

Activities Update October 2020

Santos

Narrabri Gas Project (PEL 238)



Environmental Impact Statement (EIS):

- On 30 September 2020, the NSW Independent Planning Commission (IPC) approved the Narrabri Gas Project.
- Following its detailed deliberations, the Commission concluded the Project is in the public interest and that any negative impacts can be effectively mitigated with strict conditions.
- Santos Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer Kevin Gallagher has welcomed the decision and said the NSW Government and IPC process has been comprehensive, transparent and inclusive, providing the community with confidence the project has been properly evaluated and determined to be in the public interest and capable of development without harm to water resources or the environment.
- Santos accepts the conditions proposed by the IPC and will now work with the Federal Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment as it considers its recommendation to the Minister for EPBC Act approval.
- Further information on the IPC decision and a copy of the Development Consent is available from the IPC website at www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au/projects/2020/03/narrabri-gas-project
- Santos' statement in relation to the approval is available from www.santos.com/news/

Western Slopes Pipeline:

- On 30 September 2020, the APA Group announced that it will now continue to progress development of the Western Slopes Pipeline to connect the natural gas from the Narrabri Gas Project to homes and businesses across New South Wales.
- 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 October.

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.

- Routine pump maintenance activities will be undertaken on existing wells prior to Christmas.

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 October.
- Spring ecological surveys are being undertaken at a number of locations in PEL 238.
- Groundwater monitoring activities for Environmental Protection Licence compliance are ongoing.
- Planning has commenced for the expansion of the water monitoring network in PEL 238.

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/

Other:

- The Federal Government has committed \$13.7 million to CSIRO's Gas Industry Social and Environmental Research Alliance (GISERA) for programs that build on significant existing research into the impacts of onshore gas developments across Australia. Further information is available from <https://gisera.csiro.au/news/13-7-million-federal-funding-boost-for-csiros-gisera/>
- 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.