

Northern Territory Quarterly Update



The Santos Northern Territory Business Update is designed to keep stakeholders informed about our ongoing and proposed activities that require consultation, along with details regarding upcoming field activities. The update will also provide a snap shot of community activities across the NT. This update includes information about:

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Santos NT Overview

Barossa LNG, located approximately 285km offshore from Darwin, comprises a Floating Production Storage and Offloading (FPSO) vessel, a subsea production system, supporting in-field subsea infrastructure and a Gas Export Pipeline (GEP).

Once commissioned, the Barossa LNG will transport natural gas from the offshore Barossa field via the GEP to the existing Darwin LNG facility.

Barossa gas is a critical energy source and will ensure affordable and reliable energy for Santos' customers for decades to come.

Barossa LNG will create and sustain hundreds of jobs in the Northern Territory and will inject billions of dollars into the local economy, supporting the continued regional development of northern Australia.

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DLNG Facility.

Darwin LNG

After successfully and safely completing over 3.7 million man-hours of work on the Darwin Life Extension (DLE) and Darwin Pipeline Duplication (DPD) projects, Darwin LNG achieved Ready for Start-Up (RSFU) status in August 2025.

Following the First Gas milestone reached by the Barossa Floating Production Storage and Offloading (FPSO) facility in September 2025, Darwin LNG received its first gas in October 2025. Since then, the facility has commenced commissioning and start-up operations.

In 2026, once Darwin LNG reaches full capacity, the facility is expected to load approximately one LNG cargo per week, delivering affordable and reliable energy to Asian markets.

Barossa LNG

The BW Opal FPSO vessel achieved RFSU status in mid-September, marking the commencement of flow from the subsea wells. Among the largest and most technically advanced FPSOs ever built, featuring a 358-metre hull and accommodates up to 140 personnel.

It has gas handling capacity of 850 million standard cubic feet per day and condensate handling capacity of 11,000 barrels per day. Industry-leading combined-cycle power generation, incorporating waste-heat recovery and steam-turbine

technology, maximises energy efficiency and is expected to reduce non-reservoir emissions by more than 50 percent (over 0.75 million tonnes of CO₂e per year) compared to the Offshore Project Proposal accepted by the regulator NOPSEMA.

The FPSO is the production centrepiece of Santos' Barossa LNG and will be permanently located in the Barossa gas field, approximately 285 kilometres offshore from Darwin in the Northern Territory of Australia. It will feed the Darwin LNG plant for the next two decades.

Drilling and Subsea Infrastructure update

All six wells drilled in the Barossa gas field have intersected excellent reservoir quality. Testing completed on all the wells has demonstrated outstanding flow capacity that exceeds pre-drill estimates, with expected average potential well deliverability of around 300 million standard cubic feet per day. This success underscores the robust capacity of the Barossa field to sustain long-term production.

In October 2025 a semi-permanent mooring arrangement was installed in the Barossa Field between the two southern drill centres. This will be used by the Offshore Support Vessel when standing by in the field.

In early November, the MS-1 drill rig departed the Barossa field for the final time, having completed testing of the sixth and final well in the program.

Also in November, the tie-in and testing of the subsea infrastructure for the final two wells was completed, marking the full completion of the Subsea Infrastructure Installation Program.

Mariners should note that subsea production infrastructure remains in place in the operational area. This is managed under the in-force Barossa Production Operations Environment Plan, and Petroleum Safety Zones (PSZs), communicated via Notices to Mariners, are in place around the completed subsea wells and FPSO.

Beetaloo Basin

Santos is progressing toward appraisal activities in the Beetaloo Basin, with a three-well program scheduled to commence in 2026.

