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QGC Southern Gas Field Community Committee

Thursday, 24 May 2012

Tara Customer Service Centre, 19 Fry Street

1. Opening

The eleventh meeting of the QGC Southern Gas Field Community Committee was called to order at 9:00am on the 24 May 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">• Ric Whiting, Tara P&C• Lyn Clancy, Myall Youth and Community Network• Richard Thornbury, Tara Futures Group• Michelle Heuston, Western Downs Regional Council• Beth Wood, Dalby Welcoming Committee• Ros Wade, Tara Neighbourhood Centre• Carissa Hallinan, Tara and District Landcare	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chuck Knecht, Field Operations Manager• Brett Smith, Vice President Corporate• Leighton Profke, Lead Landholder and Community Liaison Officer• Zoe Carroll, Acting Social Performance Manager• Malcolm Hellmuth, Project Manager Roads• Mark Carden, Planning and Technical Manager• Karl Wolski, Project Engineer Roads
Apologies	Independent Facilitator
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Patricia Peck, Wieambilla Country Club	<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 reminded everyone to pay attention to road signs.</p>
c. Actions from previous meeting	<p>Jim Cavaye reviewed the actions from the previous meeting.</p> <p>Committee representation Zoe Carroll asked the Dalby representatives for suggestions of Dalby organisations that should be approached to nominate members for the Committee. It was suggested that the Dalby Chamber Manager be contacted and Ozcare’s Dalby officer.</p> <p>Sustainability indicators Zoe Carroll provided an update on the Sustainability Indicators. Robin Evans from the Centre for Social Responsibility in Mining had presented the Indicators to QGC’s Regional Gas Field Community Committee. The Regional Committee had requested they be revisited at the next meeting.</p> <p>WDRC’s Affordable Housing Strategy A Committee member reported Dalby Chamber of Commerce had approached Western Downs Regional Council requesting they hold an information session on their Affordable Housing Strategy. Council had agreed.</p> <p>Road upgrades Zoe Carroll informed the Committee that there were plans to upgrade the Kenya Security entrance. The Chinchilla – Tara Crossroads is a State-controlled intersection. Western Downs Regional Council is constructing the intersection on behalf of the Department of Transport and Main Roads.</p> <p>Employment website</p>

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	<p>Zoe Carroll said that the link to www.careersingas.com.au had been provided by email following the last meeting.</p> <p>Contractor employment Zoe Carroll informed the Committee that QGC is finalising information materials for supplying goods and services to QCLNG – including the list of our current contractors – and once ready this will be supplied to local Chambers.</p> <p>Local content Zoe Carroll said that the extension of our business capacity programme is still in development. Last year, QGC supported a pilot project which supported six businesses.</p> <p>The Committee discussed capability statements and recommended local businesses be supported to develop statements of a sufficient standard. It was further suggested that the requirements for capability statements be tiered to match the level of risk and / or size of contract.</p> <p>Brett Smith suggested QGC’s local content team attend the next meeting to present.</p> <p>Action: Arrange a local content presentation (Zoe Carroll).</p> <p>Firecom Zoe Carroll reported QGC contacted Firecom following the Committee’s suggestion at the last meeting to advise them of the flaring activities.</p> <p>QGC’s Strengthening Local Employment program The project officer’s contact details for QGC’s Strengthening Local Employment program were sent by email following the last meeting.</p>
<p>d. Adoption of minutes</p>	<p>Jim Cavaye asked the Committee to formally consider the 23 February 2012 minutes and asked for suggested changes.</p> <p>The 23 February 2012 Southern Gas Field Community Committee minutes were adopted.</p>
<p>e. Community feedback</p>	<p>Jim Cavaye invited Committee members to share feedback from their networks.</p> <p>Pipeline Jim Cavaye asked QGC to comment on a question received</p>

