

Narrabri Gas Project (PEL 238) Monthly Activities Update

January 2023

Santos



Community Investment Program Highlights



Country Universities Centre North West graduates celebrate

It is with great pride that Santos continues to partner with CUCNW. We appreciate the contribution of the centre in providing local opportunities for our young people to progress from high school through to university, without having to relocate to a larger centre to pursue their tertiary education.

The Narrabri Community will benefit from local students having access to quality tertiary education as they may choose to work and live locally, hence retaining and enriching the local workforce and opening new career opportunities for a multitude of residents at any stage in their career. To read more, please click [here](#).

Santos FESTIVAL OF RUGBY

10-11 FEB 2023



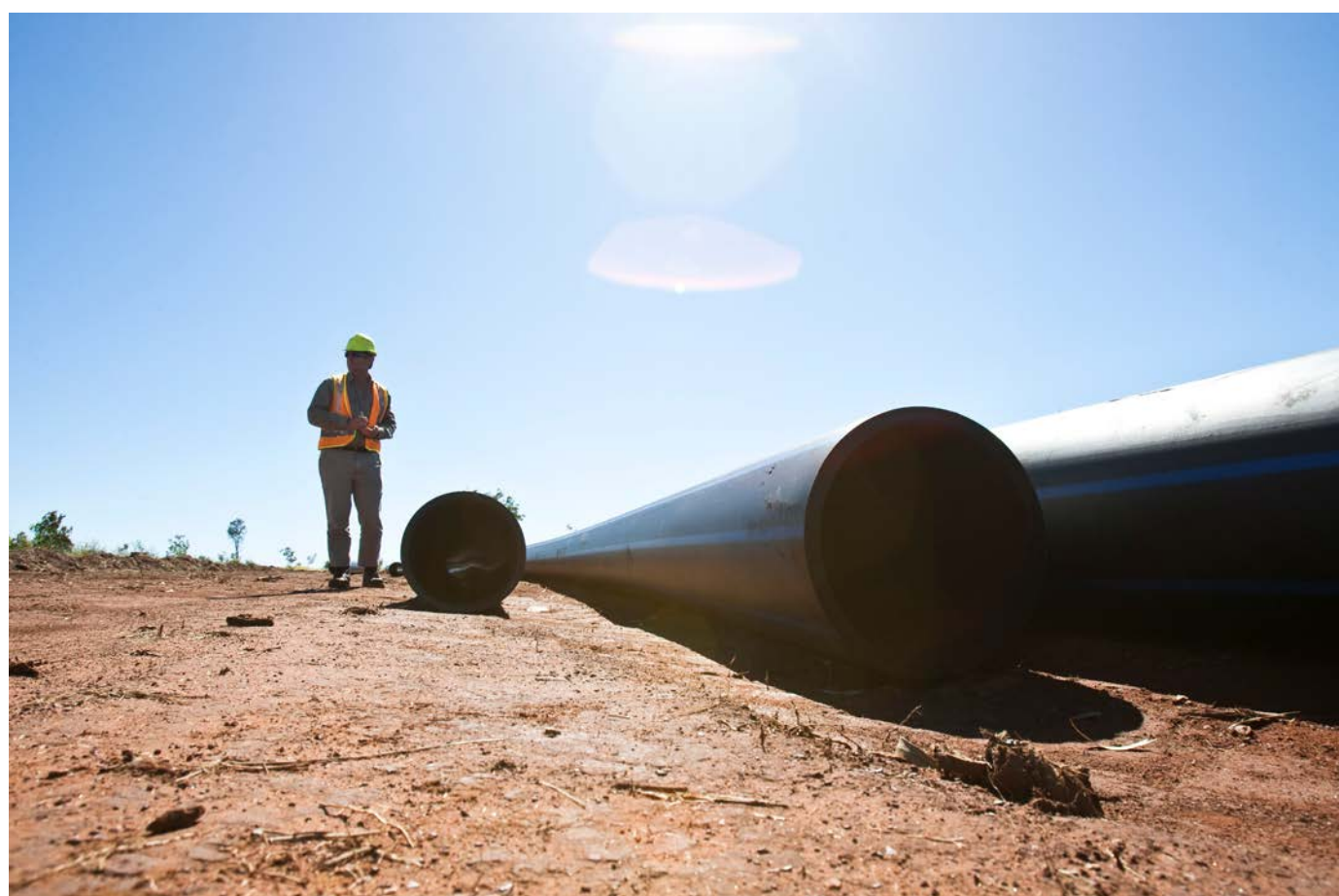
In partnership with Queensland Rugby Union and New South Wales Rugby Union, Santos is pleased to present the Santos Festival of Rugby, 10-11 February 2023.