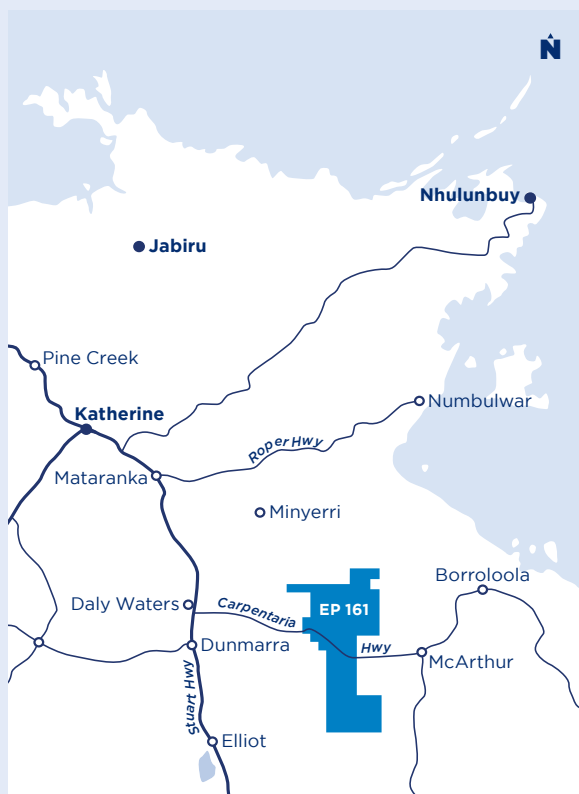
This program is designed to mature sufficient resources to support the first phase of field development. It will deliver critical data on reserves, gas composition, production rates, and well deliverability from locations representative of future production sites.

Over the past quarter, Santos completed the Environmental Management Plan for the appraisal program, including comprehensive stakeholder engagement. A key highlight of this engagement has been our collaboration with Traditional Owners and their communities. In addition to regular meetings to share information about our proposed activities in the Beetaloo, we are committed to building enduring relationships by supporting local programs and initiatives that matter to these communities.



On-country meeting held in September.

Location of proposed appraisal activity



Bonaparte Basin Activities

Overview

The Bonaparte Basin, located offshore between Western Australia and the Northern Territory, is a key focus area for Santos. It presents an opportunity to store carbon dioxide emissions from our own operations, as well as carbon dioxide generated from third-party sources.

CCS is a core component of Santos' decarbonisation strategy, as well as the decarbonisation strategies of our customers and emitters in hard-to-abate industries.

Santos is seeking to acquire subsurface data via a 3D Marine Seismic Survey to identify and image detailed subsea geological formations for the potential injection and storage of carbon dioxide (CO₂).

Appraisal Drilling

G-11-AP CCS Appraisal Drilling Environment Plan

Activity summary: Santos is planning to drill up to three wells in greenhouse gas permit G-11-AP, starting with the Astraea-1 well. The purpose of the well is to identify subsea geological formations for the potential injection and storage of CO₂. The Operational Area for the Astraea-1 well is approximately 115 km from the nearest coastline and approximately 275 km west-southwest from Darwin, Northern Territory.

EP status: Submission to NOPSEMA planned for Q1 2026.

