

# NARRABRI LATERAL PIPELINE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT PROCESS

## Narrabri Lateral Pipeline

Once constructed, the Narrabri Lateral Pipeline (NLP) will connect the approved Narrabri Gas Project (NGP) to the approved Hunter Gas Pipeline (HGP), enabling the delivery of natural gas to the existing transmission network near Newcastle. Santos has committed 100 per cent of gas from the NGP to the east coast domestic market. Declared Critical State Significant Infrastructure (CSSI) by the NSW Minister for Planning in December 2022, the NLP is a key project to secure NSW's future gas supply and help put downward pressure on gas and electricity prices for households, manufacturers, and businesses.

## Environmental Impact Statement

Hunter Gas Pipeline Pty Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Santos Ltd (Santos), has submitted an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the NLP project. An EIS is a document required to support the application for all major projects in NSW. It assesses the potential environmental, economic and social impacts of a proposed project. An EIS helps the community, government agencies, and decision-makers understand the project's benefits and impacts. Since the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) were issued in February 2023, Santos has refined the project footprint, progressed technical assessments, and engaged with identified stakeholders and the broader community to inform preparation of the EIS.

## EPBC Referral

In February 2025, the Australian Government determined the NLP to be a 'controlled action' requiring assessment and approval under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth) (EPBC Act) due to potential impacts on listed threatened species and ecological communities (sections 18 and 18A of the EPBC Act). The project will be assessed under the bilateral agreement with the NSW Government, with a single EIS prepared for public comment addressing both Commonwealth and State matters. The NLP EPBC Referral (2024/10050) is available on the Commonwealth EPBC Public Portal or <https://www.huntergaspipeline.com.au/narrabri-lateral-pipeline/>.

**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 NLP declared CSSI by NSW Minister for Planning – **December 2022**
- 3 Santos lodged a scoping report and request for SEARs – **December 2022**
- 4 NSW Government published SEARs for the NLP EIS – **February 2023** - available on the [DPHI Major Projects Planning Portal](#)
- 5 Project declared a controlled action under EPBC Act – **February 2025**
- 6 Consultation undertaken with identified stakeholders and the broader community to prepare EIS
- 7 Santos prepared EIS
- 8 Santos submitted EIS to NSW Government – **October 2025**
- 9 EIS placed on public exhibition by the NSW Government for public comment – **November 2025**
- 10 Santos prepares a response to submissions made during public exhibition
- 11 NSW Government determination
- 12 Commonwealth Government determination

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

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