li> <li>• Drilling and well service rigs operating across all fields</li> <li>• Installation of well head equipment in Kenya East, Jammatt, Owen, Sean, Poppy, David, Jen and Harry</li> <li>• Installation of gathering pipelines in Broadwater, Sean and Celeste fields.</li> </ul> <p>Committee members asked about the position of some of the blocks mentioned.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> QGC to distribute a map of QGC blocks for the southern field.</p> <p><b>Southern Upstream project update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project workforce now about 1100</li> <li>• Key local infrastructure and support               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WDRC road network upgrades 32km completed to date</li> <li>○ 41km to be completed this year</li> <li>○ Roads included in the upgrades are Kumbarilla Lane, Ducklo School Road and Broadwater Intersection</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Wells:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1014 drilled so far in the south</li> <li>○ 154 drilled in the south this year</li> <li>○ 11 drill rigs working in the south</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>A committee member said that the State Government’s Royalties for Regions program seemed to focus on roads and questioned whether all monies from the program were dedicated to roads projects.</p> <p>Don Stiller, GasFields Commissioner responded that local governments have to bid for funding and that other types of infrastructure projects could be supported. The purpose of the program was to spend money on areas where impacts were felt. Local governments could also apply in partnership with companies. Where QGC is not the only user of the road the company may only contribute up to a point.</p> <p><b>Southern Highlights</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compression               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ruby Jo central processing plant (CPP) and six field compression stations (FCS) handed over to integrated commissioning and start-up team</li> <li>○ Selling gas to domestic market</li> <li>○ Jordan CPP and three FCS sites are approaching</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<p style="text-align: center;">peak construction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Well Facilities               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 417 operational wells in the south</li> <li>○ 209 brought online this year</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Gathering               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1466km of poly pipeline installed in the south</li> <li>○ 109km installed this year in the south</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Trunklines               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 8 steel class 300 gas pipelines completed</li> <li>○ All handed over to the integrated commissioning and start-up team</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Export Pipeline               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Gas collection header and export pipeline complete and commissioned</li> <li>○ While not flowing to the LNG plant yet we are selling to local market</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Communications               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ~250km of fibre optic cable installed</li> <li>○ Last patch-ins being completed</li> <li>○ New communications tower being installed in Clunie block.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>The committee had a range of questions in relation to the southern update. Key points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The number of wells drilled in the southern region over the coming years will be dependent on operations however it is expected there will be more than 1000</li> <li>• At present the focus is on gaining enough wells to deliver gas for the first LNG train</li> <li>• There are a few different drill rig contractors operating in the area, including Schlumberger and Saxon</li> <li>• Some facility construction and maintenance will continue in the region but it won't be to the extent of the initial construction period</li> <li>• QGC currently sells some gas to domestic markets, including the Condamine power station</li> <li>• The cost of local gas has been featured in the news recently. Presently gas has been supplied to users at an unsustainably low price and therefore domestic prices may need to rise to compete with the international market.</li> </ul>
<p><b>i. Key Topic Update</b></p>	<p>Brett Smith provided an update on several key topics:</p> <p><b>Workforce strategy 2014 and beyond</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction workforce numbers (QGC and contractors) will continue to reduce in 2014-15 as we transition from construction to long-term operations</li> <li>• Construction workforce has reduced by ~2,000 in the past six months</li> <li>• Workforce of ~2,500 (QGC and contractors) to be employed</li> </ul>

