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## Preface

This report on the Australia Pacific LNG Upstream Project Social Impact Management Plan (SIMP) is prepared for the Banana Shire Regional Community Consultative Committee (RCCC) and is issued for use.

Working within the guidelines set out by the Coordinator-General to provide the RCCC with six monthly reports, this report covers the six-month period July through December 2012.

As at December 2012, the Project was 29% completed. The status of whole of Project initiatives outlined in the Upstream SIMP at December 2012 was as follows:

- 22% of activities were completed as one-off initiatives;
- 63% of activities were on track (either in progress towards completion or ongoing initiatives); and
- 15% of activities were scheduled to commence from 2013 or according to a later point in the project schedule.

# 1. Introduction

Condition 2.2C(b) of the *Coordinator-General’s report on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)* for the Australia Pacific LNG Project, requires Australia Pacific LNG to submit biannual reports to members of the RCCC on progressive implementation of the Social Impact Management Plan (SIMP) and associated supporting strategies.

The purpose of this report is to inform community stakeholders of Australia Pacific LNG activities in the implementation of the SIMP from July to December 2012 and to provide a point-in-time update on the Project’s progression.

It should be noted that this report is relevant to the upstream (gas fields and pipeline) Australia Pacific LNG Project and in most cases is associated with activities in the Banana Shire local government area (LGA) only. Reports for the downstream (LNG facility) component and for other upstream regions (Maranoa and Western Downs) will be submitted to the relevant RCCC specific to their locality.

## 1.1. Project Development

Australia Pacific LNG aspires to develop a world-class coal seam gas (CSG) to liquefied natural gas (LNG) project.

The Australia Pacific LNG Project is a development of coal seam gas resources in the Surat Basin in Southern Queensland and the Bowen Basin in Central Queensland, the construction and operation of a gas transmission pipeline from the gas fields to Gladstone, and a multi-train natural gas liquefaction and export facility on Curtis Island. The Project has an expected lifespan of 30 years.

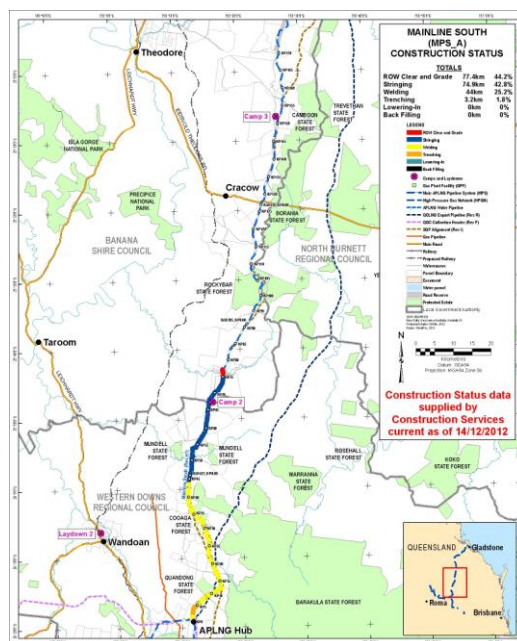
On 17 November 2011 Australia Pacific LNG secured its second major long term customer. Both contracts will see Australia Pacific LNG’s gas transported to the energy markets of East Asia. This milestone allowed the board to announce, on 4 July 2012, a final investment decision (FID) to construct a second production train. Train Two will double the production capacity of the Curtis Island LNG facility to 9.5 million tonnes per annum.

The Project is currently in the construction phase, scheduled to produce the first shipment of LNG in Quarter 2, 2015.

Activity in the Local Government Area (LGA) is limited to the main transmission pipeline that connects the gas fields with the LNG facility.

Figure 1 provides an overview of the Australia Pacific LNG Project development LGA as at December 2012.

**Figure 1 Australia Pacific LNG Project development December 2012**



## 2. Social Performance Framework

The Australia Pacific LNG Project operates under a strategic framework which guides social performance in impact mitigation. The framework incorporates a number of overarching, project wide approaches which inform localised plans. The framework is guided by a set of Project Commitments, accepted by the Coordinator-General, which influence all areas of operation of the Project.

Figure 2 provides an overview of the Australia Pacific LNG Social Performance Framework.

