

## SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

### PROPOSED BROWSE TO NORTH WEST SHELF PROJECT



#### About the Project

Woodside Energy Ltd (Woodside), as Operator for and on behalf of the Browse Joint Venture (BJV), is proposing to develop the Brecknock, Calliance and Torosa fields located approximately 425 km north of Broome in the offshore Browse Basin.

The proposed development concept is predominantly based on proven technologies, including:

- two floating production storage and offloading (FPSO) facilities delivering 11.4 Mtpa of LNG/ LPG and domestic gas; and
- an approximately 900 km pipeline to existing North West Shelf Project infrastructure.

For more information about the Project, please refer to the Woodside website.

#### Stakeholder groups engaged in Broome and Dampier Peninsula included:

- industry organisations
- Aboriginal organisations
- local businesses
- local government staff and councillors
- port authorities
- regional development commissions
- residents
- service providers, including air services, community, education, health and tourism.

#### Woodside's approach

Woodside regularly reviews the potential impacts and opportunities of its projects and operations on communities. This approach informs management strategies to enhance project benefits and eliminate or minimise potential impacts.

Social impacts and opportunities arising from the Browse to NWS Project were assessed for the Broome and Dampier Peninsula communities based on the likely potential for project activities to interact with communities and stakeholders.

#### About the Browse to NWS Project Social Impact Assessment (SIA)

The SIA methodology included targeted stakeholder engagement. Key stakeholders were consulted and provided input into the identification and assessment of impacts as well as the understanding of local and regional dynamics. Consultation was undertaken in November and December 2018 (with 29 stakeholders in Broome) and again in March and April 2019 (with 49 stakeholders in Broome and Dampier Peninsula) to:

- provide details of the proposed Browse to NWS Project;
- better understand stakeholder and community perceptions of the potential impacts and benefits of the proposed Browse to NWS Project
- verify baseline data, collect further baseline data against some indicators and identify local values, attitudes and aspirations.

## Key findings raised by stakeholders

Stakeholders consulted for the SIA generally expressed optimism about the proposed Browse to NWS Project. There was strong support for establishing Broome as a service hub and recognition that a section of community will always oppose any development. A number of stakeholders referred to a downturn in the Broome economy and saw the proposed Browse to NWS Project as an opportunity to reinvigorate Broome.

Overall, stakeholders on the Dampier Peninsula expressed support for the proposed Browse to NWS Project, but there was a desire to see clear benefit for their communities.



### Economic Development, Employment and Skills Development

- The economic development, business and employment opportunities were the primary opportunities identified for local communities, particularly within Broome.
- Woodside's commitment to using Broome as the supply chain and logistics hub offers increased potential to contribute to the economy of Broome and has potential to offer benefits in terms of economic development, employment and skills development.
- The proposed Project presents Woodside with an opportunity to utilise an increased regional approach building employment opportunities and a skilled labour force.
- The potential long-term proposed Project lifecycle presents an opportunity for Woodside to identify social investment options designed to support local capability development for a number of communities within the project impact areas, specifically Indigenous communities.



### Community Amenity and Cohesion

- Community amenity concerns were identified included helicopter noise in Broome and the 'visibility' and behaviour of the workforce.
- Stakeholders emphasised that while the oil and gas industry and the tourism industry can co-exist, the 'visibility' of the oil and gas industry through poor workforce behaviour and a lot of 'high-vis' can detract from the overall amenity and lifestyle in the town.
- Concern that once construction begins, flights in and out of Broome, specifically to Perth, will again become excessively expensive.



### Housing and Accommodation

- Minimal negative or positive impacts on the housing and accommodation market in Broome due to the offshore nature of the proposed Project and the small operations workforce.



### Population Growth

- Desire among the Broome community for the population to grow in a sustainable way that contributes to a vibrant community with a strong economy.



### Indigenous Cultural Heritage and Relations

- Dampier Peninsula communities highlighted the strong linkage between Aboriginal stakeholders and the sea, as both an important food source and cultural resource.

For more detailed information on each of the findings raised, please refer to the draft Browse to NWS Project Environmental Impact Statement / Environmental Review Document at [www.woodside.com.au](http://www.woodside.com.au)

## The consultation identified the following social impact and opportunity focus areas:



Community Amenity and Cohesion



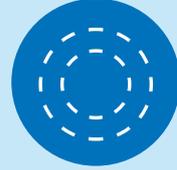
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Economic Development, Employment and Skills Development



Indigenous Cultural Heritage and Relations

## Proposed Approach to Mitigation and Management

Mitigation and management measures proposed in this assessment will be implemented through social impact management and benefit strategies prepared in the usual course as part of the implementation of the Woodside Management System.

## Providing feedback and further information

This fact sheet, along with other information on Woodside's proposed developments and operations, is available at [www.woodside.com.au](http://www.woodside.com.au)

Proposed developments are subject to joint venture approvals regulatory approvals and relevant commercial arrangements, therefore, development concept and timing may be subject to change.

If you require further information or would like to comment, please contact Woodside by email to [feedback@woodside.com.au](mailto:feedback@woodside.com.au) or call toll free 1800 442 977.

All information is current as at December 2021.