

# Activities Update

## April 2020

# Santos

## Narrabri Gas Project (PEL 238)



### Environmental Impact Statement (EIS):

- The Narrabri Gas Project EIS, response to submissions (RTS) and supplementary RTS have been submitted to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE).
- On 12 March 2020, the NSW Minister for Planning referred the project to the Independent Planning Commission (IPC) for determination.
- The next step is that DPIE will complete its assessment report and provide the report to the IPC for its consideration.
- The Minister has requested that the IPC hold public hearings and make a determination regarding the Narrabri Gas Project within 12 weeks of receiving the Department's assessment report.
- The EIS, RTS and supplementary RTS documents are available on the NSW Government Major Projects website at [www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/10716](http://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/10716)

### Western Slopes Pipeline:

- APA Group announced in October 2018 that it has deferred submission of the EIS for the Western Slopes Pipeline until the assessment of the Narrabri Gas Project EIS has further progressed.
- Further information on the Western Slopes Pipeline is available on APA's website [www.apa.com.au/about-apa/our-projects/western-slopes-pipeline/](http://www.apa.com.au/about-apa/our-projects/western-slopes-pipeline/)

### Drilling activities:

- No activities planned for April.

### Pilot wells:

- Bibblewindi East, Bibblewindi West and Dewhurst South pilot wells are online. Tintfield pilot is offline to reduce flaring until additional gas is required.

### Leewood:

- Santos does not need to irrigate at this time and water is stored in the holding ponds at Leewood.

### Wilga Park Power Station:

- The Wilga Park Power Station is online.

- The installation of two new 3MW generators is complete. The generators will be commissioned for full operation in agreement with the Australian Energy Market Operator.

### Other Activities:

- Groundwater monitoring activities are ongoing for Environmental Protection Licence compliance.

### Community:

- The April meeting of the Narrabri Gas Project Community Consultative Committee is scheduled for Tuesday 21 April 2020 and will be reviewed to be held in electronic format in accord with current NSW Government COVID-19 travel and social distancing requirements.
- Communiques and presentations from previous CCC meetings are available from [www.narrabrigasproject.com.au/community/consultative-committee/](http://www.narrabrigasproject.com.au/community/consultative-committee/)

### Other:

- Santos is committed to supporting government and community efforts to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Government recognises that our industry is an essential service and we continue to provide secure energy supplies from our operational sites in Australia, working with State and Federal Governments to ensure operations at these sites are not compromised.
- We have implemented strict social distancing and hygiene protocols to protect the welfare of team members and communities including changes to field and office access arrangements to ensure all Santos sites are COVID-19 secure.
- Effective from Monday 23 March 2020, access to the Narrabri Operations Centre was restricted to staff and contractors who meet strict screening procedures; community site tours have been postponed; and the Narrabri Shopfront closed with team members available by phone and email.
- Santos will continue to review and implement measures in accordance with Australian and NSW Government health advice.