

# NARRABRI LATERAL PIPELINE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT PROCESS

## Narrabri Lateral Pipeline Environmental Impact Statement

The Narrabri Lateral Pipeline will extend up to 60 kilometres and 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 proposed project is needed to secure NSW's future gas supply and help put downward pressure on gas and electricity prices for households, manufacturers, and businesses. The project will diversify the economy by providing gas to potential domestic, industrial, and commercial users by connecting the gas network.

Santos is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the NLP project. The EIS will evaluate the project as a whole having regard to its economic, environmental and social impacts and the principles of ecologically sustainable development, as required by the NSW Government.

The NLP was declared Critical State Significant Infrastructure in December 2022.

### EIS assessment

The EIS will be assessed by the NSW Government.

The NSW Government will exhibit the EIS and invite public submissions as part of the assessment process. The EIS will also be referred to a number of key government agencies for their review. Santos will prepare a response to the issues raised in these submissions. The response to submissions will be provided to the NSW Government for their consideration in assessing the project.

Community consultation will continue throughout the assessment process and during the life of the project. If the project is approved by the NSW Government, it will likely be subject to a number of conditions.

The project will be developed and operated in accordance with approval conditions as well as in accordance with strict regulatory guidelines.

**For further information or to provide feedback** throughout the assessment process, please contact Santos on the details below.

## Narrabri Lateral Pipeline Assessment Process

- 1 Santos commenced landholder/community engagement - **November 2022**
- 2 Narrabri Lateral Pipeline declared Critical State Significant Infrastructure by the NSW Minister for Planning - **December 2022**
- 3 Santos lodged scoping report and request for Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) - **December 2022**
- 4 NSW Department of Planning and Environment issue SEARs - **February 2023**
- 5 Santos continues consultation with identified stakeholders and the broader community to prepare the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
- 6 Santos prepares EIS
- 7 Santos submits EIS to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment
- 8 EIS is placed on public exhibition by the NSW Government for public comment
- 9 Santos prepares a response to submissions made during the exhibition period
- 10 NSW Government finalises assessment
- 11 NSW Government determination (if approved, conditions are likely to be imposed)
- 12 Commonwealth Government determination (if approved, conditions are likely to be imposed)

### CONTACT DETAILS To find out more information about the project:

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