

# Activities Update September 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](http://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 20 July and 1 August 2020 and transcripts from the Hearing are available on the IPC website.
- The NSW Minister for Planning and Public Spaces has requested the IPC to make a final determination by 30 September 2020.

### 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 September.

### 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:

- Annual ecological monitoring activities are being undertaken during September.
- Groundwater monitoring activities for Environmental Protection Licence compliance are ongoing.

### Community:

- The next meeting of the Narrabri Gas Project Community Consultative Committee is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 13 October 2020. Communiqués 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:

- On 20 August 2020, Santos announced its half-year results for 2020 with Santos Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer Kevin Gallagher reporting a first half free cash flow of US\$431 million and underlying profit of US\$212 million. The results reflect significantly lower oil prices compared to the previous first-half due to the impact of COVID-19 on global oil demand. More information is available from [www.santos.com/news/](http://www.santos.com/news/)
- GISERA (CSIRO Gas Industry Social and Environmental Research Alliance) have published their six-monthly newsletter which is available from <https://gisera.csiro.au/news/>
- 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 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.