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	<p>in the Surat Basin over the next 20-25 years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 600-800 will be linked to drilling, construction and connection of new wells and therefore will operate out of small camps on a FIFO/DIDO basis</li> <li>• QGC and its major construction contractors prefer and encourage employees to live locally</li> <li>• We understand however that the modern skilled workforce want alternatives – thus fly in, fly out and drive in, drive out options will continue to be offered.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> QGC to provide more detail on how many roles may reside in each area e.g. Dalby, Chinchilla, Tara, Wandoan, Miles etc.</p> <p><b>Rural Property Management</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• QGC has bought about 60,000 hectares of land for construction of major infrastructure</li> <li>• QGC has offered 43,000 hectares to share-farmers or agistors under short-term agreements</li> <li>• Most agreements are nearing the end of their terms and some properties need spelling</li> <li>• While QGC is not extending these leases, no leases have been ended prior to the agreed lease period</li> <li>• At present QGC has approximately 40 leasing agreements in place</li> <li>• Managing and maintaining this number of lease arrangements is complex and costly to the business, therefore QGC is looking to create a more manageable strategy which will combine leased properties available for longer lease periods</li> <li>• New leases will include maintenance requirements from agistors and properties will be offered out to tender through an open and transparent tender process</li> <li>• QGC will re-offer the properties for farm production with terms and conditions still to be decided</li> <li>• QGC wants the properties to be operated safely, maintained to a high standard e.g. kept free of feral animals and plants, and used sustainably to contribute to the agricultural potential of the region.</li> </ul> <p>The committee had a number of questions and comments about rural property management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• QGC initially offered short-term lease agreements, six-months to one-year long</li> <li>• New lease agreements will be a minimum of 5-years</li> <li>• QGC has spent approximately \$2.5 million renovating 15 houses on QGC's properties</li> <li>• About 1/3 of the current leases are vendors from whom QGC purchased the properties</li> <li>• A committee member said the community would not be opposed to current leases being extended for those vendors who are residing on their properties</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• QGC is tendering the new leasing arrangements similar to other commercial enterprises</li> <li>• QGC is continuing to put together the tendering process and its terms and conditions. Once determined, potential agistors will be advised of the requirements</li> <li>• Some properties needed to be spelled and therefore leases were not renewed.</li> </ul> <p>The committee had questions about rural property leasing arrangements. Key points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lease holders will be able to sub-lease houses on properties where the housing is suitable</li> <li>• There will be no set price for the lease of the properties, properties will be put out for tender</li> <li>• Timeframes for leases are still being decided but they could be between 5 – 15 years.</li> </ul> <p><b>Water Management Update</b> Brett Smith provided an update on QGC's water management procedures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• QGC aims to make 97% of all produced water available for beneficial use</li> <li>• QGC has a partnership with SunWater, which supplies treated water to customers through two schemes:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Chinchilla Beneficial Use Scheme</li> <li>○ Dawson Beneficial Use Scheme (2015)</li> <li>○ At full capacity the schemes will supply up to 200 ML/d</li> <li>○ Supply to agriculture, industry and town supplies.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Some questions were raised with regards to QGC's beneficial water use scheme. Key points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supply through the scheme has been delayed</li> <li>• Water supply is currently about 40% of what was planned</li> <li>• Construction of the water treatment plant was approximately 12 months behind schedule</li> <li>• Landholders had made capital investment based on expected water supply</li> <li>• Landholders should receive larger quantities of supply towards the end of 2014.</li> </ul> <p>Chinchilla Weir Water Supply Scheme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Treated water supplied to SunWater</li> <li>• Water from Central WTP flows through 22km pipeline to Chinchilla Weir</li> <li>• ~20 farmers have agreements with SunWater to purchase water and off-take from the pipeline</li> <li>• Current supply rate ~20ML/d</li> <li>• Supply rate forecast to increase to 60ML/d over the next year</li> </ul> <p>Dawson Valley Water Supply Scheme</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction advancing at Northern Water Treatment Plant, west of Wandoan</li> <li>• Commissioning scheduled to be finished in early 2015</li> <li>• Capacity of 100ML/d</li> <li>• SunWater has built a 120km pipeline from the plant to the Glebe Weir on the Dawson River, north of Taroom</li> <li>• Treated water to be made available for beneficial use by customers along the pipeline with the remainder supplied to customers within the Dawson Valley Water Supply Scheme.</li> </ul> <p>While QGC makes 97% of its water available for beneficial use, 3% is unable to be used due to salt saturation. Approximately 600,000 tonnes of salt will be produced each year equating to approximately 4 – 4.5million tonnes of salt throughout the life of the QCLNG project. There were four potential options for salt management.</p> <p>Ocean outfall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Piping brine to be dispersed into the ocean at Tugun on southern Gold Coast</li> <li>• Would require up to 600km of mainland pipelines</li> <li>• Much of the pipeline corridor would traverse heavily populated areas in Brisbane and the Gold Coast and prime agricultural land</li> <li>• Not feasible</li> </ul> <p>Selective salt recovery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Involves separating particular salts and transforming them into saleable products for market</li> <li>• Pilot program – \$20 million over two years</li> <li>• 125 km brine pipeline required, passing through 40 agricultural properties</li> <li>• Salt products transported by road or rail from Miles to Port of Brisbane</li> <li>• Cost of production and transport would be at least four times more than the value of the product</li> <li>• Technology risk remains too high to proceed</li> <li>• Not feasible</li> </ul> <p>Injection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Involves injecting brine back into suitable underground geological structures</li> <li>• Potentially feasible where there are natural underground structures that are geologically isolated and do not contain groundwater or provide potential supplies of potable or agricultural water</li> <li>• No suitable underground structures available to QGC</li> <li>• Not feasible for QGC</li> </ul> <p>Encapsulation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is the base case of each project’s environmental impact statement (EIS) and has been approved by the government</li> <li>• QGC’s environmental approvals strictly regulate how encapsulation facilities are constructed and operated, to</li> </ul>

