**Independent Expert Scientific Committee on Unconventional Gas Development and**

**Large Coal Mining Development (IESC)**

**Meeting 114, 8 April 2025**

**MINUTES**

**Videoconference**

**ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

IN ATTENDANCE APOLOGIES

Dr Chris Pigram (Chair) Dr Jenny Stauber

Dr Andrew Boulton

Professor Jenny Davis

Dr Juliette Woods

Associate Professor Phil Hayes

Professor Rory Nathan

Professor Wendy Timms

OFFICE OF WATER SCIENCE (OWS)

*Note: OWS attendees include those with full or partial attendance.*

Ben Klug

David Cameron

Dylan Stinton

Frances Knight

Isabelle Francis

Jason Smith

Dr Laura Richardson

Loren Pollitt

Mersey Houston

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

The Chair acknowledged the traditional owners, past and present, on whose lands this meeting was held, and welcomed members of the Independent Expert Scientific Committee on Unconventional Gas Development and Large Coal Mining Development (IESC) to the meeting.

1.1 Attendance and Apologies

IESC members in attendance and apologies are recorded above.

1.2 Disclosure of Interests

Committee members were invited to make disclosures. Committee members also completed a Meeting Declaration of Interests before the meeting commenced. No actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest were recorded for this meeting.

1.3 Confirmation of Agenda

The Committee endorsed the agenda for Meeting 114.

1.4 Confirmation of Out-of-Session Decisions

The Committee noted that:

* minutes of the Committee’s 113th meeting on 5 – 6 March 2025 were agreed out-of-session and published on 24 March 2025; and
* advice on the Mahalo North CSG Project was provided to the regulator on 11 March 2025 and published on 14 March 2024.

1.5 Correspondence

The Committee noted the status of correspondence to 26 March 2025.

1.6 Action Items

Ongoing items were noted and updates were provided on the timing of completion.

1.7 Forward Planning Agenda

The Committee noted the forward planning agenda.

It was agreed that the next meeting be scheduled as a videoconference on 15 – 16 May 2025.

1.8 Environmental Scan

The OWS reported on recent events.

**2. Advice on Projects** **referred by governments**

No projects were referred for advice.

**3. Other business**

3.1 IESC Research Priorities

The Committee discussed a draft schedule for delivery of the IESC’s information materials over the next 12 months, and an updated research priorities and actions table.

3.2 Climate Change Explanatory Note Scope Discussion

The Committee discussed a draft scope for the delivery of a Climate Change Explanatory Note.

**4. Close of Meeting**

The meeting closed at 11.15 am on Tuesday 8 April 2025.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled as a videoconference on 15 – 16 May 2025.

Minutes confirmed as true and correct:

Dr Chris Pigram AM, FTSE

IESC Chair

10 April 2025