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	<p>about pipeline exclusion zones. Brett Smith replied that pipelines are found all over the world, including densely populated areas. QGC has conducted detailed assessments to ensure safety, in line with Australian Standard 2885. Assessments include considerations of pipe thickness, depth of burial and pressure. QGC is satisfied that we have reduced the risk to as low as possible.</p> <p>A Committee member asked for an update on the welding of the pipeline. Brett Smith replied that the calibration the weld testing equipment had been resolved. QGC is using ultrasonic welding technology to scan each weld. The ultrasonic picks up the smallest imperfections.</p> <p>In total, there will be 46,200 welds on the pipeline. If any welds fail to meet standards, they are repaired and re-scanned before being accepted. A new welding machine has been brought on to speed up the process.</p> <p>Progress is being made along the collection header. At 11 May, QGC had completed 100% (or 197kms) of the clearing, grading and stringing along the right of way. 89% (175kms) or the welding had been completed and 9% (18kms) of the trenching, lowering and backfilling.</p> <p>Directional drilling Jim Cavaye asked QGC to comment on a question received about leakage into the Condamine River while directional drilling. Brett Smith explained that QGC was directional drilling under the Condamine River to lay our 42" pipe. Drilling muds are used to lubricate the drill bit. A limited amount of the drilling fluid seeped from the drill hole up into the banks of the river and made its way into the river where it was quickly contained. Officers from Department of Environment and Heritage Protection visited and agreed no environmental damage had occurred.</p> <p>Gas leaks Jim Cavaye asked QGC to comment on a question submitted by email on a recent gas leak reported at a QGC drilling site. Zoe Carroll explained that on 6 May QGC suspended operations on a drilling rig at a QGC-owned property on our Argyle block. A gas leak was detected and quickly and safely contained. QGC published a media release when the leak was detected and a second media release when it was contained. An investigation is ongoing into the cause of the</p>

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	<p>incident; once complete we will share the findings. Further information on QGC's routine leak detection and management program will be provided later in the agenda.</p> <p>Weeds Brett Smith said weeds had been discussed at QGC's Central and Northern Committees. A weed forum is being organised by Murilla Landcare.</p> <p>Accommodation A Committee member asked whether QGC would consider using Dalby motels and units to house southern workers. Brett Smith said Ruby Jo will have a camp, which is under construction. In the meantime, the request can be taken to the relevant departments.</p> <p>Action: QGC to investigate use of Dalby accommodation for southern workers (Zoe Carroll).</p>
<p>f. QGC update</p>	<p>Chuck Knecht provided an update on QGC's activities in the south. Key points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction is focussed on Ruby Jo, which will be the southern "hub" with a Central Processing Plant, Field Compressor Stations and a regional pond. • To date, 246 wells have been drilled. A further 147 are planned for 2012 and close to 400 in 2013. • One regional pond has been built, two are under construction and a further three are planned. • Three of ten Field Compressor Stations are in train. • One of two Central Processing Plants is under way. • A distinction was made between projects, responsible for constructing the infrastructure, and operations, which maintains the infrastructure over the long-term. <p><i>Leak management</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QGC operates within DEEDI's Code of Practice for Coal Seam Gas Well Head Emissions Detection and Reporting. • Monitoring includes a formal inspection programme and detection through routine visits. • Gas well operators wear a personal gas detector when visiting wells for their routine activities. The alarm will sound if it detects gas.
<p>g. Housing</p>	<p>Brett Smith provided an update on QGC's Integrated Housing</p>

