

# Activities Update December 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 detailed deliberations, with the Commission concluding that the Project is in the public interest and that any negative impacts can be effectively mitigated with strict conditions. Further information on the IPC decision and a copy of the Development Consent is available at [www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au/projects/2020/03/narrabri-gas-project](http://www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au/projects/2020/03/narrabri-gas-project)
- On 24 November 2020, the Federal Minister for the Environment Sussan Ley approved the project under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC) following her review of the New South Wales assessment. Further information on the EPBC approval is available at [www.epbcnotices.environment.gov.au/\\_entity/annotation/b4110561-152e-eb11-82c9-00505684324c/a71d58ad-4cba-48b6-8dab-f3091fc31cd5?t=1606195949773](http://www.epbcnotices.environment.gov.au/_entity/annotation/b4110561-152e-eb11-82c9-00505684324c/a71d58ad-4cba-48b6-8dab-f3091fc31cd5?t=1606195949773)
- Santos will now embark on a 12-18 month appraisal program ahead of a Final Investment Decision for the next phase of project development. Santos' statements in relation to the approvals are available at [www.santos.com/news/](http://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 at 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 December.

### Pilot wells:

- Bibblewindi East, Bibblewindi West and Dewhurst South pilot wells are online. Tintfield pilot is offline.
- Routine pump maintenance activities are continuing with the use of a workover rig on existing wells at Bibblewindi East, Bibblewindi West and Dewhurst South. This work is being conducted under existing approvals.

### 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:

- Spring ecological surveys and annual ecological monitoring activities are being undertaken at a number of locations during December.
- Groundwater monitoring activities for Environmental Protection Licence compliance are ongoing.

### Community:

- The final meeting of the current Narrabri Gas Project Community Consultative Committee is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 8 December 2020. Communiques and presentations from previous CCC meetings are available at [www.narrabrigasproject.com.au/community/consultative-committee/](http://www.narrabrigasproject.com.au/community/consultative-committee/)
- A condition of the IPC consent for the Narrabri Gas Project is the establishment and operation of a Community Consultative Committee in accordance with the Department's *Community Consultative Committee Guidelines: State Significant Projects* and also a number of advisory groups including a Biodiversity Advisory Group and a Water Technical Advisory Group.
- The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment has advised that Mr Garry West has been appointed to the position of Independent Chair of these groups. Mr West has requested that an Expression of Interest be advertised for community and stakeholder representatives with nominations for these positions closing on 22 December 2020. Further information and nomination forms are available on the Narrabri Gas Project website at [www.narrabrigasproject.com.au/community/consultative-committee/join-the-community-consultative-committee-or-advisory-groups/](http://www.narrabrigasproject.com.au/community/consultative-committee/join-the-community-consultative-committee-or-advisory-groups/)

### Other:

- On 1 December 2020, Santos Managing Director and CEO Kevin Gallagher announced that the company will achieve net-zero emissions by 2040 and is already on track to exceed its existing 2025 emission reduction targets. Through large-scale carbon capture and storage, world-leading nature-based offsets, increased use of renewables and energy efficiency projects, Santos will be at the forefront of the energy transition to a lower-carbon future. More information is available at [www.santos.com/news/](http://www.santos.com/news/)
- Santos is committed to supporting government and community efforts to limit the spread of COVID-19. Access to the Santos facilities area are restricted to staff and contractors who meet strict screening procedures 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.