Figure 2 Australia Pacific LNG Social Performance Framework



The SIMP identifies actions Australia Pacific LNG will undertake alone or in cooperation with its contractors and other stakeholders to mitigate the social impacts arising from the Project. The identified impact categories are:

- Community Investment
- Housing and Accommodation
- Workforce and Training
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Engagement
- Community Health and Safety
- Local Content
- Land Use and Land Access

## 3. Stakeholder Engagement

Stakeholder engagement has underpinned the development and early delivery of the SIMP. Australia Pacific LNG will continue to consult with and involve key stakeholders in the ongoing development and refinement of its social performance activities. This includes relevant local government authorities, State Government Ministers and their Departments, communities and others with an interest in the Project.

### 3.1. Government

#### 3.1.1. Pre SIMP Approval

During the development of the SIMP, extensive consultation with government agencies and departments occurred at state as well as a local level. In particular, local executive and frontline officers working in the region have been integral points of contact for the Project. Table 1 outlines the key agencies the Project consulted during the development and early implementation stages of the SIMP.

**Table 1 Australia Pacific LNG Government Consultation for SIMP Development**

Stakeholder <sup>1</sup>	Strategies discussed
DEEDI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing and accommodation</li> <li>• Community investment</li> <li>• Indigenous engagement</li> <li>• Workforce and training</li> <li>• Local content</li> </ul>
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DoC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing and accommodation</li> <li>• Community investment</li> <li>• Indigenous engagement</li> <li>• Community health and safety</li> <li>• Workforce and training</li> <li>• Local content</li> </ul>
TMR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community investment</li> <li>• Community health and safety</li> </ul>
Queensland Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing and accommodation</li> <li>• Community investment</li> <li>• Community health and safety</li> </ul>
QPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing and accommodation</li> <li>• Community investment</li> <li>• Community health and safety</li> </ul>
QAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community investment</li> <li>• Community health and safety</li> </ul>
QFRS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community investment</li> <li>• Community health and safety</li> </ul>
DERM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community investment</li> </ul>
Banana Shire Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All strategies</li> </ul>

### 3.1.2. Post SIMP Approval

Following approval of the SIMP on 20 July 2012, regular engagement has continued with state and local government as part of the SIMP implementation. This has included regular briefings with local council and ongoing State Government engagement primarily through the Social Impact Assessment Unit (SIAU).

## 3.2. Community

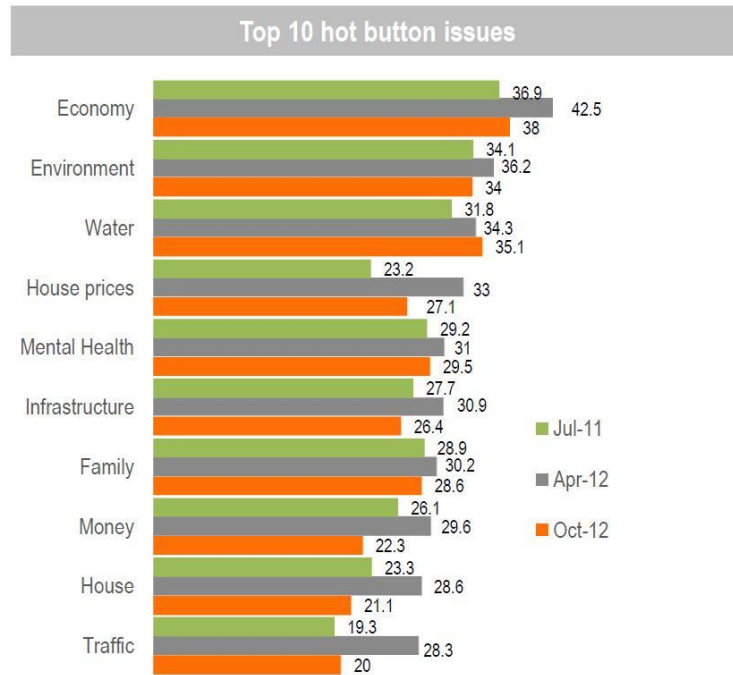
Regular community engagement has been key to SIMP development and delivery. In addition regular research is conducted to identify emerging issues. The most recent qualitative research highlighted the top issues of concern for the community, as shown in

Figure 3.

