

Activities Update January 2021

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Narrabri Gas Project (PEL 238)



Environmental Impact Statement (EIS):

- On 30 September 2020, the NSW Independent Planning Commission (IPC) approved the Narrabri Gas 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
- On 24 November 2020, the Federal Minister for the Environment approved the project under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC) following her review of the New South Wales assessment. Further information is available at www.minister.awe.gov.au/ley/media-releases/narrabri-gas-project-approval
- Santos will undertake 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/

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/

Drilling activities:

- No activities planned for January.

Pilot wells:

- Bibblewindi East, Bibblewindi West and Dewhurst South pilot wells are online. Tintfield pilot is offline.
- Workover activities have been completed and the workover rig has been demobilised.

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:

- Summer ecological surveys are being undertaken at a number of locations during January and February.
- Groundwater monitoring activities for Environmental Protection Licence compliance are ongoing.

Community:

- In partnership with the Queensland Rugby Union and New South Wales Rugby Union, and with the support of the Narrabri Shire Council and Narrabri Blue Boars, Santos is pleased to present the Santos Festival of Rugby being held in Narrabri from 4-6 February 2021. The inaugural 2021 Festival features a pre-season game between the Queensland Reds and New South Wales Waratahs Super Rugby teams, a two-day men's sevens selection and preparation tournament, women's sevens matches and junior coaching clinics. More information is available at www.santos.com/festival-of-rugby/
- 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 appointed Mr Garry West to the position of Independent Chair of these groups. It is anticipated that the Chair in consultation with the Department will appoint community and stakeholder representatives to these committees by February 2021 from nominations received through the expression of interest process.
- Communiques and presentations from Narrabri Gas Project Community Consultative Committee meetings held from December 2014 to December 2020 are available at www.narrabrigasproject.com.au/community/consultative-committee/

Other:

- 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.