

Santos Activities Update

January 2017

SANTOS UPDATE – January 2017 **Proposed upcoming work program – Narrabri Area (PEL 238)**

Time frames are indicative as schedules are dependent on factors such as approval times, weather and rig availability.

References to pilot wells are grouped in well sets as follows: Bibblewindi East includes Bibblewindi 12 – 21 & 27 - 29; Bibblewindi West includes Bibblewindi 22 – 26. Bibblewindi 9 Spot includes Bibblewindi 3 – 9; Dewhurst North includes Dewhurst 6, 22 – 25; Dewhurst South includes Dewhurst 26 – 29

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS):

- Santos hopes to submit the Narrabri Gas Project EIS to Government in the near future
- The EIS is a document required to identify and address potential impacts of the proposed Project. It will include extensive studies, with modelling and data on areas including water, flora, fauna, soil, noise, air quality, cultural heritage and social impacts

Decommissioning of wells:

- There are no plug and abandon activities planned for January

Workovers:

- There are no workover activities planned for January

Drilling of exploration core holes:

- There are no core hole activities planned for January

Pilot wells:

- Bibblewindi East, Bibblewindi West, Dewhurst South and Tintsville pilot wells are on-line

Leewood:

- Work is continuing on the installation of irrigation infrastructure at Leewood as part of the approved Leewood Produced Water Treatment and Beneficial Reuse Project. A centre-pivot irrigator will be installed on the eastern side of the Leewood property with

work expected to be completed by end of March 2017

Other work:

- The Wilga Park Power Station is on-line
- Santos has withdrawn the application to the NSW Department of Planning & Environment to enable the future use of gas from the Tintsville Pilot at the Wilga Park Power Station to focus on the release of the Narrabri Gas Project EIS
- Rehabilitation is continuing at legacy sites, including revegetation activities at Bibblewindi
- Monitoring activities for regional baseline groundwater assessment are ongoing

Site visits:

- Community Site Visits are scheduled for the third Thursday of each month. To register for a site tour, contact 6792 9035 or email Energy.NSW@santos.com

Community:

- The next meeting of the Narrabri Gas Project Community Consultative Committee will be held on Tuesday 31 January 2017
- Communique's and presentations from previous CCC meetings are available from www.narrabrigasproject.com.au/community/consultative-committee/
- Santos is a proud sponsor of the following events and organisations:
 - Annual Australia Day cricket match- Aboriginal XI and the Mayor's XI 2017

Other:

- On 1 November, the Court of Appeal heard the case, brought by the Environmental Defenders Office acting for the People for the Plains, that the approval of Santos' Leewood Phase 2 project was invalid. The challenge was previously rejected by the Land and Environment Court in August 2016. The

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outcome of the appeal hearing is expected after the Court Term recommences in February 2017

- The Department of Planning and Environment is seeking feedback on its proposed social impact assessment guidelines for State significant mining, petroleum production and extractive industry development with submissions closing on 3 March 2017. A number of information sessions will be held across NSW that explain draft guidelines, and what they will mean for future resource projects in regions, with a session being held in Gunnedah on 6 February 2017. More information is available from <http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Policy-and-Legislation/Social-Impact-Assessment>
- The Department of Primary Industries and Department of Public Works are progressing work on a new water monitoring bore site near Plumb Road (just off Pilliga Way) in the Pilliga East State Forest south of Narrabri to expand the groundwater monitoring bore network as part of the *Water Monitoring Strategy for Coal Basins in NSW* programme
- The NSW Government has launched the first stage of a new online portal that offers public access to NSW environmental data. The Sharing and Enabling Environmental Data (SEED) portal currently includes 70 sets of data from nine different NSW Government agencies, with further data sets to be added during the next stage of the portal's development. To view SEED visit www.seed.nsw.gov.au