Meeting Minutes

Santos Darwin Community Consultative Committee

Meeting date: 23 September 2026

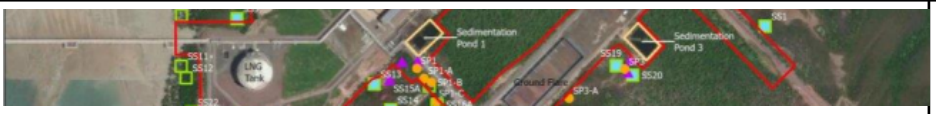
Meeting time: 9.30am – 11.30am

Venue: Level 3, 19 Smith Street Mall (Charles Darwin Centre)

Initials	Name	Position
CW	Cathy White	Chair
DC	David Ciaravolo	AFANT
MB	Mikaela Baillie	Litchfield Council
* RM	Ronan Mackey	Chamber of Commerce
* SB	Sam Bennett	Community representative
RH	Ray Hall	Community representative
IC	Ian Curnow	Community representative
TW	Tracey Ward	Department of Health (Observer)
VL	Vamshi Lenkala	Department Lands, Planning and Environment (Observer)
* PK	Peter Kirkpatrick	Santos GM Barossa and NT External Affairs
JS	Jared Sellwood	Santos DLNG Senior Environmental Adviser
AA	Angelina Anictomatis	Santos NT Manager Community Affairs
KD	Kalyca Dionisiou	Santos NT Community Engagement and Communications Officer
WP	Wendy Pritchard	Santos Government and Stakeholder Manager
DH	Dan Hayward	Santos DLNG Production Manager
Apologies		
SR	Professor Steve Rogers	Charles Darwin University
MR	Michael Rotumah	Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation

**Via videoconference*

No.	Agenda Item	Key discussion items	Lead
Meeting Opening and Attendance			
1.1	**Chair's welcome,**	*The Chair welcomed attendees, acknowledged Country, outlined the meeting purpose and protocols, and advised that the minutes would be circulated for feedback and published for the community.*	Chair
1.2	**Declaration of conflict of interest**	*The importance of disclosing conflicts of interest was discussed.* *The Chair declared her current and Acting role as CEO of Larrakia Development Corporation and Board roles on Melaleuca Australia and ANZSOG Alumni. The chair role is independent of these.*	Chair
1.3	**Introductions**	*Attendees introduced themselves and outlined their roles, relevant experience and interest in the Committee.*	ALL

Matters for Discussion			
2.1	**DLNG Operations Update**	 • The Committee received an overview of Darwin LNG's history, licence conditions, current operations, life-extension works and transition from Bayu-Undan to Barossa gas. • Darwin LNG employs approximately 120 permanent Darwin-based workers, with no fly-in fly-out workforce. • Santos highlighted local employment, capability development, procurement and the Darwin community shopfront. Darwin LNG spends approximately $100 million each year on Territory goods and services, with additional spending during major shutdowns. • Flaring is part of the plant's operational and safety systems and is carried out in accordance with Environment Protection Licence EPL217-07.	PK
2.2	**DLNG EPL217 – Licence and Regulatory Updates**	 • Environmental controls and monitoring onsite were outlined and explained, including an overview of the published Environment Protection Licence conditions. • Monitoring covered sediment ponds, the jetty outfall, irrigation, groundwater and stack emissions. Three consecutive chromium detections (5, 7, & 5 parts per billion) above the trigger limit (which is 4.4 parts per billion) at the jetty outfall resulted in one reportable non-compliance for the quarter, which was reported immediately to the NTEPA. The impact was assessed as negligible, corrosion was identified in demineralisation plant piping, and a re-passivation trial was under way. • Santos has developed a Fugitive Emissions Management Plan covering activities such as LNG tank drone surveys and plant-wide leak detection. A formal presentation is planned for the Q4 meeting. • Mangrove monitoring has been undertaken around Darwin LNG since 2003. It assesses mangrove health, sediment chemistry and marine organisms, providing a valuable long-term dataset. • Santos is working with the NT EPA in response to the LNG licence review and its recommendations.	JS

2.3	**Local Participation and Community Investment**	 • Santos reported investing more than $10.6 million in Northern Territory community programs in 2026. • Santos reported that 19 per cent of the relevant workforce identified as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander. The Committee also discussed local procurement, employment pathways, traineeships, apprenticeships and the residential workforce model. • Community initiatives included the new playground at the Katherine School of the Air, Larrakia engagement, the Darwin Harbour Clean-Up, event accessibility measures, employment forums and use of the Darwin shopfront as a community access point. • The Barossa Aboriginal Future Fund was established to benefit Aboriginal coastal communities in the Northern Territory. Approximately $10.7 million has been invested to date, including $7.57 million delivered in partnership with Indigenous-owned organisations. • The fund's primary priorities are employment and economic participation, and addressing health and social barriers. Infrastructure, culture and Country may also be supported where they clearly contribute to employment, health or social outcomes.	AA
2.4	***Other Santos NT Activities***	 • The Committee was provided an overview of the BW Opal floating production, storage and offloading vessel, offshore workforce arrangements, commissioning, condensate offtakes and the pipeline connection to Darwin LNG. • Commissioning activities were continuing, and operations and engineering teams were working on process optimisation and reliable gas production. • Santos commenced drilling its first Beetaloo Basin appraisal on 8 September 2026, following authorisation of its Environmental Management Plan in May 2026. • Darwin LNG could support future Beetaloo development through carbon management, a potential pipeline connection and a second LNG train. Any expansion would be subject to project development and investment approvals.	PK/AA

2.5	**Committee Questions and Community Matters**	• The Committee requested a future briefing on Santos' carbon capture and storage activities in the Darwin region.	ALL
2.6	**Other Business**	 • Members discussed sharing information about Santos' local procurement, workforce, environmental performance and community investment through their stakeholder networks. • Santos invited member organisations to identify suitable platforms or forums where information could be shared. • A possible Darwin LNG site visit was raised for future consideration. • Members requested information on potential developments in Darwin Harbour, cumulative marine impacts and opportunities for industry coordination to minimise disturbance. • Santos advised that current Darwin LNG activity is expected to remain steady, including shipping approximately every seven to eight days.	ALL
Meeting Close			
3.1	**Next meeting**	*The next Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, 25 November 2026, from 9.30 am to 11.30 am.*	Chair
3.2	**Meeting close**	*The meeting closed at 11.10 am.*	Chair

Action Number	Action	Owner	Due Date
1.	Provide an update on the latest monitoring activities and results (including mangroves), with long-term trends where available.	JS	Next Meeting
2.	Provide a briefing on the Fugitive Emissions Management Plan	JS	Next Meeting
3.	Arrange a presentation on carbon capture and storage by an appropriate Santos subject-matter expert.	AA	Next Meeting
4.	Consider what information can be provided on longer-term Darwin Harbour developments, infrastructure planning and potential cumulative impacts.	PK / DH	Next Meeting
5.	Circulate the meeting minutes to committee members and invite feedback.	CW	7 October
6.	Identify opportunities to share relevant information (local procurement, grants and employment) through stakeholder organisations and community networks.	All	Ongoing