

Example of public meeting for a CSG-free Community + follow up meeting to organise road surveys

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Extension cords ▪ Powered speakers to amplify film sound ▪ Data projector + screen ▪ DVD of the 3 Northern Rivers films 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Spare A4 paper ▪ Clip boards/20 pens ▪ Survey forms ▪ Big textas/ blutac ▪ Float for afternoon tea 	Have a list of the roads you're targeting. You need this when you organise them into road groups	Butcher's paper on wall lists the costs you need to cover → your donations target (DVDs, printing, hall hire, road signs etc) People give when they know what it's for. One person should be focused on raising this target.
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2pm	SET UP		Leave lots of time for getting the hall and film/sound working. Place A4 sheets of paper round the hall walls with the names of each road you're targeting. Underneath each, have a pen & clipboard with a survey form marked for that road. This is for when you organise road groups.
3pm		AFTERNOON TEA	One local is in charge of doing this. Good use of time while latecomers drift in. Someone else takes charge of raising money from the donations bucket, drawing attention to the costs that must be covered.
3.15	CHAIR	EXPLAIN PURPOSE	This is non-party political – this concern crosses all social boundaries. Meeting is to- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide information different from industry advertisements 2. Explain how we can protect our community – make it Gasfield Free – put this proposition to the meeting 3. If this meeting decides to → organise to survey local residents
3.20	FILM		We've found watching the 49 min film together galvanizes a community.
4.15	Speaker 10 mins	PROPOSE HOW TO PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY – GO CSG-FREE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If we wait for them to successfully negotiate a contract, it will be too late ▪ Companies tend not to force themselves on people who stand up to them → bad press ▪ Show the Gasfield Free road sign + explain what other communities have done ▪ Proposition → we declare our roads CSG-free – in support of our community values of safe, clean air and water ▪ We're doing grass-roots democracy, because the gov't and legal system have failed us ▪ This can be a powerful political statement (it's much more than 'symbolic') <p>(Answer a few questions but don't get bogged down in discussion. Stay focused on purpose of the meeting).</p>
4.25	CHAIR	NOTE – good Chair needed to keep meeting focused on it's purpose. COUNT the number present	<p>LET'S SEE THE LAY OF THE LAND – HOW YOU THINK ABOUT THIS IDEA...</p> <p>QUICK MAPPING THE ROOM – Name each road in turn, asking residents of that road to raise their hands. This gives a quick sense of representation. If people speak, ask that people say their name and the road they're on. Ask if there is anyone here from outside this community? If so, ask them if they would let you know if they're interested in doing this process in their community (this is how it goes viral).</p> <p>OK NOW LET'S GET A SEE WHAT YOU THINK OF THE PROPOSAL TO DECLARE YOUR ROAD CSG-FREE.</p> <p>PEOPLE WHO LIVE ON THESE ROADS CAN INDICATE THEIR VIEW BY RAISING THEIR HAND IF THEY:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) SAY YES - WANT TO MAKE OUR LANDS/ROADS CSG-free - count 2) NOT SURE - count 3) ARE NOT IN FAVOUR - count

			<p>If some raised their hand for 'No' – acknowledge everyone's right to their view. We're doing democracy here.</p> <p>NOW SAY "NOT EVERYONE'S HERE – WE NEED TO GIVE THEM A CHANCE TO HAVE THEIR SAY" → EXPLAIN SURVEY ARE YOU WILLING TO MAKE THIS SURVEY HAPPEN?</p>
4.25	CHAIR	ROAD WORKING GROUPS	<p>NOW WE'LL ASK YOU TO GET INTO YOUR ROAD GROUPS FOR 5-10 MINS, THEN WE'LL COME BACK TOGETHER EACH GROUP NEEDS TO NOMINATE A ROAD COORDINATOR.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Call out names of the roads (on paper round the hall) and ask people from that road to gather there ▪ Everyone fills in the survey form ▪ Sometimes you need to group roads together, if there are small roads
4.35	Big group 10		<p>ASK EVERYONE TO COME BACK TOGETHER Call one road at a time to give you their survey form Who is the road coordinator for each road? – highlight their name on the survey form</p> <p>OK, IF YOU WANT TO MAKE THIS SURVEY HAPPEN, MEET AT (time, place) THIS NEXT MEETING IS FOR THE SURVEY TEAMS</p> <p>CLARIFY - If this meeting made a majority decision to make the roads gasfield-free, and the survey shows a similar result, signs will be put on the roads declaring them gasfield-free.</p> <p>DONATIONS – draw attention to the costs that must be covered, including road signs @\$10 ea</p>
4.45		SHOW 5 min INSPIRING FILM	<p>Show the 5 min inspiring film <i>The People vs CSG: the Birth of CSG Free Communities</i> Good to finish with a sense of empowerment.</p>
4.55		Close	

FOLLOW-UP MEETING TO BRIEF THE ROAD SURVEY TEAMS (not more than a week later)

<p>Have stacks of: DVDs Survey flyers Survey forms LTG signs The one page Survey guide</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Brief them on how to conduct the survey – give each the one page Survey guide ▪ Sort out who is doing what sections of roads ▪ Ask them to read the survey question to residents, so everyone is clear what is being proposed ▪ Give each Road Coordinator an envelope containing the road survey from the week before, so they know who's in their survey team. They'll use this envelope to collect the survey forms. Have it marked clearly with the road name, your contact details, and the date the survey must be complete (2 weeks). ▪ Ask the Coordinators to create a spreadsheet or table with their outcomes, and to send you an electronic copy. This is important later for inviting people to be part of a phone tree.
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