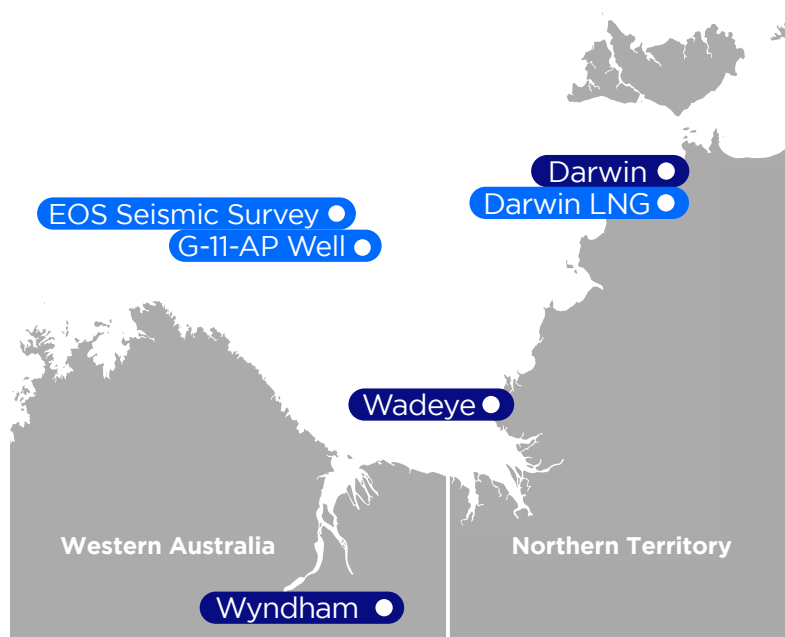
Seismic Exploration activities

EOS 3D Marine Seismic Survey (MSS) Environment Plan

Activity summary: 3D marine seismic survey activity to appraise CCS potential of Santos' greenhouse gas permit G-11-AP. Survey location is approximately 107 km from the nearest WA coastline and approximately 102 km from the nearest NT coastline. Activity commencement is planned for Q2 2026 at the earliest.

EP status: EP was submitted to NOPSEMA in Q3 2025.

Please refer to [Santos Consultation Hub](#) to find out more about our proposed activities.



CCS Preparation Activities

Darwin LNG Carbon Capture and Aggregation Referral

Activity summary: Santos is making significant strides at the Darwin Liquefied Natural Gas Facility (DLNG) as we work towards a lower-carbon future. Our teams are progressing the design and engineering work required to install new infrastructure that will capture CO₂ from Barossa feed gas. This captured CO₂ will then be safely transported via the existing Export Pipeline (the repurposed Bayu-Undan Gas Export Pipeline) for secure offshore storage.

We've recently completed pre-referral consultations with our key stakeholders. These conversations focused on listening to community feedback, identifying potential issues and opportunities, and ensuring that our approach carefully considers environmental impacts. By engaging early, we're aiming to enhance proposal planning and minimise risks, while keeping transparency at the forefront. This marks an important milestone in our commitment to responsible and sustainable operations in the NT.

Referral status: The Referral is under development and expected to be submitted to the Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority (NT EPA) for assessment in Q1 2026.

Bayu-Undan CO₂ Gas Export Pipeline EP

Activity summary: Santos aims to repurpose the existing Bayu-Undan Gas Export Pipeline from natural gas to CO₂ export. This aims to support the safe transport of captured CO₂ from DLNG – and potentially third-party sources – to an offshore storage CO₂ project. The plan is to inject CO₂ into the depleted Bayu-Undan reservoir, which is referred to as the Bayu-Undan Carbon Capture and Storage (BUCCS) Project. Santos is working on this option with both the Timor-Leste and Australian governments, including on the need for regulatory frameworks and approvals for the offshore storage of CO₂ at the Bayu-Undan field.

Santos is also exploring the assessment feasibility of other CO₂ storage locations in the Bonaparte Basin in offshore northern Australia. Consultation with key stakeholders is ongoing, ensuring community voices are heard as part of this landmark CCS initiative.

Consultation with key stakeholders remains ongoing, ensuring that community perspectives and feedback help shape this significant CCS initiative. This project is an important milestone in our commitment to supporting a lower-carbon future.

EP status: Submission to NOPSEMA is planned for March 2026.



Santos has been a longstanding supporter of the Northern Territory community through partnerships with organisations such as the Larrakia Rangers, Larrakia Nation, Clontarf Foundation, Stars Foundation, NT Athletics, Australian Earth Education, Katherine School of the Air, the Isolated Children's Parents' Association, and NT Major Events. We are committed to working hand in hand with our host communities to deliver meaningful and long-lasting contributions that meet community needs and align with our Corporate Social Responsibility pillars. Find out more: www.santos.com/community



Accessible flooring at BASSINTHEGRASS.

Community highlight – Improving Accessibility at Territory Events

Through our partnership with the Northern Territory Major Events Company (NTMEC), Santos has supported accessibility improvements at major and community events across the Territory.

