



## GISERA | Gas Industry Social and Environmental Research Alliance

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### **Minutes of the WA Research Advisory Committee Meeting No. 4 Held at The Executive Centre, Perth and via video on Monday, 29 April 2024**

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#### **OPENING**

The meeting of the CSIRO GISERA WA Research Advisory Committee (RAC) was called to order at 9.30 am (AWST) on Monday, 29 April 2024.

#### **PRESENT**

Damian Barrett:	GISERA Director (CSIRO)
Kadambot Siddique	Hackett Professor of Agriculture Chair and Director, Institute of Agriculture (UWA)
Jeffrey Haworth	Independent representative retired (formerly WA DMIRS)
Deidre Brooks	Manager Energy Geoscience, Geological Survey & Resource Strategy (WA DEMIRS)
Melanie Tolich	Business Manager, Grains & Livestock Policy (WA Farmers) - for Trevor Whittington

#### **Other participants:**

Jizelle Khoury: GISERA Executive Officer (CSIRO)

#### **Apologies:**

Trevor Whittington CEO (WA Farmers) and Chairman (Wines of Western Australia)

### **1. WELCOME, APOLOGIES AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The GISERA Director welcomed all members to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Trevor Whittington.

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

## ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

### 2. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

All actions from the previous meeting have been completed.

### 3. PROJECT PROPOSAL

#### **Community wellbeing and attitudes to conventional gas development in the North Perth Basin**

The GISERA Director provided a summary of the project proposal.

Key points raised:

- As part of phases 2 and 3, it would be worthwhile obtaining views on potential geothermal related projects in the area, commercial natural hydrogen exploration and production and underground hydrogen storage.
- The minimum number of respondents to be achieved should be added to the proposal.
- There was concern raised that the response rate may be lower than required (especially from farmers). It was suggested that the research proponent:
  - utilise the Australian Association of Agricultural Consultants (AAAC) to identify and contact a number of agricultural consultants in the region to promote and encourage participation from local farmers;
  - contact the Growers Group Alliance (GGA) to disseminate survey information to their relevant groups; and
  - reports back to the RAC (a fortnight after reminder postcard is distributed) on survey response numbers and provide an indication of whether response rate is adequate, and if not, what modification will be made to ensure sufficient responses are achieved.
- The RAC would like to see what the postcard will look like as content/presentation might determine whether farmers respond or discard survey request.

Outcome: The WA RAC would like the research proponent to revise the proposal taking to account all the points raised and submit a revised proposal to the RAC for consideration out of session.

Action: The research proponent to obtain views on potential geothermal projects, natural hydrogen exploration and production and underground hydrogen storage as part of phases 2 and 3.

Action: The research proponent to include number of minimum respondents to be achieved.

Action: The research proponent to contact AAAC and GGA to help promote farmer participation in survey.

Action: The research proponent to provide example of mock postcard to RAC.

Action: The research proponent to provide update to RAC on survey response two weeks after postcard reminder is distributed.

## **ITEMS FOR NOTING OR DISCUSSION BY EXCEPTION**

### **4. OTHER BUSINESS**

No matters raised.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the WA Research Advisory Committee is yet to be scheduled.

### **MEETING CLOSE**

The meeting closed at 10.40 am (AWST).

## SUMMARY OF ACTIONS FROM GISERA WA RAC MEETING #4 – 29 APRIL 2024

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
29-04-24 Item 3	The research proponent to obtain views on potential geothermal projects, natural hydrogen exploration and production and underground hydrogen storage as part of phases 2 and 3.
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