<sup>1</sup> Australia Pacific LNG recognises the Change of Government which occurred March 2012, however for the clarity of this report the Departments referred to reflect the portfolio responsibilities at the point of consultation.



Figure 3 Qualitative research - top 10 Pipeline issues



The RCCC remains a key forum for engagement. In the period July through December 2012, Australia Pacific LNG held two meetings with the Banana Shire RCCC to provide Project and SIMP implementation updates and seek feedback on key issues and initiatives. These were held on September 17, 2012 and November 26, 2012.

### 3.3. Enquiries

The Project seeks to make it easy for stakeholders to make contact by maintaining a range of information channels, including an office in Biloela, pipeline community phone number answered by local representative, the Origin and Australia Pacific LNG websites and a project information hotline.

### 3.4. Complaints

Stakeholder feedback, positive or negative, is instrumental in providing Australia Pacific LNG with a platform upon which its operational and social performance can be regularly evaluated and modified to meet emerging impacts.

The Project is conditioned by the Coordinator-General to acknowledge the receipt of a complaint or grievance within two working days.

During the reporting period the project received a total of three complaints or grievances from within the Banana Shire.

All complaints were investigated and one, relating to dust, was found not to be related to the Project. Meanwhile, the two others were related to traffic and transport.

These complaints have been acknowledged and are being managed in accordance with the complaints management system.

## 4. Community Investment

Australia Pacific LNG works to mitigate identified social impacts through four distinct investment vehicles, including:

- Social infrastructure
- Partnerships
- Sponsorships and donations
- Employee giving and volunteering.

It seeks to allocate investment aligned to key themes including:

- Skills, education and training
- Community safety, health and wellbeing
- Sustainable population growth
- Natural resource stewardship
- Community cohesion.

Community investment is allocated geographically to align with the proportionate impacts of the project activity. As the project impacts in the Banana Shire are minimal in comparison to the rest of the project, a smaller proportion of community investment has been allocated to this region. The approximate allocation of investment by local government area is provided in Table 2 below.

Table 2 Allocation of Upstream community investment per local government area

Western Downs	Maranoa	Banana Shire
65%-70%	25%-30%	5%-10%

Figure 4 Community investment since project commencement - Banana Shire

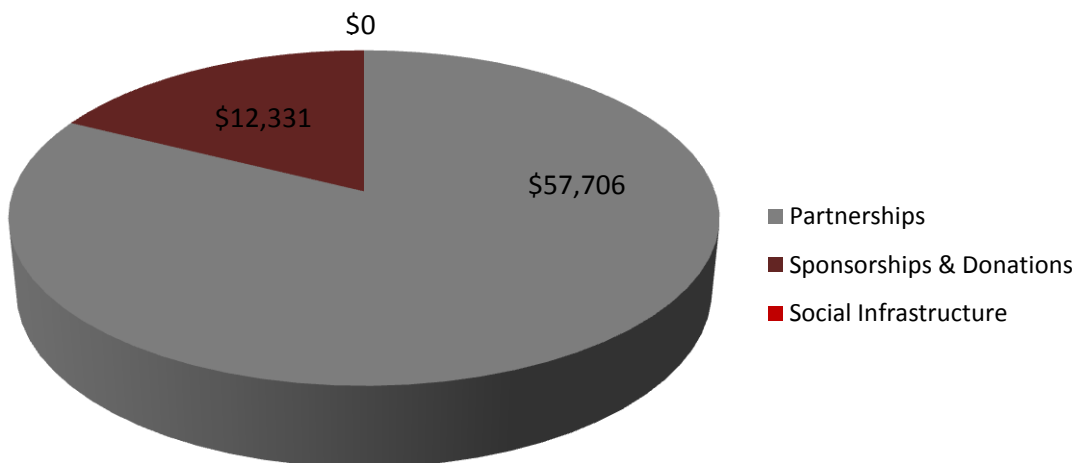
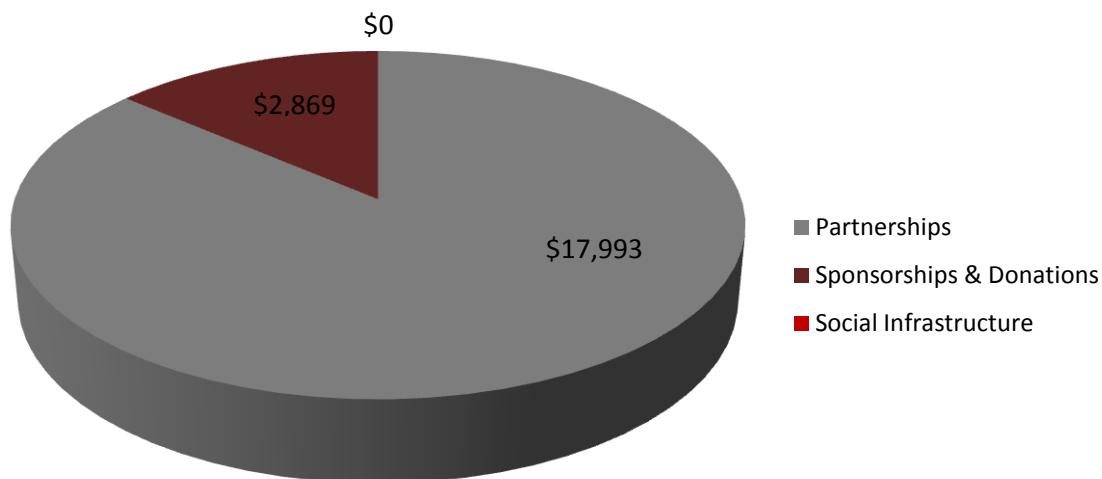


