

**Independent Expert Scientific Committee on Unconventional Gas Development and
Large Coal Mining Development (IESC)
Meeting 110, 6 – 7 November 2024**

**MINUTES
Videoconference**

ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

IN ATTENDANCE

Dr Chris Pigram (Chair)
Dr Andrew Boulton
Professor Jenny Davis
Dr Jenny Stauber
Dr Juliette Woods
Associate Professor Phil Hayes
Professor Rory Nathan
Professor Wendy Timms

OFFICE OF WATER SCIENCE (OWS)

Note: OWS attendees include those with full or partial attendance.

Dr Des Owen, Director	Isabelle Francis
Amelia Lewis	Jason Smith
Ben Klug	Laura Richardson
David Cameron	Loren Pollitt
Dylan Stinton	Tess Nelson
Frances Knight	

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair acknowledged the traditional owners, past and present, on whose lands this meeting was held, and welcomed members of the Independent Expert Scientific Committee on Unconventional Gas Development and Large Coal Mining Development (IESC) to the meeting.

1.1 Attendance and Apologies

IESC members in attendance and apologies are recorded above.

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. Details on disclosures of interests are at Attachment A.

1.3 Confirmation of Agenda

The Committee endorsed the agenda for Meeting 110.

1.4 Confirmation of Out-of-Session Decisions

The Committee noted that:

- minutes of the Committee's 109th meeting on 2 – 3 October 2024 were agreed out-of-session and published on 24 October 2024;
- advice on the Cadia Continued Operations Project was provided to the regulator on 10 October 2024 and published on 24 October 2024; and
- the Annual Review of Activities was published on the IESC website on 29 October 2024.

1.5 Correspondence

The Committee noted the status of correspondence to 28 October 2024.

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 to be a videoconference on 9 – 11 December 2024.

1.8 Environmental Scan

The OWS reported on recent events.

2. Advice on Projects referred by governments

2.1 Beetaloo Basin – Unconventional gas exploration and appraisal

The Committee discussed their draft advice on the potential impacts of unconventional gas exploration and appraisal activities in the Beetaloo Basin, Northern Territory. This advice has not been finalised and will continue to be discussed at future meetings.

3. Other business

There was no other business.

4. Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 4.30 pm on Thursday 7 November 2024.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled as a videoconference on 9 – 11 December 2024.

Minutes confirmed as true and correct:

Dr Chris Pigram AM, FTSE

IESC Chair

15 November 2024

Attachment A

Item(s)	IESC Member	Disclosure	Determination
2.1	Dr Juliette Woods	I consider that there may be a possible conflict of interest in relation to agenda item 2.1 (Beetaloo Basin — Unconventional gas exploration and appraisal), as my sister works for Santos, one of the companies exploring the Basin’s resources.	It was determined that no actual, potential or perceived conflict of interest exists and Dr Juliette Woods can participate fully with the Committee during agenda item 2.1 (Beetaloo Basin — Unconventional gas exploration and appraisal).