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	<p>protect the environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• QGC is now in the process of exploring:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Design of the facility; and</li> <li>○ Location, with preference for QGC property close to water treatment plants</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Make Good</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• QGC is continuing to execute and implement make good agreements with landholders whose water bores have been impaired due to CSG activities.</li> </ul>
<p><b>j. GasFields Commission Queensland presentation</b></p>	<p>Don Stiller presented on the Queensland GasFields Commission. Key points were:</p> <p>Don provided information about his professional background, including 24 years' experience in local government and 11 years as Mayor of Taroom Shire Council. Don resides in Wandoan and has personal experience with the CSG industry having negotiated 18 conduct and compensation agreements for projects on his land. This hands-on experience has assisted him as a GasFields Commissioner. One of his reasons for attending the meeting was to listen to local communities.</p> <p>The GasFields Commission Queensland was formed in 2012 as an independent statutory body with the purpose of managing and improving sustainable coexistence among rural landholders, regional communities and the onshore gas industry in Queensland. During its first 12 months of operation the GasFields Commission concentrated on the set up of the Commission and how it should operate.</p> <p>Seven commissioners were appointed covering a number of portfolios:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John Cotter, Gasfields Commission Chairman</li> <li>• Shane Charles, Community and Business</li> <li>• Ray Brown, Local Government and Infrastructure</li> <li>• Rick Wilkinson, Gas Industry Development</li> <li>• Steven Raine, Science and Research</li> <li>• Don Stiller, Land Access</li> <li>• Ian Hayllor, Water and Salt Management.</li> </ul> <p>A key reason for the formation of the Commission was that the Queensland Government decided there was going to be a gas industry in Queensland and therefore it was seen that there would be a need for an entity for industry, government, landholders and community to assist these stakeholders in understanding each other's perspective.</p> <p>The Commission provides accuracy of information on the industry and covers the entire state of Queensland.</p>

