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### Australia Pacific LNG's Environmental Impact Statement to be released for public comment

Australia Pacific LNG will undertake a further round of public consultation following the release today of its Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Executive Summary by the Queensland Coordinator-General for public comment.

In a significant milestone for the Project, the EIS will be publicly available in full from Monday 29 March and submissions to the Queensland Coordinator-General can be submitted until Tuesday 4 May 2010.

The EIS has been prepared on the basis of the maximum potential size of the Australia Pacific LNG project. It covers a multi train, Coal Seam Gas (CSG) to Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) project with plans to export its first LNG from its plant on Curtis Island near Gladstone in 2014.

Extensive public consultation has been undertaken throughout the last 12 months with communities, non-government organisations and governments of all levels on the Project. To date, Australia Pacific LNG has met or corresponded with more than 6000 stakeholders including 90 non-government organisations and more than 500 individual landowners. A total of 16 public consultation meetings attended by more than 400 people have been held across regional Queensland.

Australia Pacific LNG Project Director Todd Creeger said, "The public release of Australia Pacific LNG's Environmental Impact Statement is a fundamental step forward in gaining the necessary regulatory approvals for this significant project.

"We see great advantages, in the areas of the environment and social programs, to working with other significant project proponents, local, state and federal governments and the various communities in which we operate to maximise the benefits and minimise impacts," he said.

"The CSG-LNG export industry will be an important new export industry for Queensland and Australia and bring significant wealth and employment to regional areas.

"Australia Pacific LNG's EIS includes commitments to assist the creation and growth of this new export industry for Queensland and mitigate the impacts, while also identifying the key benefits it will bring to Queensland's employment and economic future," Mr Creeger said.

Australia Pacific LNG has created a state-of-the art interactive website for the EIS. This provides an innovative and informative way for the public and government regulators to navigate the document.

Major Project contracts for upstream facilities, pipeline and drilling rigs have been announced by Australia Pacific LNG over the last three months.



Australia Pacific LNG will undertake public consultation on the EIS at the following venues:

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| • Tuesday 13 April   | Roma       | 9-12pm | Roma Saleyards                         |
| • Tuesday 13 April   | Roma       | 2-5pm  | Roma Shopping Centre                   |
| • Wednesday 14 April | Chinchilla | 11-2pm | Chinchilla RSL                         |
| • Thursday 15 April  | Miles      | 11-3pm | Miles Community Hall                   |
| • Thursday 15 April  | Gladstone  | 12-7pm | Central Qld Uni, Leo Zussino Building  |
| • Friday 16 April    | Millmerran | 11-2pm | Lions Park, Mary & Edward Street       |
| • Tuesday 20 April   | Taroom     | 11-2pm | Next to Leichardt Hotel, Leichardt Hwy |
| • Wednesday 21 April | Biloela    | 9-2pm  | Biloela Shopping World, Gladstone Rd   |
| • Tuesday 27 April   | Gladstone  | 5-8pm  | Gladstone Entertainment Centre         |

The EIS will also be available for viewing at the following venues from Monday, March 29, 2010:

- Chinchilla Customer Service Centre, Western Downs Regional Council, 80-86 Heeney Street
- Western Downs Regional Council, 107 Drayton Street Dalby
- Miles Customer Service Centre, 29 Dawson Street Miles
- Wandoan Library, 6 Henderson Road, Wandoan
- Biloela Library, Cnr Grevillea & Milton St, Biloela
- Gladstone Civic Centre, 101 Goondoon Street, Gladstone
- State Library of Queensland, Cultural Centre, Stanley Place South Bank, Brisbane.
- Gladstone Australia Pacific LNG project office in Goondoon Street.

The full online copy of the EIS will be available from Monday, March 29 at: [www.aplng.com.au](http://www.aplng.com.au)

#### Submissions on the Australia Pacific LNG Environmental Impact Statement

Submissions on the EIS are invited and may be made to the Coordinator-General during the public comment period. Submissions must be made in writing by May 4, 2010 to:

The Coordinator-General  
c/o EIS Project Manager - Australia Pacific LNG Project  
Significant Projects Coordination  
**Department of Infrastructure and Planning**  
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Origin Energy is Australasia's leading integrated energy company focused on gas and oil exploration and production, power generation and energy retailing.

Listed in the ASX top 20 the company has approximately 4,000 employees, is a leading producer of gas in eastern Australia, is the largest owner and developer of gas-fired electricity generation in Australia and is a leading wholesaler and retailer of energy. The company services more than 3.5 million electricity, natural gas and LPG customers across Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific. Origin's strategic positioning and portfolio of assets provide flexibility, stability and significant opportunities for growth in the ever changing energy industry. Through Australia Pacific LNG, its 50:50 incorporated joint venture with ConocoPhillips, Origin is developing one of Australia's largest CSG to LNG projects based on Australia's largest CSG reserves base.

In New Zealand, Origin is the major shareholder in Contact Energy, the country's leading integrated energy company, operating geothermal, thermal and hydro generation facilities and servicing electricity, gas and LPG customers across both the North and South islands. Origin also operates several oil and gas projects in New Zealand and is one of the largest holders of petroleum exploration acreage in the country.

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#### **About Australia Pacific LNG**

Australia Pacific LNG is a 50:50 joint venture between Origin Energy and ConocoPhillips which combines Origin's 13 and ConocoPhillips' 25 years of CSG experience, as well as ConocoPhillips' 40 years experience in operating and developing LNG facilities. Australia Pacific LNG is already producing almost 40 per cent of Australia's total CSG production to meet domestic market requirements. Australia Pacific LNG holds the largest CSG reserves in Australia. APLNG's project stretches from the Surat and Bowen Basins along a 450km pipeline to a site at Laird Point on Curtis Island off Gladstone. Origin is Australia's largest integrated energy company and ConocoPhillips is a leader in the development of LNG projects internationally including the existing plant in Darwin, Australia. For more information: [www.aplng.com.au](http://www.aplng.com.au)