Feedback gathered by NTMEC highlighted that accessibility remains a barrier for many people attending events. Recognising this, our partnership focused on practical solutions — funding accessible facilities and flooring to ensure equal access for all attendees.

One of the most significant outcomes was the purchase of a Changing Places Facility, achieved through collaboration between NTMEC, Santos, and a Commonwealth Government grant led by the Office of Disability. This will be the only unit of its kind in the Northern Territory, representing a major step forward in event accessibility. The unit is Australian-made and fully compliant with current disability standards, offering a spacious, comfortable, and dignified environment for individuals with disabilities and their carers.

Another key initiative was the acquisition of 500m² of wheelchair-accessible flooring, designed to improve mobility across event spaces. This practical addition helps overcome uneven ground conditions, making events safer and more inclusive for people using wheelchairs, walkers, and prams.



Purpose-built tray enabling capacity for supplies.

Community highlight – Bringing remote families together through playgroup

Since 1988, the Katherine Isolated Children's Service (KICS) has been a lifeline for children and families living in some of the Northern Territory's most remote areas. As a not-for-profit charity, KICS brings mobile playgroups right to the doorsteps of families who might otherwise go without social or educational opportunities, covering an enormous 760,000 m² across the Big Rivers and Barkly regions.

From remote towns to pastoral properties, KICS offers children aged 0–5 years old a chance to learn, play, and connect with other children. For many families, these playgroups are more than just activities, they're a way to feel part of a wider community.

This year, Santos stepped in to help the mobile playgroup go further. By supporting the custom tray build for their utility vehicle, the playgroup can now carry more toys, books, and art supplies, meaning they don't have to keep heading back to home base to restock. More time on the road means more fun and learning for remote children.



Newly appointed BAFF Advisory Committee
L-R back row: Angelina, Maria, Kim, Brian, Neil, Kayleen, Meluka and Scott
L-R front row: Joy, Bobby and Matthew.

The Barossa Aboriginal Future Fund (BAFF) is now supporting projects through the initial A\$10 million contribution from the Barossa Joint Venture partners Santos, PRISM Energy Australia and JERA Australia.

Celebrating Culture and Connection Through Music in West Arnhem

Staff travelled to Gunbalanya, a remote Top End community in West Arnhem, to take part in the Stone Country Festival and celebrate Injalak's Art Centre recent BAFF grant, which supported the purchase of new musical instruments. The visit was a great chance to speak with local people, listen, and see firsthand how culture and community spirit are being celebrated in their community.

The instruments are a valued part of community life. From dawn until midnight, locals gathered to play, filling Gunbalanya with music in the lead-up to the Stone Country Festival. More than just instruments, they provide a creative outlet, a source of pride, and a powerful way for Kunwinjku people to share their culture and identity.

Thank you to the Kunwinjku community for welcoming our team and creating such an engaging experience for everyone involved.



Stone Country Festival.

If you want more information or want to share your ideas about the needs for your community, you can visit the NT Community Team at the Santos shop in the Darwin Mall, contact us via email at baff@santos.com or phone on (08) 8919 1900.

Santos is a global energy company with operations across Australia, Papua New Guinea (PNG), Timor-Leste and the United States of America (USA). Our purpose is to provide reliable and affordable energy to help create a better world for everyone.

In the NT, we operate the Darwin LNG facility at Wickham Point, supplied with gas from the offshore Barossa field from 2025. Santos has two active exploration projects in the NT – in the Amadeus and Beetaloo Basins. Santos is also the registered holder of applications for exploration permits in the South Nicholson Basin, which straddles the Queensland and NT border.

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Santos is also progressing plans for the installation and operation of additional infrastructure at the Darwin LNG for the capture of carbon dioxide (CO₂) from Barossa feed gas and the transport of this for subsequent storage offshore.

Activity notifications

All activities will be managed under relevant regulators. Please contact us if you would like to be notified prior to, during or following the completion of any activities listed above.

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Consultation Hub

Please refer to **Santos Consultation Hub** to find out more about our proposed activities.

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