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	<p>The committee members had some questions for Don. Key points from the discussion were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The GasFields Commission Head office is in Toowoomba</li> <li>• The Commission is independent from Government</li> <li>• Within the Commission the Chair holds a full-time position while other commissioners are part-time. The commissioners work hard to fulfil their roles and purpose</li> <li>• The policy and procedures for the Queensland GasFields Commission were built from the ground up as there were no examples from other states and few examples of similar on shore gas projects around the world</li> <li>• The Commission now has other states and countries looking at it as an example</li> <li>• There is misinformation about the gas industry which has spread. Therefore part of the commissioner's role was to educate landholders on their rights and ensure the accurate facts were available. It is also important for landholders to treat negotiations as a business decision.</li> <li>• Many parts of Queensland have exploration tenements.</li> </ul>
<p><b>k. 6 monthly SIMP update</b></p>	<p>QGC has committed to report to the QGC Regional Community Committees on key topics biannually. Brett Smith provided an update on the Biannual SIMP Report. Key points were:</p> <p><b>Integrated Housing Strategy</b> Western Downs Housing Trust Property Portfolio</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Longford Lane, Wandoan             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 2 x 2 bed, 2 x 3 bed, Under construction (March)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Barber St, Chinchilla             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 3 x 2 bed, 2 x 3 bed, DA and contractor approved, Construction to commence shortly</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Ross St, Miles             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Land purchased and DA with council</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Four houses leased from QGC, all occupied, 2 in Chinchilla, 1 in Tara, 1 in Miles.</li> </ul> <p>QGC Contributions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$200,000 towards WDRC Housing Strategy</li> <li>• \$5.7 million towards the Western Downs Housing Trust + participation on the committee</li> <li>• \$2 million towards WDRC water infrastructure upgrade in Wandoan (via a water supply agreement)</li> <li>• Commitment to develop up to 40 houses in the Western Downs, including eight previously vacant houses repaired for QGC workers and ten new homes to be leased to community organisations.</li> </ul> <p><b>Local industry and employment participation Upstream</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• QGC and its major contractors continue to source local industry opportunities for supply and subcontracting during the most recent six-monthly reporting period (October 2013 to March 2014)</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1006 Australian businesses registered interest, consisting of 261 businesses associated with upstream activities, 33 Gladstone-based, 362 businesses located throughout the rest of Queensland and 350 across the rest of Australia</li> <li>• The suppliers section of QGC’s website now offers more information and functionality, including a suppliers’ registration page and a list of major contractors.</li> </ul> <p>Employment – QGC and contractors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• QGC and its major contractors employed about 12,400 people, as at April 2014. This represents:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A decrease of 2,000 workers since September 2013</li> <li>○ Decrease in total QCLNG workforce since the last report (September 2013) partially offset by rise in QGC’s permanently employed workforce as we transition from a project (i.e. contractor) to an operating (i.e. permanent) workforce</li> <li>○ About 88% of workers are male</li> <li>○ About 321 indigenous people are employed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Local employment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• QGC and its contractors continued to employ local people               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 26% of the QCLNG workforce was employed from within the project area</li> <li>○ 44% were employed from outside the project area but are Queenslanders</li> <li>○ 30% of employees were from other parts of Australia, overseas, or unassigned at time of reporting</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Training for the natural gas sector</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the six months to April 2014, QGC staff and contractors completed &gt;38,000 work-based training courses. This included 1163 courses completed by ATSI trainees</li> <li>• 190 apprentices and 117 trainees were employed during the reporting period.</li> </ul> <p><b>Strengthening local chambers program</b> QGC has been working with local chambers of commerce in Gladstone and the Western Downs to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Build the capacity of local chambers to more effectively represent and promote local businesses</li> <li>2. Build a sustainable economic environment</li> <li>3. Support community cohesion and enhance liveability of communities within the QCLNG Project footprint.</li> </ol>
<p><b>I. Items for next agenda</b></p>	<p>Deb Camden invited the Committee to propose agenda items for the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Findings from the community committee health check</li> <li>• Further briefing on brine solutions and strategy</li> </ul>

#### 4. General business

The committee was reminded that travel allowance claims were available for committee members.

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Committee members were asked to please provide their community committee health check survey back to Kristelle Townsend, QGC Secretariat for the committee.

## 5. Meeting Close

The meeting was closed by Deb Camden at 11.30am.

The next meeting of the Southern Gas Field Community Committee will be held in Dalby on Thursday 11 September 2014 at the Dalby Chamber of Commerce.

## 6. Southern Gas Field Community Committee Members

Representative	Organisation
Beth Wood	Dalby Welcoming Committee
Richard Thornbury	Tara Futures Group
Karmyn Dorries	Myall Youth and Community Network
Sharon O'Shea	Western Downs Regional Council
Jayne Swift	Ozcare
Peter Brown	Dalby Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Ros Wade	Tara Neighbourhood Centre
Patricia Peck	Wieambilla Country Club
Dean Russell	Dalby State High School
Sharon Barker	Tara Shire State College