

Activities Update September 2021

Santos

Narrabri Gas Project (PEL 238)



Project Approvals:

- 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
- 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
- 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/
- Santos continues work on the preparation and approval of the management plans required as a condition of consent by IPC.

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 is available at APA's website 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.

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, 21 September 2021. Communiqués from CCC meetings are available when finalised at www.narrabrigasproject.com.au/community/consultative-committee/
- Advisory groups formed as a condition of the IPC consent for the Narrabri Gas Project include Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisory Group, Biodiversity Advisory Group, Greenhouse Gas Emissions Advisory Group and the Water Technical Advisory Group. Minutes from Advisory Group meetings are available when finalised at narrabrigasproject.com.au/community/community-consultative-committee-new/

Other:

- On 17 August 2021, Santos announced its half-year results with Santos Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer Kevin Gallagher reporting free cash flow of US\$572 million and underlying profit of US\$317 million. The results reflect higher oil prices compared to the corresponding period due to recovery in demand but were offset by lower average LNG prices due to lagged oil-linked pricing in long-term LNG offtake contracts. More information is available from www.santos.com/news/
- Judicial Review proceedings were heard in the NSW Land and Environment Court from 30 August 2021 over two days in response to an appeal lodged by the Mullaley Gas and Pipeline Accord, represented by the Environmental Defenders Office. The group have appealed the IPC's approval of the Narrabri Gas Project. An outcome from the proceedings is anticipated by the end of the year.
- The NSW Government's Mining, Exploration and Geoscience (MEG) newsletter has information for industry and the community on major projects, notification of regulatory changes and details about upcoming events. The newsletter subscription form is available [here](#) with more information on MEG available at www.regional.nsw.gov.au/meg
- 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 closed 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.