

MEETING MINUTES



MINUTES OF: Arrow Surat Community Reference Group
 HELD AT: Dalby RSL
 DATE: 09/02/2012
 COMMENCEMENT TIME: 9:30am

PRESENT:	ATTENDEES: Ian Hayllor, Graham Clapham, Carolyn Collins, Patrick O'Flaherty (Guest) Sarah Delahunty, Leisa Elder, Marie- Louise Offner, Ben Maher, Wally Kearnan, Tony Knight, Ray Jamison, Mick Cosgrove, Julian Lenard (Guest AIFLC)
	MINUTES: Sarah Delahunty
	APOLOGIES: Anna Stephenson, Bill Date, Sarah Due,
CHAIRMAN:	Leisa Elder
DISCLOSURES	No disclosure.

		ACTION
ITEM 1	SAFETY MOMENT	
	Graham Clapham shared information on the hazards to farming presented by electrical powerlines, both above and below ground. He noted the importance of staying vigilant around power lines, and commented that Ergon Energy provides a valuable on-farm electrical hazard awareness program.	LE will report back to the ASCRG on Arrows power distribution strategy.
ITEM 2	Minutes of previous meeting	
	Minutes were accepted and will be added to the public web site	SD will add Minutes to the web site
ITEM 3	Committee Membership	
	GC suggested that with the addition of new members to the committee and beginning a new year we look over the TOR to ensure the committee remains focused and that objectives are continuing to be met.	SD will re-send TOR to all committee members.
ITEM 4	Project Update :EIS	
	<p>It was noted that the Surat Gas Project EIS was submitted to Government on Dec 16th, 2011. An outline of the process of EIS review by Government, release for public consultation, opportunities for review and input by community and other stakeholders in the region (e.g Council and representative groups) was presented.</p> <p>The following points were discussed and noted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Flexibility needed around presentation times for EIS to allow for full community involvement Allow for smaller briefings to be given to groups of high interest ie: Cotton Australia. Concern expressed over ability of landowners to respond in a technically appropriate way to detailed EIS reports. Response from Arrow was that while submissions to the EIS need not necessarily be technically worded in their application, they must refer to an identified section of the EIS in order to be considered for inclusion in a supplementary EIS study. The matter of whether it was appropriate for Arrow to provide financial support to landowners, or other community representative groups, to prepare submissions to the EIS was discussed. It was noted that WDRC were successful in their application for compensation from a CSG company in order to review the EIS of that same company, and to prepare a submission to the EIS. Arrow responded that this represents a clear conflict of interest, but regardless would investigate the matter and report back to the next meeting. .Discussed whether WDRC should assist relevant community interest groups in preparing a joint submission to the EIS. Recommended that interest groups avail themselves to the EIS document and covering information before considering their submissions. 	<p>2. LE if deemed necessary Arrow will convene special joint ASCRG/AIFLC meeting to look at EIS submissions OR will make it as main item on next meeting agenda.</p> <p>4. LE will report back to the ASCRG if Arrow would consider offering compensation to groups preparing EIS submissions.</p> <p>6. RJ to speak with</p>

		<p>Council CEO about the sharing of information and possible inclusion of key groups (e.g Cotton Australia) to assist in a group submission.</p> <p>LE to discover what was submitted to other CSG companies from key agriculture groups.</p>
ITEM 5	Project Update : Water	
	<p>An update of the Arrow injection trial was provided. The following points were discussed and noted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arrow currently working up information to seek an amendment for the purpose of re-injection and other activities and are likely to make their submission to DERM asap. 2. "Make Good" has to be the intention of re-injection and not used as a method of water disposal. 	<p>CC will update the next ASCRG on the brine use options and the RO process and application.</p>
ITEM 6	Project Update : Bow Acquisition Beaudesert Exploration	
	<p>An update on two non-Surat Basin related matters that had appeared in various media reports in recent times was presented. Item 1 was an overview of the acquisition of Bow Energy by Arrow, which highlighted that the prime focus of this activity concerned the Bowen Basin. Item 2 was around Arrow's works in the Clarence Moreton basin, southwest of Brisbane. The following points were discussed and noted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arrow has been operating in the area since 1998, and the activities conducted in this instance were no different to those in the preceding 14 years.. 2. It is generally understood that the protest that happened at Mt Lindsay was driven by non-local people bringing an extreme variety of viewpoints and issues not related to the activities or the region; and that media reporting did not at all times accurately portray local sentiment. 	
ITEM 7	DERM: Water Management Policy Review	
	<p>The following points were discussed and noted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DERM working through submissions to make recommendation to government on the distribution of the policy – this is not likely to happen before the March 24 state election. 2. Concerns around the government having the power to determine the right use of CSG water that may not be best outcome for a particular area. The need instead for a suite of options with supporting framework needs to be considered. 3. The key interest groups expressed a need to see the QWC report before being able to comment on the Arrow EIS 4. Preference expressed that water usage is not "over-regulated" so as to make it to difficult or onerous to access and use; and that efforts are not wasted on excessive monitoring requirements if basic science shows the water is safe to use. 	<p>2. WK to take concern back to DERM to be addressed.</p>
ITEM 8	WDRC: Housing Strategy Update	
	<p>The following points were discussed and noted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There is a set criteria that needs to be met before renters can go into the housing although it is realised that there is also a pressing need to capture and retain effected people now before the housing strategy begins. 2. Many unseen costs exist that are being passed onto the community and therefore other sectors by the rising housing costs. These influencing factors also need to be addressed 	

ITEM 9	Update Land Access Submission	
	<p>A presentation on the key points covered in Arrow's submission to the State Government Land Access policy was providing.</p> <p>The following points were discussed and noted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Concerns about the amount of legislation regarding simple activities on land are being looked at. 2. The timing of reviews needs to be considered so concerns can be address as they arise. 3. BSA developing an online model farm that shows the compensation process. 	LE will check internally and with government on the availability of the review for BSA
ITEM 10	Any other Business	
	<p>The following points were discussed and noted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GC raised concerns about the independence of DERM given 'Stanwell Corporation's. Interest in the Kogan joint venture. Wally Kearnan discounted the concerns by saying that this was a common arrangement and that many relevant protections were in place to avoid conflict of interest involving a government owned corporation. 2. IH wanted to know where Arrow was in relation to closing out two landholder complaints. 3. IH thanked Arrow for the tour of the Theten farm before Christmas – commenting it provided a great opportunity to see what Arrow is doing in regard to beneficial use. 4. GC asked that community tours be a part of Arrow's commitment to the community to further share information. 5. TK provided information, as requested, on the modification of the Arrow used ATV's. 	2. LE will look into what action/s have been taken to address complaints
ITEM 13	NEXT MEETING	
	Thursday 12 th April – Toowoomba (venue TBA)	
ITEM 14	CLOSE	
	12:40pm	

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 12:40pm

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD.

Chairman

