

**Independent Expert Scientific Committee on Coal Seam Gas and
Large Coal Mining Development (IESC)
Meeting 87, 23 June 2022**

**MINUTES
Videoconference**

ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

IN ATTENDANCE

Dr Chris Pigram (Chair)
Dr Andrew Boulton
Professor Craig Simmons
Professor Jenny Davis
Associate Professor Phil Hayes
Professor Wendy Timms

APOLOGIES

Dr Jenny Stauber
Professor Rory Nathan

INVITED GUESTS

Item 3.1

Dr Christopher Leonardi, Senior Lecturer, University of Queensland

OFFICE OF WATER SCIENCE (OWS)

Peter Baker, Director
Aimee McAllister
Andriana Stoddart
Aranza Bulnes-Beniscelli
Benjamin Klug
Christina Fawns
Fiona McKenzie-Smith
Frances Knight
Isabelle Francis
Jacqueline Beerworth
James Rae
Mehdi Shabaninejad
Mio Kuhnen
Praveen Sebastian
Sarah Taylor

Note: OWS attendees listed above include those with full or partial attendance at Meeting 87.

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed members of the Independent Expert Scientific Committee on Coal Seam Gas and Large Coal Mining Development (IESC) to the meeting.

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

The Chair acknowledged the traditional owners, past and present, on whose lands this meeting was held.

1.2 Disclosure of Interests

Committee members were invited to make disclosures. Committee members also completed a Meeting Declaration of Interests before the meeting commenced. No actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest were recorded for this meeting.

1.3 Confirmation of Agenda

The Committee endorsed the agenda for Meeting 87.

1.4 Confirmation of Out-of-Session Decisions

The Committee noted that:

- minutes of the Committee's eighty-sixth meeting on 17-19 May 2022 were agreed out-of-session and published;
- advice on Middlemount Southern Extension Project was provided to the regulator and published in accordance with agreed timeframes; and
- advice on Dendrobium Mine Extension Project was provided to the regulator and published in accordance with agreed timeframes.

1.5 Correspondence

The Committee noted the status of correspondence to 7 June 2022.

1.6 Action Items

Ongoing items were noted and updates were provided on the timing of completion.

1.7 Forward Planning Agenda

The Committee noted the forward planning agenda.

It was agreed that the next meeting be scheduled for 27-28 July 2022.

1.8 Environmental Scan

The OWS reported on recent events.

2. Advice on Projects referred by governments

No projects were referred for advice.

3. Other business

3.1 Subsidence Explanatory Note – CSG

Dr Christopher Leonardi presented to the Committee on a draft Explanatory Note on subsidence associated with coal seam gas production.

3.2 Project Advice Supporting Analysis and Conceptual Models

A new approach to the development of Project Advice Supporting Analysis and Conceptual Model(s) was discussed.

3.3 2023 IESC Stakeholder Event

The Committee discussed a proposed in-person stakeholder event to be held in March 2023 and agreed on a preferred date for the event.

3.4 Review of the IESC Information Guidelines

The Committee discussed revisions to the IESC's *Information guidelines for proponents preparing coal seam gas and large coal mining development proposals* and the next steps for finalisation and publication.

4. Close of Meeting

The Chair thanked everyone for their contribution to the meeting.

The meeting closed at 2.10 pm on Thursday 23 June 2022.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 27-28 July 2022.

Minutes confirmed as true and correct:

Dr Chris Pigram AM, FTSE

IESC Chair

29 June 2022