Figure 5 Community investment July to December 2012 - Banana Shire



#### 4.1. Social Infrastructure and Partnerships

The Project aims to ensure maximum value for the communities in which it operates by aligning its investment with local or state government priorities and working in partnership with community or regional organisations where possible. This has resulted in support aligned with areas of importance to the Banana Shire community.

Partnerships established as part of specific SIMP strategies include the Community Skills Scholarship as outlined under section 6.3 and the CARS program further discussed under 8.4.

#### 4.2. Sponsorships and Donations

From July to December 2012 the Project made payments of almost \$3,000 towards sponsorships and donations in the Banana Shire region.

Examples of sponsored items in Banana Shire included:

- Banana Shire Industry Summit
- Dawson River Festival- Taroom Arts Show
- Dawson River Festival- Theodore Family Day
- St. Mary's School Taroom- Library tables and chairs
- Anglicare- Adopt A Family
- Biloela Street Festival.

#### 4.3. Employee Giving and Volunteering

The giving of time and personal resources by Project personnel in a voluntary capacity cannot be accurately measured in financial terms. Aside from the positive contribution this volunteering makes in the region, it also assists Australia Pacific LNG personnel in establishing and maintaining connections with their communities.

A program is being developed to formalise and capture the time donated by employees to community events.

## 5. Housing and Accommodation

As part of its commitment to mitigate the impacts of the Project, Australia Pacific LNG has developed measures to minimise impacts on the local housing market.

In the Banana Shire area, the Project has developed temporary accommodation facilities to house the majority of its Project workforce. The Project has utilised private accommodation facilities in the township of Biloela to temporarily accommodate some of the Project workforce prior to the establishment of the accommodation facilities.

### 5.1. Temporary Accommodation

Table 3 demonstrates the existing temporary accommodation facilities developed by the Project to accommodate the workforce.

**Table 3 Temporary workforce accommodation in Banana Shire at 31 December 2012**

Type of TWAF	Location	Duration	Number of TWAFs	Status at Dec 2012
Pipelines	Camboon	Short term	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Partly constructed and first occupancy to commence in 2013</li> </ul>
Pipelines	Callide	Short term	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Early works commenced including civil works and construction of access off Argoon Kilburnie Rd</li> </ul>
Pipelines	Biloela- Caravan Park	Short term	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Temporary accommodating personnel working on the Project</li> </ul>
Pipelines	Biloela- Motel Cracow- Motel Taroom- Motel Theodore- Motel	Short term	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Temporary accommodating personnel working on the Project</li> </ul>
Pipelines	Biloela- Units	Short term	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leased units to accommodate personnel working on Project</li> </ul>

## 6. Workforce and Training

Through its Workforce and Training Strategy, Australia Pacific LNG has implemented a range of initiatives to address three key objectives:

- Maximise employment opportunities for local residents and under-represented groups;
- Increase the local community's skills capacity for employment; and
- Increase industry-wide labour capacity.

