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Progress report

CWB4: Trends in community wellbeing and attitudes to CSG development – Comparisons across industry phases from 2014 to 2024



Progress against project milestones

Progress against milestones/tasks are approved by the GISERA Director, acting with authority in accordance with the [GISERA Alliance Agreement](#).

Progress against project milestones/tasks is indicated by two methods: Traffic light reports and descriptive Project schedule reports.

1. Traffic light reports in the Project Schedule Table below show progress using a simple colour code:

- **Green:**

- Milestone fully met according to schedule.
- Project is expected to continue to deliver according to plan.
- Milestone payment is approved.

- **Amber:**

- Milestone largely met according to schedule.
- Project has experienced delays or difficulties that will be overcome by next milestone, enabling project to return to delivery according to plan by next milestone.
- Milestone payment is withheld.
- Milestone payment withheld for second of two successive amber lights; project review initiated and undertaken by GISERA Director.

- **Red:**

- Milestone not met according to schedule.
- Problems in meeting milestone are likely to impact subsequent project delivery, such that revisions to project timing, scope or budget must be considered.
- Milestone payment is withheld.
- Project review initiated by GISERA Director.

2. Progress Schedule Reports outline task objectives and outputs and describe, in the 'progress report' section, the means and extent to which progress towards tasks has been made.

Project schedule table

TASK NUMBER	TASK DESCRIPTION	SCHEDULED START	SCHEDULED FINISH	COMMENT
1	The narrative study	Mar 2023	Nov 2023	
2	Survey preparation	Sept 2023	Dec 2023	
3	Conduct survey, analyse data, commence reports	Jan 2024	Jun 2024	
4	Draft report(s) and academic papers and present findings	Jul 2024	Oct 2024	
5	Communicate findings more broadly	Mar 2023	Mar 2025	

Project schedule report

TASK 1: The narrative study

BACKGROUND

The narrative study will explore how issues have been discussed over the past decade in relation to CSG development in Queensland, as well as informing edits to the 2024 community wellbeing survey and assisting with interpreting the survey data.

TASK OBJECTIVES

1) To establish Technical Reference Group; 2) To plan and prepare for media data collection and obtain ethics approval for interviews and small group discussion; 3) To collect online media data, analyse data, and develop draft concept maps and narrative themes; 4) To ground truth concept narratives with key community stakeholders using interviews or small group discussions.

TASK OUTPUTS AND SPECIFIC DELIVERABLES:

1. Technical Reference Group established
2. Ethics approval obtained
3. Narrative data collected, analysed and draft concept maps and narrative themes developed
4. Narrative themes discussed and ground-truthed with key community stakeholders

PROGRESS REPORT

- The first meeting for the project Technical Reference Group is planned for early October 2023.
- Ethics approval for narrative study interviews and Community wellbeing and attitudes to gas survey, 2024 submitted.


- Narrative data collection commenced and synthesis methodology refined. An additional social scientist has been brought onto the team to assist with synthesising the narratives. The narrative study will explore how issues have been discussed in the media over the past decade in relation to CSG development in the Western Downs region.
- Timing of interviews with key informants to discuss narrative themes has been revised to November 2023. This will allow the narrative synthesis to be more fully completed and ready for ground-truthing. The November timing will also be closer to revision and preparation of the survey, allowing the researchers to use current insights from the field to inform the February 2024 survey.
- This task will be completed in November 2023.

Variations to Project Order

Changes to research Project Orders are approved by the GISERA Director, acting with authority, in accordance with the GISERA Alliance Agreement. Any variations above the GISERA Director’s delegation require the approval of the relevant GISERA Research Advisory Committee.

The table below details variations to research Project Order.

Register of changes to Research Project Order

DATE	ISSUE	ACTION	AUTHORISATION
19/09/23	More time is needed as the project team is waiting on ethics approval for the narrative study interviews and <i>Community wellbeing and attitudes to gas survey, 2024.</i>	Milestone 1 extended from August 2023 to November 2023.	

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