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## Community Committees to advise QGC

QGC has established a network of community committees across the Queensland Curtis LNG (QCLNG) Project area to facilitate information sharing with the community.

Three committees were established to represent the northern, central and southern gas fields region in the Western Downs. An overarching gas fields committee (comprised of representatives from the three) will be convened in 2010.

QGC General Manager Social Performance Mitch Innes said the committees would provide a forum for transparent, two-way dialogue between QGC and communities during construction and operation of facilities for the QCLNG Project.

"Importantly, we are also asking community committees to help us identify relevant and meaningful indicators to use in monitoring and reporting on QGC's social and environmental performance," he said.

Each community committee consists of up to 10 people from major interest sectors. Senior QGC field and project personnel will also attend the meetings.

"QGC has sought representatives from local business and industry, environmental groups, community services, health, education and young people, women, landholders and indigenous people," Mitch said.

Cecily Brockhurst, Manager of the Murilla Community Centre in Miles, is a community representative on the Northern Gas Field Community Committee.

"QGC has taken the initiative to engage local people and it is extremely important that local people have the opportunity to provide input into the planning and developmental process," she said.

"I am hopeful there will be a two-way flow of information as community representatives listen to the community and facilitate local information to QGC and then co-ordinate information about QGC's plans back through community groups and individuals."

Tara Futures' Denis Sommerfeld, a member of the Southern Gas Fields Community Committee, said the committee structure would provide the community with access to first hand information about QGC's operations.

"The committees provide an opportunity to sit around the table and work together for good outcomes for the community and the gas fields," he said.

Chinchilla Community, Commerce and Industry and Central Gas Field Community Committee member Marion Loveday said she hoped the committees would provide open, honest and direct lines of communication between QGC and the community.

"There are lots of positive things to be gained by the energy boom but we are aware there are negative issues to be overcome," she said.

"Through the committees, we can work to maximise the good points and minimise the bad."

QGC worked with staff from The University of Queensland's Centre for Social Responsibility in Mining to develop the structure, membership and terms of reference for the committees.

Six community committees in total will be established across the QCLNG Project area.

An overarching gas fields committee (comprised of representatives of the northern, central and southern gas fields committees) will be convened in the next few months.

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Two other committees will represent the pipeline and LNG project areas.

*Photo caption: QGC General Manager Field Operations Steve Carter attends the Southern Gas fields Community Committee.*

## **QGC Community Committees**

**Gas Fields Regional Community Committee:** Includes representatives from three gas field committees listed below.

**Northern Gas Fields Community Committee:** Wandoan, Miles, Grosmont, Guluguba, Gurulmundi, Glenaubyn, Bogandilla, Clifford, Kowgurna and Dalwagon.

**Central Gas Fields Community Committee:** Chinchilla, Condamine, Kogan, Columboola, Cameby, Drillham South, Mangram, Crossroads and Hopeland.

**Southern Gas Fields Community Committee:** Tara, Dalby, Wieimbella, Beelbee, Daandine, Weranga, Goranba, Kumbarilla, Kuann, Halliford and Marmadua.

**Pipeline Regional Community Committee:** Cracow, Theodore, Thangool, Biloela, Eidsvold and Monto.

**QCLNG Regional Community Committee:** Communities located within the Gladstone Regional Council area.

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