The centrepiece of the festival will once again be a pre-season game between the Queensland Reds and New South Wales Waratahs Super Rugby teams.

The annual celebration of rugby will also include elite Sevens, country representative matches and men's and women's Super Rugby fixtures.

The program of events includes junior coaching clinics and family fun activities. There will also be live concerts on the Friday and Saturday nights with performances by star country music acts Brad Cox and Casey Barnes.

To view the festival program of events and to purchase tickets click [here](#).



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. In order to transport, a modification to the existing approval would be required.

Santos has been liaising and meeting with landholders along the route to discuss land access agreements to conduct land survey investigations. Land survey investigations will assist in the design and environmental assessment of the potential pipeline alignment. Land survey investigations are non-invasive and have minimal impact on daily landholder operations.

Ecological survey works have commenced on private lands where we have secured voluntary agreements with landholders. Over 100 site surveys have been completed. We thank the many landholders who have provided agreement for us to conduct these surveys on their property. We will continue to work with landholders to reach voluntary agreements wherever possible along the proposed route.

These surveys and studies, along with landholder feedback, will help us to finalise the pipeline route in a way that minimises impacts on both landholders and the environment.

[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 Department's Community Consultative Committee Guidelines: State Significant 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 Minutes

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 Minutes

Narrabri Lateral Pipeline

The Narrabri Lateral Pipeline will connect the approved Narrabri Gas Project (NGP) and Hunter Gas Pipeline (HGP) to transport natural gas to the existing transmission network near Newcastle.

The project will extend for about 50-60 kilometres from the approved NGP gas processing facility at Leewood to the HGP. The final length of the pipeline will be dependent on the selection of the alignment. The pipeline will be primarily located underground, with associated aboveground infrastructure including isolation valves, meters, and regulators.

On 9 December 2022 the NSW Government declared the Narrabri Lateral Pipeline a Critical State Significant Infrastructure project on the basis that it is essential to NSW for economic reasons. Santos will now prepare an Environmental Impact Statement, which will be subject to extensive community consultation and a full environmental assessment.

A factsheet on the project is now available on the HGP website [here](#).

Operations Update



Drilling activities

Santos will commence drilling of additional water monitoring bores in January 2023.



Pilot Wells

Biblewindi East, Biblewindi 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 December to support reporting obligations and planning for future activities.

The PEL 1 seismic activity will commence in late January 2023.



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](#)



Native Title

Santos notes the determination of the National Native Title Tribunal handed down on Monday 19 December 2022, that proposed future acts, being the grants of Petroleum Production Lease Application Numbers 13, 14, 15 and 16 for the Narrabri Gas Project, may be done.

The Tribunal imposed a condition, in each case, that Santos takes all necessary steps to ensure the Additional Research Program – as identified in paragraph 5.7 of the Narrabri Gas Project Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan – be implemented. This must be completed prior to the commencement of Phase 2 of the Narrabri Gas Project, pursuant to the Development Consent granted by the Independent Planning Commission of New South Wales on 30 September 2020.

Santos will continue to engage constructively with the Gomeroi people and work closely with them to ensure their heritage is protected and they benefit from the project development in a range of ways, including through training and employment, and involvement in all aspects of their cultural heritage protection and management.

Santos has a strong track record of working collaboratively with First Nations peoples in Australia and internationally. The company has a range of cultural heritage and native title agreements in place with 23 Traditional Owner Groups and six Aboriginal Land Councils around Australia.

Santos has been consulting and working with the Gomeroi people since 2012, and in formal negotiations regarding the Narrabri Gas Project since 2015.

Narrabri natural gas is essential to ensure Australia's energy transition to renewables and cleaner energy technologies maintains both energy security and affordability for all Australians over the coming decades.