

Northern Territory Quarterly Activity Update



This Quarterly Update on our Northern Territory (NT) activities outlines proposed activities requiring consultation, as well as information about ongoing and planned activities in the field.

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Planned activities

For all planned activities, please let us know if you would like to receive pre-start and upon completion activity notifications. Please also let us know if you would like to provide feedback about these activities as part of our ongoing consultation activities. Advice at this time would be welcomed if you know of any other authorities, organisations or individuals who we should contact to seek feedback.

Proposed activities

Where timing permits, Santos will publish details in future editions of this update about proposed activities that require consultation as part of the Regulatory approvals process.

Details about how to participate in the consultation process will be included in the respective Quarterly Updates. For these activities, Santos requests contact at the earliest opportunity if you consider that your functions, interests or activities may be affected by the activities and wish to participate in the consultation process.

We can then discuss with you consultation methods appropriate to your information needs and interests, as well as arrange a suitable meeting date and location to discuss.

More information

Santos publishes fact sheets about proposed activities on the Consultation Hub section of its website. You can also contact us at offshore.consultation@santos.com or call us toll free on **1800 267 600**.

Santos acknowledges the Traditional Owners and custodians of the regions where we operate. We pay our respects to all First Nations people, cultures and Elders past, present and emerging.



Darwin LNG

Darwin LNG (DLNG) continued safe and reliable production throughout Q2 2026, operating in alignment with BW Opal FPSO supply from the Barossa field.

The facility closed out the quarter loading LNG cargos at regular intervals. This consistent performance reflects the dedication and skill of our offshore teams, who have worked hard to establish a dependable operational rhythm since start-up.

Mariners should continue to note that in addition to operation of the FPSO and subsea production infrastructure, on-water activities and support vessel movement are also ongoing between the Barossa Field and the Darwin Port and supply base.

Please refer to the Santos [website](#) to find out more about our activities.



Darwin LNG activities

Operations activities				
Approval document	Activity summary / status	Location	Approval status	Exclusion zone details
Environment Protection Licence 217-05	This licence authorises the operation of the premises for processing and storage of hydrocarbons.	611A Wickham Point Road, Wickham NT.	EP accepted by Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority (NT EPA) 19 September 2025.	500-metre maritime safety and security exclusion zone is enforced at the DLNG facility jetty, and is maintained under strict 24/7 controls.

Barossa LNG

The second quarter of 2026 saw Barossa LNG steady production, with the BW Opal FPSO vessel delivering reliable gas supply to DLNG throughout the quarter.

A key focus has been on optimising production efficiency and maintaining the strong environmental safety standards our teams and communities expect of us.

Looking ahead to the third quarter, our focus will be on sustaining reliable production performance and continuing to work closely with the DLNG production team.

Mariners and harbour users are reminded that there're regular support vessel movements between the Barossa field and Darwin Port as part of normal operations.

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Barossa activities

Operations activities				
Approval document	Activity summary / status	Location	Approval status	Exclusion zone details
Barossa Production Operations Environment Plan (Commonwealth Government)	Floating Production Storage and Offloading (FPSO) vessel arrival, hook-up and commissioning. - Initial start-up to steady state. - Operation of FPSO and subsea infrastructure and associated activities. Inspection, Maintenance and Repair (IMR) activities.	- FPSO and subsea infrastructure located in the Barossa field (Commonwealth Waters) located ~285km offshore north-northwest of Darwin. - GEP section extends from Barossa Field to location ~123 km north-west of Darwin, (Commonwealth Waters).	EP accepted by NOPSEMA on 22 April 2025. Activities are ongoing under the in-force EP.	500-metre petroleum safety zone around FPSO and drill centres in Field. 2.5 nautical mile cautionary zone around subsea infrastructure in Field (i.e. excluding the GEP). 500-metre exclusion zone around vessels during temporary operations including IMR activities. Coordinates available on request.
GEP NT Coastal Waters Operations Environmental Management Plan (NT Government)	Operation of Barossa GEP and all support activities associated with inspection, maintenance, monitoring and repair (IMMR) of the infrastructure in NT Coastal Waters.	8.26 km section located ~ 80 kms north-west of Darwin.	OEMP provided to NT Department of Mining and Energy on 3 April 2025.	500-metre exclusion zone around vessels during temporary operations including IMR activities.
GEP NT Internal Waters Operations Environmental Management Plan (NT Government)	Operation of Barossa GEP and all support activities associated with IMMR of the infrastructure in NT Internal Waters.	91.74 km section located wholly in NT Internal Waters, from maritime boundary of NT Coastal and NT Internal Waters to existing Darwin LNG (DLNG) gas processing facility at Wickham Point.	OEMP provided to NT Department of Mining and Energy on 23 June 2025.	- DLNG facility at Wickham Point, including product loading jetty, maintains strict, 24/7 maritime security and safety exclusion zones. 500-metre exclusion zone around vessels during temporary operations including IMR activities.

