



Construction on Callide Rail Siding To Minimise Project Road Traffic Around Gladstone

Origin Project Manager Pipelines Graeme Hogarth, right, with Banana Shire Mayor John Hooper. Photo courtesy Origin.

Australia Pacific LNG announced another milestone in its CSG to LNG project in October with the construction of a rail siding at Callide to minimise traffic movement in and around Gladstone when pipe delivery begins in January 2012.

QR National's wholly owned subsidiary QR National Network Services was awarded a multi-million dollar contract to construct a 730 m long operational siding track adjacent to the Callide stockpile and laydown area. QR National is the largest rail freight company in Australia.

The new rail infrastructure will enable the transportation of approximately 40,000 lengths of pipe from Gladstone Port to staging areas along the route over a 12 month period. The pipe will then be trucked to key sites along the main transmission pipeline route.

Australia Pacific LNG Project Director Page Maxson said the decision to build the new rail infrastructure had resulted from consultation

with surrounding communities and the local council, and was in line with the project's commitments and conditions made by the Co-ordinator General.

He said that the Callide rail siding will effectively remove about 10,000 heavy vehicle movements from the Gladstone and surrounding traffic corridor.

"The pipeline is a critical component of the project acting as a transmission line to carry CSG from the gas fields to Curtis Island in Gladstone where it will be processed for export to international markets. By transporting our pipe by rail to Callide, it can then be seamlessly transported to other locations along the proposed pipeline route", he said.

QR National Network Services commenced civil works for the construction of the rail siding project in late August and it was completed by the end of October 2011.

The Australia Pacific LNG project includes development of existing CSG fields in the

Surat and Bowen basins and construction of a gas transmission pipeline from the gas fields to an LNG plant to be developed at Gladstone.

The Australia Pacific LNG's project includes the development of its CSG resources in the Surat and Bowen basins in central southwest Queensland for up to 30 years, a 520 km transmission pipeline and a multi-train LNG facility on Curtis Island, near Gladstone.

Origin is responsible for construction and operation of the gas fields and pipeline, while ConocoPhillips is responsible for construction and operation of the LNG facility.

QR National, Australia's largest rail freight company, has services operating across five states. In 2010/11 it transported more than 240 MM tonnes of freight, including coal, iron ore, other minerals, agricultural products and general freight. It also operates and manages the 2300 km Central Queensland coal network that links mines to coal ports at Bowen, Mackay and Gladstone. ■