



## **GISERA | Gas Industry Social and Environmental Research Alliance**

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### **Minutes of the NT Research Advisory Committee Meeting No. 12 Held via video on Tuesday, 15 April 2025**

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#### **OPENING**

The meeting of the CSIRO GISERA NT Research Advisory Committee (RAC) was called to order at 11.05 am (ACST) on Tuesday, 15 April 2025.

#### **PRESENT**

Damian Barrett:	GISERA Director (CSIRO)
Adam Thompson:	Manager – Resources & Energy Branch (Northern Land Council)
Julieann Stoll:	Independent Representative retired, formerly Central Land Council
Simone Cameron:	Northern Australia, Senior Policy Manager (Cotton Australia)
Eileen Breen:	Board Member (Chamber of Commerce Northern Territory)
James Pratt:	Senior Executive Director- Energy Development (NT DME)
Matt Kerneke:	Environment and Approvals Manager (Tamboran Resources)

#### **Other participants:**

Cameron Huddleston-Holmes: GISERA NT State Leader (CSIRO)  
Jizelle Khoury: GISERA Executive Officer (CSIRO)

#### **Apologies:**

David Gornall: Manager Environment (Santos)

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

The GISERA Director welcomed all members to the meeting including new member Eileen Breen. Apologies were received from David Gornall.

## ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

### 2. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The NT RAC noted progress with action items (04-03-25 Item 8) and (22-06-23 Item 5) remaining open.

### 3. REVISED PROJECT PROPOSAL

#### **Review of potential environmental impacts of shale gas related wastewater disposal options**

The GISERA Director provided a summary of the revised project proposal.

Key points raised:

- This topic is of particular interest to the community and engagement of the outcomes more broadly will be important.
- It will also be important that the likelihood of risk be put into context during communication of results.

Simone Cameron joined the meeting at 11.47 am.

Outcome: The NT RAC were satisfied with the revisions made to the proposal and approved the project.

### 4. REVISED PROJECT PROPOSAL

#### **Pathways for Indigenous socio-economic development in the Beetaloo Region of the Northern Territory**

The GISERA Director provided a summary of the revised project proposal.

Key points raised:

- As part of the interactions amongst the network and organisational mapping, the research proponent should consider:
  - Industry Capability Network – Northern Territory (ICNNT) - there is a body of work done by the ICNNT, that involved region by region supply chain mapping. While ICNNT recognise there are some gaps for the Barkley region, it could be 75% accurate.
  - The NT Department of Trade, Business and Asian Relations - have been very active in the Barkley region around mapping and information that is available.

- The NT Chamber of Commerce - has members that have data around supply chain mapping.
- They are part of the network in the NT landscape around economic development and understanding those supply chains, the opportunities and the businesses that already exist and interaction with them will be important.
- The project would benefit from a representative from both ICNNT and the NTIBN participating in the Technical Reference Group.
- There was work undertaken at a Federal level by Parliamentary Committees, for example, The Joint Standing Committee on Northern Australia's 'Inquiry into the Opportunities and Challenges of the Engagement of Traditional Owners in the Economic Development of Northern Australia' with recommendations that should be incorporated into the consideration of the research team. Also, of the 58 submissions provided under that Inquiry, the NT submissions may provide valuable perspectives.
- The importance of there being a clear separation and no interference between CSIRO/UQ research activities in the field and the current negotiations around land agreements was reiterated.
- The time demands on the NLC were acknowledged as was the importance for the research proponent to take direction from the NLC.
- It was noted that as part of the permit application there will be engagement with NLC's Anthropology Department.
- When industry negotiate with native title holders there is a structured process to define/set-up jobs and benefits, but it would be useful to have recommendations on how industry approach engagement and benefit building with the broader community (outside of the ILUAs).
- Disadvantaged members of the community may have aspirations, but not the capacity to do it.
- It would be useful to have a framework and pathways for the capacity building (what are the steps to achieve community economic development).

Outcome: The NT RAC approved this project, subject to the actions below being addressed to the satisfaction of the GISERA Director.

Action: The research proponent to engage with ICNNT and the NTIBN. This should be made explicit in the proposal.

Action: The research proponent to invite a representative from ICNNT and the NTIBN to participate on the Technical Reference Group.

Action: The findings of The Joint Standing Committee's Inquiry be incorporated into the consideration of the research team. This should be made explicit in the proposal.

Action: The research proponent to ensure (and make explicit in the proposal) that the broader traditional owner community views are represented in the interactions with communities so that the relevancy of the findings of this research extend well beyond those groups engaged with Indigenous Land Use Agreements and incorporate pathways towards achieving broad community economic development.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the NT Research Advisory Committee is yet to be scheduled. It is anticipated that a meeting will occur once future proposals are established.

#### **MEETING CLOSE**

The meeting closed at 12.25 pm (ACST).

#### **SUMMARY OF ACTIONS FROM GISERA NT RAC MEETING #12 – 15 APRIL 2025**

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
15-04-25 Item 4	The research proponent to engage with ICNNT and the NTIBN. This should be made explicit in the proposal.
15-04-25 Item 4	The research proponent to invite a representative from ICNNT and the NTIBN to participate on the Technical Reference Group.
15-04-25 Item 4	The findings of The Joint Standing Committee's Inquiry be incorporated into the consideration of the research team. This should be made explicit in the proposal.
15-04-25 Item 4	The research proponent to ensure (and make explicit in the proposal) that the broader traditional owner community views are represented in the interactions with communities so that the relevancy of the findings of this research extend well beyond those groups engaged with Indigenous Land Use Agreements and incorporate pathways towards achieving broad community economic development.

#### **SUMMARY OF ACTIONS CARRIED OVER FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
04-03-25 Item 8	Industry partners to consider the value proposition and possibility of further funding to GISERA.
22-06-23 Item 5	If feasible, the research proponent to include location maps of selected sites.