

Activities Update August 2020

Santos

Narrabri Gas Project (PEL 238)



Environmental Impact Statement (EIS):

- On 12 June 2020, the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) referred Santos' application to develop the Narrabri Gas Project to the Independent Planning Commission (IPC) for determination.
- As part of the referral, DPIE provided the IPC with its Final Assessment Report which was informed by extensive community consultation and advice from the Narrabri Shire Council, government agencies and independent experts.
- The report concluded the Narrabri Gas Project:
 - Is critical for energy security and reliability in NSW;
 - Delivers significant economic benefits to NSW and the Narrabri region and would stimulate economic recovery from the effects of COVID-19;
 - Has been designed to minimise any impacts on the region's significant water resources, including the Great Artesian Basin, the biodiversity and heritage values of the Pilliga State Forest, and the health and safety of the local community; and
 - Would not result in any significant impacts on people or the environment.
- The report and the Narrabri Gas Project Recommended Conditions are available from the IPC website at www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au/projects/2020/03/narrabri-gas-project
- The IPC conducted an Electronic Public Hearing in relation to the Narrabri Gas Project between Monday, 20 July and Saturday, 1 August 2020 and transcripts from the Hearing are available on the IPC website.
- The IPC will accept written comments on the Narrabri Gas Project up until 5.00pm on Monday, 10 August via email, post or the online portal at www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au/have-your-say
- The NSW Minister for Planning and Public Spaces has requested the IPC to make a final determination within 12 weeks of receiving the report.

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/

Drilling activities:

- No activities planned for August.

Pilot wells:

- Biblewindi East, Biblewindi 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.

Other Activities:

- DPIE have approved a modification to the Dewhurst Gas Exploration Pilot Expansion SSD-6038 consent for the operation of existing and future wells within the Dewhurst Exploration project. Further information is available from www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/3306

Community:

- The next meeting of the Narrabri Gas Project Community Consultative Committee is scheduled to be held in electronic format on Tuesday, 11 August 2020. Communiques and presentations from previous CCC meetings are available from www.narrabrigasproject.com.au/community/consultative-committee/

Other:

- Santos is committed to supporting government and community efforts to limit the spread of COVID-19. Access to the Narrabri Operations Centre is restricted to staff and contractors who meet strict screening procedures and community site tours have been postponed. The Narrabri Shopfront is open by appointment only with team members available by phone and email. Santos will continue to monitor the NSW Government health advice and implement measures in accordance with the directives issued.