

**Independent Expert Scientific Committee on Unconventional Gas Development and
Large Coal Mining Development (IESC)
Meeting 114, 8 April 2025**

**MINUTES
Videoconference**

ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

IN ATTENDANCE

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

APOLOGIES

Dr Jenny Stauber

OFFICE OF WATER SCIENCE (OWS)

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

Ben Klug
David Cameron
Dylan Stinton
Frances Knight
Isabelle Francis

Jason Smith
Dr Laura Richardson
Loren Pollitt
Mersey Houston

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. 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 114.

1.4 Confirmation of Out-of-Session Decisions

The Committee noted that:

- minutes of the Committee's 113th meeting on 5 – 6 March 2025 were agreed out-of-session and published on 24 March 2025; and
- advice on the Mahalo North CSG Project was provided to the regulator on 11 March 2025 and published on 14 March 2024.

1.5 Correspondence

The Committee noted the status of correspondence to 26 March 2025.

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 as a videoconference on 15 – 16 May 2025.

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 IESC Research Priorities

The Committee discussed a draft schedule for delivery of the IESC's information materials over the next 12 months, and an updated research priorities and actions table.

3.2 Climate Change Explanatory Note Scope Discussion

The Committee discussed a draft scope for the delivery of a Climate Change Explanatory Note.

4. Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 11.15 am on Tuesday 8 April 2025.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled as a videoconference on 15 – 16 May 2025.

Minutes confirmed as true and correct:

Dr Chris Pigram AM, FTSE

IESC Chair

10 April 2025