Other In-Force Environment Plans (Commonwealth)

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Barossa Darwin Pipeline Duplication Project	Installation of 23 km pipeline section and supporting subsea infrastructure, pre-commissioning and preservation of pipeline. Note: IMR activities now occur under Barossa Production Operations EP.	From location 123 km north-west of Darwin, (Commonwealth Waters) to maritime boundary of NT Coastal and NT Internal Waters.	EP accepted by NOPSEMA on 16 October 2024.	Not Applicable.
Barossa Subsea Infrastructure Installation Project	Installation of Barossa subsea umbilicals, risers and flowlines (SURF), manifolds and floating production, storage and offloading (FPSO) moorings and pre-commissioning. Note: IMR activities occur under Barossa Production Operations EP.	Barossa field (Commonwealth Waters) located approximately 285km offshore north-northwest of Darwin.	EP accepted by NOPSEMA on 2 February 2024.	• 500-metre petroleum safety zone around drill centres in Field. • 2.5 nautical miles cautionary zone around subsea infrastructure in Field (i.e. excluding the GEP). Coordinates available on request.
Barossa Development Drilling & Completions	Drilling and completion of six subsea production wells and management of complete wells until commissioning and production phases. Note: IMR activities now occur under Barossa Production Operations EP.	Barossa field (Commonwealth Waters) approximately 285km offshore north-northwest of Darwin.	EP accepted by NOPSEMA on 15 December 2023.	• 500-metre petroleum safety zone around drill centres in Field Coordinates available on request.
Barossa Gas Export Pipeline Installation	Installation of 260 km pipeline section and supporting subsea infrastructure, pre-commissioning and preservation – completed. Note: IMR activities now occur under Barossa Production Operations EP.	From Barossa Field to location approximately 123 km north-west of Darwin, (Commonwealth Waters).	EP accepted by NOPSEMA on 9 March 2020.	Not Applicable.

Other In-Force Environment Plans (Commonwealth)

Other Northern Territory approval				
Approval document	Activity summary / status	Location	Approval status	Exclusion zone details
Darwin Pipeline Duplication Project NT EPA Referral	Installation of 100 km pipeline section and supporting subsea infrastructure, construction of shore crossing, pipeline pre-commissioning and preservation – completed.	From location 100 km north-west of Darwin, (maritime boundary of NT Coastal and NT Internal Waters) to existing Darwin LNG (DLNG) gas processing facility at Wickham Point.	Referral accepted by NT Environmental Protection Authority on 18 January 2022.	

Beetaloo Basin

The Beetaloo Basin appraisal program Environment Management Plan has been approved and on-ground activity commenced in May, paving the way for drilling to commence in the third quarter of 2026.

During Q2 the Santos team travelled to the Beetaloo Basin to undertake cultural heritage surveys in consultation with Traditional Owners. These trips are important for us here at Santos, bringing Traditional Owners to the forefront of engagement. We all benefit from shared knowledge, perspectives and cultural expertise which is informing the Environmental Management Plans for our operations in the Beetaloo (EP 161).

This collaborative approach reflects our ongoing commitment to developing respectful relationships with Traditional Owners and Indigenous communities, to deliver sustainable and positive social outcomes in the local communities where we operate. Despite challenging conditions following an extended wet season, this trip was a great reminder of what's possible when the people come together on the ground.



