

# Activities Update June 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 June.

### 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.

### Other Activities:

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

### Community:

- The next meeting of the Narrabri Gas Project Community Consultative Committee will be held in electronic format on Tuesday, 9 June 2020.
- 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/)
- In response to COVID-19, Santos has made donations to more than 25 schools and community groups in the Narrabri Shire area to assist with additional demands on services. This included donations of hand sanitiser, toilet paper, Why Leave Town cards for use at local businesses and funding for the purchase of equipment and school consumable items.

### Other:

- On 28 May 2020, Santos announced it had completed the acquisition of ConocoPhillips' northern Australia and Timor-Leste assets. The acquisition is aligned with Santos' strategy to build on existing infrastructure positions around core assets.
- The Australian Government is developing a national Technology Investment Roadmap that will drive investment in low emissions technologies to strengthen the economy and support jobs on the road to recovery from COVID-19. The discussion paper recognises the crucial role that natural gas and carbon capture and storage (CCS) have in creating jobs for Australians. Further information is available from <https://consult.industry.gov.au/climate-change/technology-investment-roadmap/>
- 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.