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	<p data-bbox="518 327 895 360">Strategy. Key points were:</p> <ul data-bbox="568 400 1394 1845" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="568 400 1347 434">• Housing is a very visible impact from large projects.<li data-bbox="568 439 1382 546">• Housing issues take a long time to resolve for a range of reasons, including land availability, permitting, and construction time.<li data-bbox="568 551 1394 689">• The housing market is complex and, again, there are a number of factors that contribute: access to financing, investors from outside the area, cumulative housing needs.<li data-bbox="568 694 1382 770">• QGC considers impacts both on a rising market and a falling market.<li data-bbox="568 775 1382 1025">• QCLNG has conditions on housing from the Coordinator General. These include facilitating the construction of housing for 75% of the long-term, new settlers QCLNG employs in the Western Downs, and providing resources for affordable and community housing at a rate of one unit per eight imported workers.<li data-bbox="568 1030 1394 1473">• QGC's Integrated Housing Strategy sets out how QGC will meet these conditions. In summary:<ul data-bbox="667 1106 1382 1473" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="667 1106 1382 1140">○ Construction workers will be housed in camps.<li data-bbox="667 1144 1382 1283">○ Long-term, operations staff are encouraged to live in towns. QGC expects 60 new settlers to move to the region for operations jobs with QGC.<li data-bbox="667 1288 1382 1395">○ QGC will build 56 houses – 75% of 60 in line with the Coordinator Condition. The first 30 will be tendered this year.<li data-bbox="667 1400 1382 1473">○ We will invest \$5.7 million in social and affordable housing.<li data-bbox="568 1478 1382 1617">• QGC funded the Western Downs Regional Council's Affordable Housing Strategy, which looks at the potential impact on housing of the ~40 major projects currently planned for the region.<li data-bbox="568 1621 1382 1729">• Council has since established a housing trust to pool investments from project proponents to build social and affordable housing.<li data-bbox="568 1733 1382 1845">• QGC will invest in the trust to meet our commitments to affordable and social housing as outlined in the Integrated Housing Strategy. <p data-bbox="518 1886 1347 2024">A Committee member asked about the local content opportunities for subcontractors, both for QGC-contracted housing and affordable and social housing. Brett Smith agreed to find out for the next meeting.</p>

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	<p>Action: investigate local content opportunities in QGC-contracted housing and affordable and social housing (Zoe Carroll).</p> <p>The Committee reiterated the importance of providing every opportunity for local subcontractors to participate.</p>
<p>h. Roads update</p>	<p>Malcolm Hellmuth presented on QGC’s approach to road impact mitigation and investment. Key points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QGC’s approach to roads encompasses extensive assessment of our requirements – duration of road use, types of vehicles, roads required – potential impacts and mitigation activities, and monitoring and engagement with local and state governments and impacted stakeholders. • QGC has mapped every road to be used in the project and the duration of impact and average number of vehicles per day. This information was shown to the Committee members. • QGC has assessed the current quality of those roads to predict and monitor our impact. • We are investing approximately \$20 million for impacts on state roads and \$180 million towards road upgrades in the Western Downs. • In the area we have funded Kumbarilla Lane for \$11 million, Vanrenen Road for \$2 million, as well as Grahams Road maintenance grade, Wattle Drive resheet, Montrose Road gravel resheet, and Schultz’s Road pavement stabilisation. • Road upgrades are undertaken by Western Downs Regional Council. Upgrades include road widening, sealing and improving drainage. • Our staff undergo driver training and have cars fitted with in-vehicle monitoring systems to monitor speeding, seat belt use, abrupt braking and / or acceleration. • Transport Management Plans are developed to minimise impacts on other road users, for example school bus routes, avoiding peak times, and use of collective transport, among other measures. • The community was urged to call the community hotline number [1800 030 443] if they had any QGC-related traffic or driving concerns.

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	<p>The Committee asked for a copy of the map indicating roads used for the QCLNG project, duration used and average number of vehicles. Zoe Carroll agreed to distribute copies by email.</p> <p>Action: Zoe Carroll to circulate copies of the map shown.</p>
i. Items for next agenda	<p>Jim Cavaye invited the Committee to propose agenda items for the next meeting.</p> <p>No additional items were proposed.</p>

4. General Business

Michelle Heuston was welcomed as Western Downs Regional Council's new representative on the Committee.

5. Meeting Close

The meeting was closed by Jim Cavaye at 11:30am.

The next QGC Southern Gas Field Community Committee meeting will be on 23 August from 9:00am to 11:30am at the Dalby Chamber of Commerce.

6. Southern Gas Field Community Committee Members

Representative	Organisation
Beth Wood	Dalby Welcoming Committee
Carissa Hallinan	Tara and District Landcare
Richard Thornbury	Tara Futures
Lyn Clancy	Myall Youth and Community Network
Michelle Heuston	Western Downs Regional Council
Ric Whiting	Tara P&C
Ros Wade	Tara Neighbourhood Centre
Patricia Peck	Wieambilla Country Club