

# Activities Update May 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 May.

### Pilot wells:

- Bibblewindi East and Bibblewindi West pilot wells are online. Tintsville and Dewhurst South pilots are 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.
- Routine major servicing is being undertaken on two generators.
- Two new 3MW generators have been commissioned and are online.

### Other Activities:

- Groundwater monitoring activities are ongoing for Environmental Protection Licence compliance.
- Commissioning of the gas compressor at Bibblewindi will be undertaken in May.

### Community:

- The April meeting of the Narrabri Gas Project Community Consultative Committee was postponed. The next meeting is scheduled to be held through 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/)
- Santos has proudly made donations to Namoi Care Connect of a chest freezer and Narrabri Meals on Wheels of an iPad to help with their community activities.

### Other:

- The Santos Annual General Meeting was held on 3 April 2020 with Santos Chairman Mr Keith Spence and Managing Director and CEO Mr Kevin Gallagher addressing the meeting. A copy of the AGM address is available from <https://www.santos.com/investors/2020-agm-information/>
- On 30 April 2020, the NSW Government introduced the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (COVID-19 Planning Bodies) Regulation 2020* to provide for public hearings and public meetings of planning bodies to be held by means of an audio link or audio-visual link for six months during the COVID-19 pandemic. Santos welcomes the announcement as this will enable the IPC to hold public hearings and make a determination on the Narrabri Gas Project.
- Santos is committed to supporting government and community efforts to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Access to the Narrabri Operations Centre is 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.