Location of proposed appraisal activity



Beetaloo Basin activities

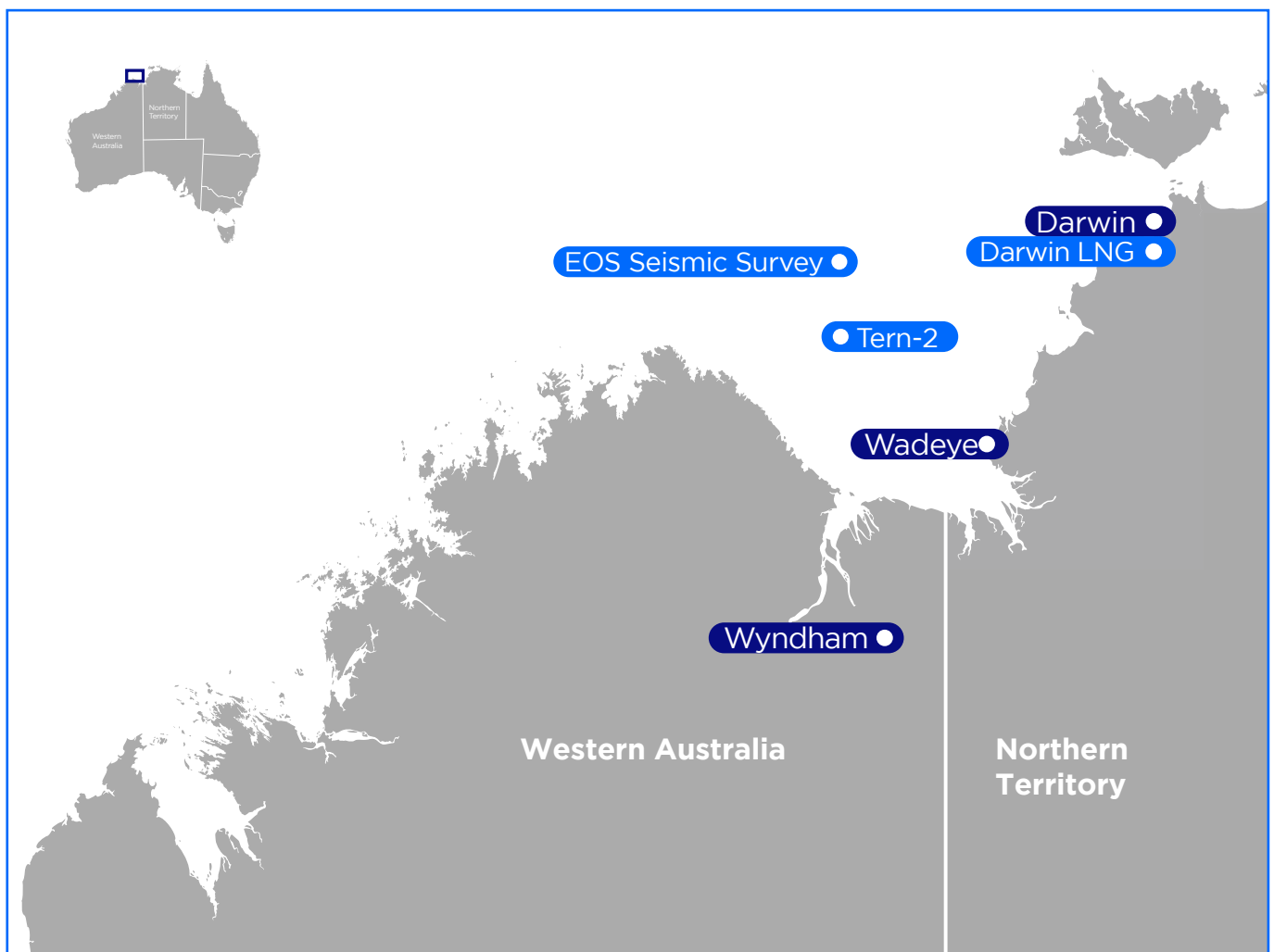
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STO8-2: EP161 Beetaloo Basin Appraisal Pilot Environment Management Plan	Santos proposes to drill and test up to 12 petroleum appraisal wells (3 wells planned in 2026) across two locations within EP 161, collectively referred to as the Beetaloo Appraisal Pilot. Prior to commencing these activities, Santos is required to obtain approval for an Environment Management Plan (EMP) addressing the environmental management measures and controls associated with the proposed operations, and a Well Operations Management Plan (WOMP), detailing how a petroleum well's entire lifecycle, from drilling to decommissioning, will be managed to maintain integrity and safety.	Exploration Permit 161.	EMP approved by NT Department of Lands, Planning and Environment in May 2026. WOMP approved by NT Department of Mining and Energy in April 2026.	

Bonaparte Basin activities

The Bonaparte Basin, located offshore between WA and the NT, presents an opportunity to store CO₂ 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 the Eos 3D marine seismic survey to identify and image detailed subsea geological formations for the potential injection and storage of CO₂. This activity is planned to take place during Q3 2026.



Bonaparte Basin activities

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Eos 3D Marine Seismic Survey (MSS) Environment Plan.	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 (CO ₂). Activity commencement is planned for Q3 2026 at the earliest.	Survey location is approximately 107 km from the nearest WA coastline and approximately 102 km from the nearest NT coastline.	The EP was accepted by NOPSEMA in February 2026.	A minimum 3 nautical miles (5.6 km) exclusion (safety) zone is defined around the seismic survey vessel and streamers.

Consultation

Activity notifications

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

Email: offshore.consultation@santos.com

Toll free phone: **1800 267 600**.

Consultation Hub

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

Copies of Environment Plans

Copies of all Environment Plans (Commonwealth) under consideration or accepted by the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA), are available on the regulator's website: Industry environment plans.

Copies of Environment Plan Summaries (State) under consideration or accepted by the Department of Mines, Petroleum, and Exploration (DMPE), are available on their website.

<https://ace.dmp.wa.gov.au/ACE/Public/PetroleumProposals>

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