

Meeting Minutes



QGC Southern Gas Field Community Committee

Thursday 22 November 2012

Tara Customer Service Centre, 19 Fry Street

1. Opening

The 13th meeting of the QGC Southern Gas Field Community Committee was called to order at 9:00am on Thursday 22 November 2012 at the Tara Customer Service Centre, facilitated by Mr Jim Cavaye, 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">• Lyn Clancy, Myall Youth and Community Network• Richard Thornbury, Tara Futures Group• Patricia Peck, Wieambilla Country Club• Beth Wood, Dalby Welcoming Committee• Ros Wade, Tara Neighbourhood Centre• Liz Ryan, Dalby Chamber of Commerce	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Todd Vickery, Area Field Manager South• Brett Smith, Vice President Sustainability• Leighton Profke, Land & Community Liaison Officer• Zoe Carroll, Acting Social Performance Manager
Apologies	Independent Facilitator
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ric Whiting, Tara P&C• Jayne Swift, Ozcare• Anthony Mouzouris, Land & Community Superintendent• Donna Ashurst, Western Downs Regional Council	<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 reminded the Committee to be observant when driving.</p>
c. Adoption of minutes	<p>Jim Cavaye asked the Committee to formally consider the Thursday 30 August 2012 minutes and asked for suggested changes.</p> <p>The 30 August 2012 Southern Gas Field Community Committee minutes were adopted.</p>
d. Actions from previous meeting	<p>Jim Cavaye advised the Committee that there were no actions arising from the previous meeting.</p>
e. Community feedback	<p>Jim Cavaye invited Committee members to share feedback from their networks.</p> <p>Dust A Committee member said she had made a dust complaint to QGC. The complaint was addressed quickly with a water truck now regularly in use. There has also been an improvement in driving along the road.</p> <p>Communication A Committee member said gas companies seemed to be more accepted now than a year ago and the companies were working better with the community, particularly the agricultural sector. The Committee urged QGC to keep up communications and be transparent.</p> <p>A Committee member suggested QGC could do more to promote the positive news stories.</p>

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	<p>A Committee member said the Health, Safety and Environment day QGC held last year in Tara had made a big difference to local understanding of CSG.</p> <p>Housing The Committee discussed the Western Downs Affordable Housing Trust. Zoe Carroll said the Trust would be invited to speak at the QGC Regional Committee meeting on 28 February and the invitation to attend would be extended to QGC's other Committees.</p> <p>A Committee member asked if worker accommodation could be used for emergency housing. Todd Vickery explained that the temporary demountables are owned by QGC's contractors who move them from place to place.</p> <p>Zoe Carroll told the Committee that on the suggestion of the Regional Committee, QGC was planning to facilitate a social housing workshop. The workshop would address housing for non-income earners – the Western Downs Affordable Housing Trust will provide low cost housing for those on an income – and will seek to involve those organisations with an interest in housing.</p> <p>The Committee discussed whether the Trust would assist new (non-CSG) workers to the region or whether it would favour those already in the community. A Committee member said the Trust is still developing the eligibility criteria.</p> <p>Southern Cross University study The Committee discussed the Southern Cross University 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>Zoe Carroll 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>LPG v LNG A Committee member asked whether liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) would increase in price once the liquefied natural gas</p>

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	<p>(LNG) projects are constructed and exporting overseas. Zoe Carroll explained the two products are different and the markets are not related.</p> <p>Committee members suggested this distinction needs to be more widely communicated as people worry that LNG will affect the price of LPG.</p>
<p>f. QCLNG update</p>	<p>Todd Vickery gave an update of the QCLNG activities in the southern region. Key points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project workforce in QGC’s southern area is currently around 900. This is expected to ramp up to approximately 1800 by mid 2013 • Construction of the Ruby Jo camp continues. As the camp expands and is inhabited vehicle movement will reduce. The camp will accommodate 1000 people when completed • QGC is also building a 600 person camp at Kenya East • Major contracts have been awarded to Thiess, Lang O’Rourke, and Murphy Pipe and Civil • QGC is funding road upgrades and widening along the Tara-Kogan road, Kogan-Condamine Road, Montrose, Broadwater and Vanrenen Roads, among others • 3G network has been installed at Ruby Jo and the Chinchilla-Tara Crossroads ensuring improved communications for both QGC staff and neighbouring landholders. <p>A Committee member asked whether in a flood event QGC could stop water flowing into the weir, once the Kenya water treatment plant was operational. Zoe Carroll said the water treatment plant had been subject to many assessments, including consideration of floods. Zoe Carroll said she would provide the Committee member with further details.</p> <p>Action: Zoe Carroll to provide Committee member with information on how QGC will manage treated water disposal during flood events.</p> <p>A Committee member asked whether they could tour Ruby Jo. Todd Vickery said a tour could be arranged to follow the next Southern Committee meeting.</p> <p>Action: Zoe Carroll to arrange tour for Committee members.</p>

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<p>g. Social Impact Management Plan</p>	<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><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.

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	<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 ○ 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. • The company is still aiming to provide fire fighting equipment, however, wants to ensure the equipment stays with local brigades. <p>A Committee member said QGC could look at providing equipment to the SES so it remains in the local area.</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 a 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">• The Committee is working well• Meetings are interesting• QGC has attended local events and show days and is accessible• The company should attend the shows in 2013 and host another Health, Safety and Environment day• QGC should publish more good news stories• Tours to Ruby Jo should be offered to the wider community – the local Chambers of Commerce can facilitate this• Include more maps in company publications such as the QGC newsletter• If the company doesn't already, it should engage with Dalby Operation Rescue for emergency planning. <p>A Committee member asked whether the company engages with Tara SES. Zoe Carroll said she would find out.</p> <p>Action: Zoe Carroll to report back on whether the company engages with Tara SES.</p>
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> <p>Zoe Carroll suggested a presentation on QGC's emergency planning.</p>

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4. General Business

Zoe Carroll thanked Committee members for their participation over the year. QGC recognises the significant time members volunteer to travel and attend meetings on behalf of the wider community. Zoe Carroll said the feedback the Committees provide is invaluable.

Zoe Carroll provided the Committee with meeting dates for 2013:

- 7 March
- 20 June
- 12 September
- 12 December

5. Meeting Close

The meeting was closed by Jim Cavaye at 12:00pm.

The next meeting will be held on 7 March 2013 at the Dalby Chamber of Commerce.

6. Southern Gas Field Community Committee Members

Representative	Organisation
Beth Wood	Dalby Welcoming Committee
Richard Thornbury	Tara Futures
Lyn Clancy	Myall Youth and Community Network
Donna Ashurst	Western Downs Regional Council
Jayne Swift	Ozcare
Liz Ryan	Dalby Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Ric Whiting	Tara P&C
Ros Wade	Tara Neighbourhood Centre
Patricia Peck	Wieambilla Country Club