### 6.1. Current Workforce

A snapshot of the Australia Pacific LNG upstream workforce is provided in Table 4 below:

**Table 4 Total upstream Project employees and contractors at December 2012**

Project Function	Employees and contractors (FTE)
Employees	2,254
Contractors	3,584
Total	5,838

### 6.2. Local Labour Supply

Australia Pacific LNG aims to promote local employment opportunities through a range of activities. An office has been established in Biloela in conjunction with EPC contractor, allowing local residents to walk in to enquire and learn more about local opportunities with the Project. In addition, information leaflets were distributed at events held locally to advise interested parties of employment opportunities.

### 6.3. Training and Development Initiatives

The Project aims to support training and development initiatives to meet workforce demands across CSG-related and unrelated industries. The main initiative progressed in the Banana Shire during the July to December 2012 reporting period was the Community Skills Scholarship. As detailed in the Case Study below, Biloela local Hamish Reid was awarded the first scholarship in the region.

#### Case Study: Community Skills Scholarship

The program is one way in which Origin is addressing skills development and labour capacity across a range of industries in the gas fields and pipeline regions. It enables young people to realize their ambitions to "learn and earn" in their local communities.

The Community Skills Scholarship program has been running for six years. It is offered to new or first year apprentices aged 15 years or older, living in areas in which Origin operates. The Scholarship was opened up for the first time in the Banana Shire in 2012 with Biloela local Hamish Reid the first recipient from the region. Employed by the Banana Shire Council as a diesel fitter apprentice, as part of his application Hamish stated that *"being an apprentice is not always easy, by offering this scholarship I have another incentive to continue my career path even when times are tough"*.

The program offers successful applicants up to \$13,500 to support them through their apprenticeship in a local trade. Businesses that employ an Origin Skills Scholarship apprentice will also receive financial incentives.

The program will continue in 2013.

## 7. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Engagement

Australia Pacific LNG is committed to seeking long-term relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and broader communities through the implementation of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Strategy. The strategy focuses on employment, education, training, business development and cultural heritage.

### 7.1. Employment, Education and Training

Australia Pacific LNG is working on a number of initiatives to improve employment, education and training outcomes for Indigenous community members across the whole-of-Project regions.

Table 5 provides a summary of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employment, education and training initiatives progressed during the July to December 2012 reporting period across the whole of Australia Pacific LNG.

**Table 5 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employment, education and training initiatives across the Australia Pacific LNG Project**

Initiative	Description	Status	Value
Indigenous drilling training	17 Indigenous participants completed a Certificate II in drilling. 14 of the participants were from the Iman People of Taroom and Wandoan	Completed 2012	\$75,000
MCJV (Australia Pacific LNG contractor) Indigenous up-skilling program	Indigenous employment and up-skilling program covering welding, concreting, steel fixing and plant operations	Commenced 2012	MCJV initiative
Harness Indigenous drilling training	Proposed training for 12-15 Indigenous participants	Proposed 2012 for 2013 implementation	TBA
Ostwald Brothers Indigenous plant simulator training	Origin has been involved in the development of a training camp with QGC and Ostwald Brothers to bridge skills gap for employment	Developed 2012 for use in 2013	Nil

### 7.2. Business Development and Support

Australia Pacific LNG is aiming to create partnerships to enhance business development and support opportunities for Indigenous businesses in the broader pipeline and gas fields regions. These programs support the Project's SIMP commitments and Indigenous Land Use Agreements. In the last quarter of 2012 preliminary discussions were held with potential partners, with a view to establishing formal partnerships in 2013.

### 7.3. Cultural Heritage

As the construction phase of the Project progresses, Australia Pacific LNG continues to comply with the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003* through Cultural Heritage Management Plans (CHMP) negotiated with the Traditional Owner groups within the Project area. These CHMPs aim to avoid harm to Aboriginal Cultural Heritage. If harm cannot reasonably be avoided, it will be minimised. The Project CHMPs were also negotiated to manage and protect Cultural Heritage through consultation and mitigation across the Project.

