

Carbon Capture R&D Project Presents to Wandoan Community

On Tuesday 25 October a community meeting was held at the Wandoan Community Centre with around 50 people from Wandoan and the wider region.

The group were there for an information sharing presentation by CTSCo on its proposed activities and planned assessment studies to be conducted over the next few years.

CTSCo is a non-profit, Research and Development project that aims to test the suitability of carbon storage in the Surat Basin.

The project is located within a single greenhouse gas tenement, granted by the Queensland Government in 2012, to be deployed on Glencore-owned land known as Glenhaven 15 km out of town on the Jackson Wandoan Road.

The Community and Stakeholder Engagement Project Manager for the project, Nikki Accornero said the meeting provided the team with the opportunity to share information about its project and an opportunity for community members to ask questions or raise any concerns.

"We understand that there are a number of issues and concerns within the community in relation to Coal Seam Gas projects. CTSCo is not a CSG project and we are keen to explain how it differs.

"The project is currently at an early stage and, over the next 18 months, will involve a number of technical studies and environmental baseline monitoring.

"We acknowledge that our project also needs to meet strict local, State and Federal government regulations and criteria at every step to ensure that all activity is conducted in a safe and environmentally sound manner.

"Gaining insight from the people of this community is very important to us in this stage of the process to help us develop studies that are robust and reflect the reality of what happens in the region by those that live here.

"We are committed to engaging with the local community in an open and transparent manner throughout the project," she said.

The project also held a number of follow-up meetings the next day following the community meeting and said they received much positive feedback and requests from members of the community to be kept involved as the project develops.

The project is funded by the COAL21 Fund (which was set up by the black coal industry) and has recently received additional Federal Government funding, which enables it to complete its feasibility study.

For more information about the project visit www.ctsco.com or contact Nikki Accornero at enquires@ctsco.com or 0417 7779 631.

