

Media Release

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Santos pledges \$500,000 and on ground assistance for flood relief in outback Qld, NSW and SA

Santos will contribute \$500,000 and mobilise people and equipment to support the flood relief effort in the Cooper Basin as southwest Queensland and northeast South Australian communities deal with a major flood event.

The flood has already caused widespread damage across far western Queensland, with residents in South Australia now bracing for the floodwaters as they slowly make their way south to Lake Eyre.

Assistance will also go to communities around Narrabri in northwest NSW which are also inundated.

Santos Managing Director and CEO Kevin Gallagher said Santos is working closely with the Queensland State Recovery Coordinator and government authorities in other states to direct support to where it is most needed.

Mr Gallagher said, "We know people are hurting – many of them have lost stock and crops, and they are isolated in remote homesteads and outstations – so we are contributing financially and making our people and other resources available to assist where we can.

"Santos is working with the Queensland State Recovery Coordinator and relevant government authorities in all states as they coordinate the flood relief effort.

"We have 70 years of history out here, so we are very familiar with events like this, with modelling capability to predict the movement of floodwaters over the coming weeks and months. We're sharing this information with authorities, local residents and communities to assist in their planning and preparation as events unfold.

"Our infrastructure is built to withstand flood events and Santos is continuing its operations in the Cooper Basin to keep gas flowing to both domestic and LNG markets. At the same time, we're keeping a close eye on the situation to keep people, property and the environment safe," Mr Gallagher said.

"Over the past week, we've been helping where we can to clear roads and deliver vital food and fuel supplies. Our helicopters are also being used to help with the evacuation of local residents and tourists trapped in the flood zone. I am very pleased that we were able to rescue two groups stranded by floodwaters. One, a young family with a 9-month-old baby who were safely delivered home. And the second, a woman needing medical attention, who, along with her dog, had been stranded at a truck stop for three days.

"There's a lot of water on the way and the road to recovery will be long, so it's important we continue to rally together as a community and support each other as we have done for over 70 years," Mr Gallagher said.

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