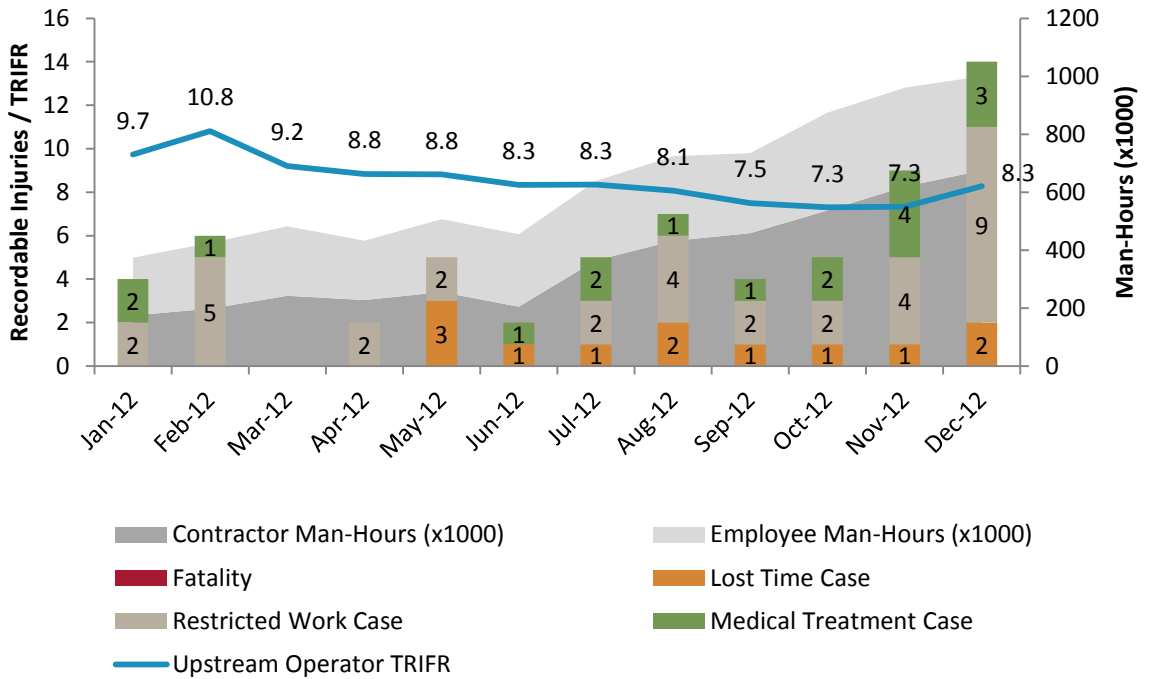
## 8. Community Health and Safety

Safety of the workforce and the community is the highest priority of the Australia Pacific LNG project. The Community Health and Safety Strategy aims to minimise potential health and safety risks, and to mitigate population growth pressure on emergency and health services providers. The following sections outline safety performance and safety initiatives across the Project.

### 8.1. Safety Performance

Figure 6 shows the total recordable injuries frequency rate for upstream operations. The initiatives in the following sections aim to continually improve safety performance.

Figure 6 Recordable injuries January to December 2012 upstream operations



### 8.2. Emergency Response and Health Services

A number of strategies and initiatives have been undertaken to ensure the availability of adequate health and emergency services, to meet the needs of the Project and the community. Key initiatives are outlined below.

#### 1. Emergency Management Framework

An emergency management framework and emergency management plans are in place to coordinate activity, roles and responsibilities at the corporate, project, regional and site level.

#### 2. Emergency Hotline

An emergency response phone number (1800 076 251) has been established and is published on the Australia Pacific LNG website to allow members of the public to directly report emergencies related to upstream operations.

### 8.3. Workforce Safety Initiatives

The Health and Safety Management Plan guides the implementation of initiatives to encourage health and safety consciousness amongst upstream contractors and employees. Key initiatives are outlined in Table 6 Workforce health and safety initiatives below.

