# Narrabri Gas Project (PEL 238) Monthly Activities Update

**November 2022** 



#### **Community Investment Program Highlights**



#### Movember - Baan Baa

Santos was delighted to support the efforts of Baan Baa local Stu Beckett all in the name of Men's Health.

Stu, a regular at the Railway Hotel, was 'encouraged' after a few yarns one afternoon and agreed to shave his beard if \$10,000 was raised for Movember. Stu last had a shave on 11/9/1979! So for him, this was a significant commitment!

The \$1000 donation from Santos helped Stu reach his total of \$10,000 and on the night another \$2,000+ was added to the total – the additional money was going to be directed to the Leukemia Foundation, another cause very close to Stu's heart.

#### Movember campaign information

Did you know that Men's health is in crisis? Men are dying on average 5 years earlier than women, and for largely preventable reasons. A growing number of men – around 10.8M globally – are facing life with a prostate cancer diagnosis. Globally, testicular cancer is the most common cancer among young men. And across the world, one man dies by suicide every minute of every day, with males accounting for 69 per cent of all suicides.

Movember is uniquely placed to address this crisis on a global scale. The Movember foundation funds ground-breaking projects all over the world, engaging men where they are to understand what works best and accelerate change.

You may still donate via - https://au.movember.com/donate/details?teamId=2422147&suggestedDonation=50



## **Hunter Gas Pipeline**

On 11 August, Santos announced the acquisition of Hunter Gas Pipeline Pty Ltd which owns an approved underground gas pipeline route from Wallumbilla in Queensland to Newcastle in New South Wales. The underground pipeline route passes close to Santos' Narrabri Gas Project and our goal is to work with infrastructure developers and owners to construct the pipeline and deliver much-needed gas to east coast domestic markets in the shortest timeframe possible. The pipeline will also be designed to transport hydrogen as customer demand evolves during the energy transition.

Santos will continue to engage with the directly affected landholders, local councils and state government agencies to finalise the current pipeline alignment within the 200m approved corridor.

The exact location of the pipeline and the permanent 30-metre construction right-of-way will continue to be refined, taking into consideration potential constructability issues, landholder feedback and preferences, and environmental considerations identified in the survey work. Early site survey work has commenced in some areas.

The Santos team will continue to meet with landholders seeking permission to gain property access to conduct these investigations over the coming months. The pipeline is expected to commence construction in early 2024 once the route is finalised and all secondary approvals are completed.

**HGP** website

**HGP Interactive map** 

## **Community Consultation**

#### **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 Community Consultative Committee Department's Guidelines: Significant State Projects. The NSW Department of Planning and Environment has appointed Mr Garry West to the position of Independent Chair of the committee.

The purpose of a Community Consultative Committee is to provide a forum for discussion between a proponent and representatives of the community, stakeholder groups and the local council on issues directly relating to a specific State significant project.

The next meeting of the Narrabri Gas Project Community Consultative Committee will be held on Wednesday, 15 February 2023.

## NGP Community Consultative Committee Meeting Minutues

#### **NGP Advisory Groups**

A condition of the IPC consent for the Narrabri Gas Project is the establishment and operation of a number of advisory groups. The NSW Department of Planning and Environment has appointed Mr Garry West to the position of Independent Chair of these Advisory Groups.

These groups provide a forum for open dialogue between Santos, independent experts, key stakeholder groups and the local community.

- Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisory Group
- Biodiversity Advisory Group
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions Advisory Group
- Water Technical Advisory Group

NGP Advisory Group Meeting Minutues

## **Operations Update**







## **Drilling activities**

Santos is planning to commence appraisal drilling in December, subject to completion of outstanding approvals.

### **Pilot Wells**

Bibblewindi East, Bibblewindi West and Dewhurst South pilot wells are all online.

#### 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.

Ecological surveys will be undertaken through November to support reporting obligations and planning for future activities.



## **Project Approvals**

#### **NSW Government**

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.

Santos Media Release

IPCN approval link

#### **Australian Government**

On 24 November 2020, the Federal Minister for the Environment approved the Narrabri Gas Project pursuant to Sections 130(1) and 133(1) of the EPBC Act, subject to conditions.

Santos Media Release

EBPC approval link

Santos will undertake an appraisal program ahead of a Final Investment Decision for the next phase of project development. Santos continues work on the preparation and approval of the management plans required as a condition of consent by IPC.

Copies of plans approved by the NSW Department of Planning Industry and Environment are available from the Narrabri Gas Project website.

**Approved Management Plans**