

# Activities Update June 2021

# 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. 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 approved the project under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC). Further information is available at [www.minister.awe.gov.au/ley/media-releases/narrabri-gas-project-approval](http://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/](http://www.santos.com/news/)

### Western Slopes Pipeline:

- The APA Group is continuing to work with Santos on the development of the Western Slopes Pipeline project 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 May.

### Pilot wells:

- Bibblewindi East, Bibblewindi West and Dewhurst South pilot wells are online. Tintfield pilot is offline.

### 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 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, 17 August 2021. Communiqués from CCC meetings will be available when finalised 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 an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisory Group, Biodiversity Advisory Group, Greenhouse Gas Emissions Advisory Group and a Water Technical Advisory Group. All groups have been established with further information and meeting minutes available at [www.narrabrigasproject.com.au/community/community-consultative-committee-new/](http://www.narrabrigasproject.com.au/community/community-consultative-committee-new/)
- Santos has proudly sponsored the following organisations and activities to June 2021:
  - Country Universities Centre North West
  - Rotary Science and Engineering Challenge
  - Narrabri CREATE Festival
  - Narrabri Blue Boars season
  - Narrabri Junior Rugby Union season
  - Narrabri & District Junior Rugby League season
  - Narrabri Polocrosse Club Carnival
  - Narrabri Show Society Annual Show
  - Narrabri Harness Racing Club Carnival of Cups

### Other:

- Santos and its project partner Beach Energy, has been awarded a A\$15 million grant from the Australian Government's Carbon Capture Use and Storage Development Fund to assist the development of the ~A\$210 million Moomba carbon capture and storage (CCS) project in outback South Australia. The project will safely and permanently store 1.7 million tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) per year with capacity for up to 20 million tonnes annually across the Cooper Basin. More information is available at [www.santos.com/news/](http://www.santos.com/news/)
- GISERA (CSIRO Gas Industry Social and Environmental Research Alliance) has released their six monthly newsletter that provides an insight into a range of projects being undertaken within GISERA. The newsletter and further information on projects is available at <https://gisera.csiro.au/news/>