The Burrup Hub vision

Woodside, with our joint venture participants, is progressing opportunities that will develop an integrated, regional LNG production hub on the Burrup Peninsula in Western Australia. Utilising proven LNG facilities, the Burrup Hub will provide a long-term solution for processing gas resources to supply domestic and export markets for decades to come.

To realise the Burrup Hub vision a number of activities are being advanced simultaneously: North West Shelf (NWS) Project Extension; the Pluto–Karratha Gas Plant (KGP) Interconnector; Scarborough and Pluto Train 2; Woodside Power and Browse.

Woodside is committed to operating responsibly, working sustainably and engaging transparently. We are investing in understanding and managing actual and potential impacts of these activities and consulting with a wide range of stakeholders.

Pluto LNG

Woodside has operated the world-class Pluto LNG facility safely and reliably since start-up in 2012.

Gas from the offshore Pluto and Xena fields is piped through a 180 km pipeline to Pluto LNG’s single onshore LNG processing train located on the Burrup Peninsula, near Karratha, WA.

Pluto Train 2

Woodside is proposing a brownfield expansion of Pluto LNG through the construction of a second gas processing train. Pluto Train 2 would have a capacity of about 5 million tonnes per annum (Mtpa) (100% project).

The composition of gas from the offshore Scarborough field is well suited to Pluto LNG, which is designed for lean gas and nitrogen removal.

The Scarborough gas field would be developed through new offshore facilities connected by an approximately 430 km pipeline to the onshore facility.

As the appointed engineering, procurement and construction contractor for Pluto Train 2, Bechtel Australia executed front-end engineering design (FEED) activities in 2019 and provided a lump sum price and schedule for the execute phase.

In 2019, FEED activities commenced for the modification required to Pluto Train 1 for processing approximately 1.5 Mtpa of Scarborough gas.

Woodside is targeting a final investment decision (FID) on Pluto Train 2 in 2H 2021.1
Pluto–KGP Interconnector

Woodside is constructing a pipeline to transport gas from Pluto LNG to the NWS Project’s Karratha Gas Plant (KGP).

Transporting gas through the Interconnector would provide opportunities to take advantage of future excess capacity at KGP. It will also provide potential to accelerate future developments of other offshore Pluto gas reserves, as well as third-party resources.

Gas would be treated at new gas conditioning facilities at Pluto LNG before being transported through the 5 km, 30 inch pipeline to KGP, constructed along the existing Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline (DBNGP) corridor. The Interconnector will have the capacity to transport wet gas quantities of more than 5 Mtpa (100% project, LNG production equivalent).

Environmental approval for the pipeline was secured in 2019. We continue to work through finalisation of commercial arrangements for utilisation of the Interconnector.

In November 2019, Woodside announced FID on the pipeline component of the interconnector and entered into contractual arrangements with DDPG Operations Pty Ltd, part of Australian Gas Infrastructure Group, for the construction of the pipeline and its ongoing operation and maintenance.

Woodside is targeting start-up of the Interconnector in 2022.

Domestic gas

First domestic gas from Pluto LNG to the DBNGP was supplied at near capacity of 25 terajoules a day (TJ/d) during commissioning of new domestic gas infrastructure in December 2018. The successful commissioning was a significant first step towards long-term supply from the Pluto site.

Additional domestic gas can be delivered from the Pluto LNG truck loading facility, which was constructed in 2019.

Pluto LNG Expansion would include installation of additional domestic gas infrastructure to increase capacity to approximately 225 TJ/d.

Regulatory approvals

Existing Commonwealth and State primary environmental approvals for Pluto LNG allow for two LNG trains and supporting infrastructure, and its commercial structure is designed to facilitate third-party gas processing. An area for a second train was pre-prepared with the foundation project in 2007-2008. Minimal further earthworks are required for Pluto Train 2.

Associated management plans will be evaluated under these approvals and updated as required.

Woodside is seeking the necessary approvals and licensing to support Pluto Train 2 and the Pluto–KGP Interconnector.

Environmental management

In compliance with applicable environmental regulatory requirements, Woodside is undertaking rigorous environmental and risk management planning for the Pluto LNG expansion.

While emissions would remain within the impact envelope of the existing environmental approvals, Woodside is committed to continued investment in technologies that reduce emissions and promote energy efficiency in our facilities.

We undertake scientific monitoring and management of air at our Burrup facilities, consistent with industry standards, regulations and environmental licence requirements, and support the State’s Rock Art Management Program.

Woodside supports the ongoing protection, conservation and management of the National Heritage Listed values of Murujuga (Burrup Peninsula) and the wider Dampier Archipelago as committed in the 2017 Deep Gorge Joint Statement.

We also support World Heritage Listing of the Murujuga Cultural Landscape on the basis of our demonstrated coexistence with its heritage values.

Woodside continues to work closely with the Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation and the Ngarda-Ngarli traditional custodians to ensure the ongoing protection of cultural heritage values.

Future benefits

The development of Scarborough through Pluto is expected to deliver significant long-term benefits over the life of the projects including:

- A peak construction workforce of almost 3,200 jobs.
- Capital expenditure of A$15.8 billion in WA to 2051.
- Boosting Australia’s Gross Domestic Product by A$125 billion to 2063.

These developments will support local operations and WA communities for decades, including long-term investment in education, training and jobs.

Scarborough and Pluto Train 2 will extend the life of the existing Woodside-operated facilities and provide long-term cleaner reliable energy to both domestic and global markets.

Working with Woodside

Woodside and its contractors will use the Karratha Local Jobs portal (karrathalocaljobs.com.au) to advertise appropriate roles. Requirements are still being considered but a FIFO workforce would likely be required to supplement the locally sourced workforce.

Development approval was secured in Q4 2019 for a 2,500-bed construction accommodation village in Karratha for Bechtel’s Pluto Train 2 construction workforce.

Further information

This Overview, along with other information on Woodside’s proposed Burrup Hub developments and operations, is available at 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 or call toll free 1800 442 977.

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