**Table 6 Workforce health and safety initiatives**

Initiative	Description
Life Saving Rules	Launched across Origin, the Life Saving Rules represent a set of ‘no compromise’ safety rules applicable across all operations.
Safety inductions	The Development Area Induction to the Australia Pacific LNG Project provides an overview of the CSG to LNG industry, Workplace Safety, Environment Protection, Community Engagement and Land Access, including behavioural standards. This mandatory induction is also incorporated into Principal Contractors HSE Site Inductions.
Safety training	A broad range of training initiatives are offered to support workforce, environment and community safety and to ensure compliance with relevant Queensland and Australian Government requirements.
Health and wellbeing programs	A range of programs are offered to employees and contractors to support their health and wellbeing, including fitness, sun safety, healthy eating, help quitting smoking and access to counseling services through an employee assistance program.

### 8.4. Transport and Road Safety

Logistics and road infrastructure are outside of the direct scope of the Australia Pacific LNG SIMP. Road safety however, has been identified as a high priority for the community. In recognition of this, a summary of Project road upgrades and safety initiatives is provided in this report.

#### Major road upgrades in the Banana Shire include:

Biloela area (Laydown yard):

- Sealing of Hodgetts Rd
- Widening of Jambin Dakenba Rd
- Upgrade of Burnett Highway intersection
- Intersection at Callide Siding

#### Road safety initiatives

A snapshot of key road safety initiatives is provided below.

- The **CARS (Caring About Road Safety) driver safety program** delivered together with the RACQ was introduced in the Banana Shire in 2011. During 2012 a total of 43 students from the Biloela and Moura High Schools took part in the program during the reporting period.
- In December 2012 school bus drivers across the whole Australia Pacific LNG Project Pipeline participated in a voluntary **School Bus Driver Awareness Training** run by RACQ on behalf of Australia Pacific LNG. The training was offered to assist school bus drivers to refresh their skills, as they increasingly come across new and changing working conditions as the Project and related activities progress. Overall three school bus drivers in the Banana Shire participated as others planning to take part cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. Handheld two-way radios have been given to school bus drivers affected by the Callide Laydown Yard and Camboon Camp activities to ensure positive communication when interacting with Project vehicles.
- The **Every Day is Game Day** safety campaign, featuring former Rugby League player Darren Lockyer launched in 2012 to encourage safe driving behaviour amongst employees and contractors, using internal and external communication channels, including national print, radio and web.



## 9. Local Content

Australia Pacific LNG is committed to establishing a robust supply chain by encouraging suitably qualified, capable local firms to take advantage of the opportunities that are being provided by the Project. This commitment to evaluate local industry capability within the parameters of assessing the best overall proposal is a requirement that Australia Pacific LNG also passes onto its Tier One Contractors when sub-contracting work packages. Australia Pacific LNG procurement is undertaken in light of the Project’s commitment to giving ‘full, fair and reasonable’ consideration to local businesses.

### 9.1. Total Spend

As at December 2012 approximately \$8.7 billion has been spent on the mobilisation and early works associated with the Australia Pacific LNG Project (upstream and downstream). More than 80% was spent in Australia, including 72% on goods and services from Queensland based firms.

The figures provided in this section are relevant to the entire Australia Pacific LNG Project, across the gas fields, pipeline and LNG facility sections.

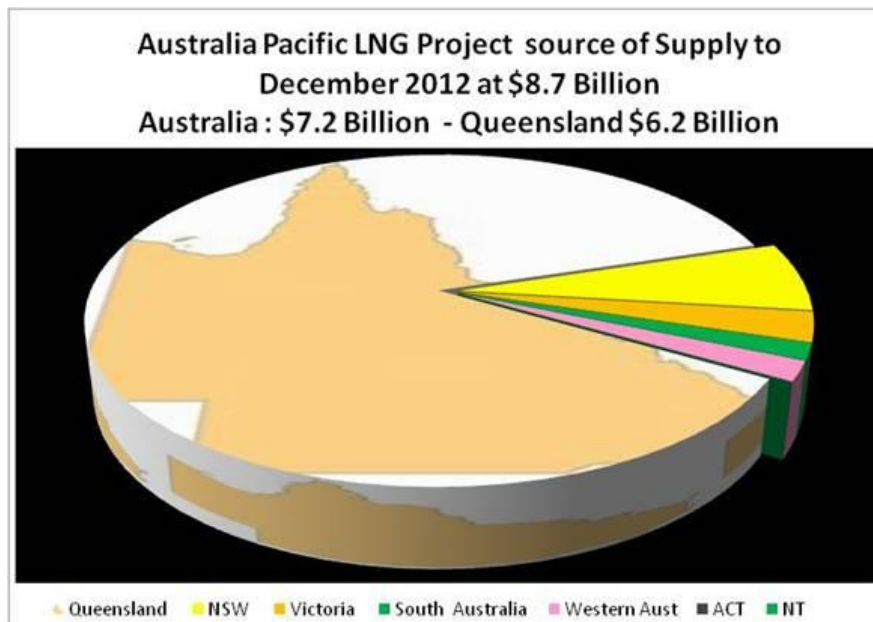
Table 7 provides an overview of the Project wide spend from 2010 to December 2012.

**Table 7 Total spend since 2010 in AUD**

Total Spend	(AUD) \$8,687,400,000	
Spend in Australia	(AUD) \$7,166,000,000	82% of Total Spend
Spend in Queensland	(AUD) \$6,225,000,000	87% of Australian Spend

Figure 7 Source of Supply provides an overview of the breakdown in spend.

**Figure 7 Source of supply**



### 9.2. Local Supplier Engagement

The project seeks to actively promote supply chain opportunities to local suppliers, and provides training and information to help suppliers access these opportunities. Since the project began 4,473 people have attended 32 Supplier Information Sessions. Table 8 shows the sessions held during the July to December 2012 reporting period.

**Table 8 Supplier information sessions July to December 2012**

Date	Location	Attendees
28 August 2012	Toowoomba	132
29 August 2012	Miles	26
30 August 2012	Roma	22
14 November 2012	Gladstone	103
19 November 2012	Roma	40
20 November 2012	Dalby	73
21 November 2012	Toowoomba	225
22 November 2012	Biloela	64

A Regional Supplier Liaison Officer has been appointed to liaise with local business. The person is based in Chinchilla but covers also the Banana Shire region and works closely with Project personnel based in the Banana Shire. In addition focus has continued on promoting the Industry Capability Network (ICN) portal. The portal allows interested suppliers to register for contracting opportunities. Since the project began, the ICN has recorded 1684 registrations.

### 9.3. Major Contracts

Since the project began major contracts to the value of \$3.6 billion have been awarded for gas fields and pipeline related activity.

### 9.4. Regional Spend

During the reporting period the majority of the spend in the Banana Shire was on:

- Accommodation
  - Caravan parks
  - Motels
  - Real estates
- Accounting, Approvals and Legal
  - Accountants
  - Banana Shire Council
  - Solicitors
- Roads
  - Banana Shire Council
- Transport
  - Bus hire
  - Vehicle maintenance
- Miscellaneous
  - Catering
  - Electrical stores
  - Furniture stores
  - Newsagents
  - Photography services
  - Printing and stationery
  - Uniform providers
  - Other Banana Shire Small to Medium Enterprises (SMEs)

## 10. Land Use and Land Access

The Land Use and Land Access action plan in the SIMP aims to support delivery of operations in a way that minimises land and amenity impacts, while identifying opportunities to share project benefits with landholders.

As part of the action plan, Australia Pacific LNG earmarked \$400,000 during the reporting period to Banana Shire Council to co-fund the upgrade of the Taroom weed wash down facility in 2013.

Australia Pacific LNG was nominated by the Banana Shire Council for the Capricorn Pest Management Community Award in recognition of its contribution in the efforts to prevent weed seed spread.

## 11. Proposed changes or adjustments to the SIMP

There were no changes proposed or sought to the Australia Pacific LNG SIMP during July to December 2012.

## 12. Feedback

Feedback is welcomed from stakeholders and members of the Regional Community Consultative Committee on the contents of this report and the initiatives mentioned within.

Australia Pacific LNG is committed to providing the RCCC with opportunity to guide and inform activities to mitigate the social impacts on the Banana Shire region and communities.

If you wish to provide feedback please contact us:

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