

North West Shelf Project

2025 Community Development Report Summary



For more than 40 years, the North West Shelf (NWS) Project has been supplying affordable and reliable natural gas to Western Australian customers, contributing royalties and tax, providing jobs and investing in regional development. Since 1989, the project has exported Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) to international customers.

Located in north-western Australia, the NWS Project is a nationally significant asset. The Project includes a network of offshore oil and gas infrastructure and an onshore processing facility in Karratha, Western Australia.

State Government approval for NWS Project Extension was granted in December 2024, and final Federal Government environmental approval in September 2025¹.

The NWS Project Extension supports the project transitioning into the next phase of its life. This presents an opportunity to process infill and near-field opportunities from existing NWS reserves as well as third-party gas.

The decision provides certainty for the ongoing operation of the NWS Project. For Karratha and surrounds, the approval has meant sustained employment, meaningful social contributions, a legacy

built on responsible energy development and a deep-rooted connection with the local community.

Since 1984, the NWS Project has invested more than A\$370 million in social contribution initiatives and infrastructure across the Pilbara region.

In 2025 alone, the NWS Project invested more than A\$5.68 million in community contributions in the City of Karratha. Of this figure, over A\$3.89 million went to community partnerships, including education, arts and community house initiatives.

While the NWS Project has commenced the retirement of some infrastructure at the Karratha Gas Plant, we're working hard to try to ensure NWS's next phase keeps delivering energy, jobs and community benefits well beyond 2030, just as it has for the past four decades.



¹ Three separate legal proceedings have commenced in the Federal Court of Australia challenging the Federal Government's environmental approval, and one in the Western Australian Supreme Court challenging the State Government's environmental approval.

Woodside Energy recognises Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as Australia's Indigenous Peoples. We acknowledge their connection to land, waters and the environment and pay our respects to ancestors and Elders, past and present. We extend this recognition and respect to Indigenous Peoples and communities around the world.

2025 Highlights

Economic Contribution



The NWS Project spent over **A\$1,100 million** on materials and services from Australian businesses, of which **A\$916.8 million** was from Western Australian-based businesses.

Employment



At the start of 2026, the NWS Project directly employed around **745** people and indirectly employed around **1,150** contractor staff to support its operations. In addition, hundreds of additional contractors are engaged each year during maintenance activities.

82.5% of our Karratha Gas Plant frontline workforce were residential to Karratha.



Regional Development

81.25% of the NWS Project's expenditure on project materials and services was spent with Western Australian-based businesses.

552 local business registrations for KDCCI events across 2025, including **61** Indigenous businesses, with **3,084** attendances across these events including **147** Pilbara Business Group attendances.

Skills Development and Training



1842 students, including **410** Indigenous students, participated in Karratha and Roebourne Education Initiative programs.

750+ apprentices and trainees have completed their training at Woodside's Production Training Academy since 2010². This includes **22** new Karratha-based participants in 2025, of which **13** are female and **14** are indigenous.

Over **30** participants were enrolled in the Warrgamugardu Yirdiyaburra (WY) Program, with **five** individuals transitioned to full-time employment or further study.

Community Investment



The NWS Project invested **A\$5.68 million** in community contributions in the City of Karratha, supporting local volunteering, affordable housing assistance, education, health, liveability and youth programming, and more.

The NWS Project gifted two houses, with a combined approximate value of over **A\$1 million**³, to not-for-profit organisations in the Pilbara region.



² The Woodside Training Academy manages training across all Woodside onshore and offshore assets, not just the NWS Project.

³ Approximate and based on similar valuations at the time the houses were gifted.

The NWS Project consists of three offshore platforms and the onshore Karratha Gas Plant (KGP). KGP includes four onshore liquefied natural gas (LNG) processing trains, two domestic gas trains, four condensate stabilisation units and three LPG fractionation units. It produces LNG, condensate, pipeline gas and natural gas liquids. The NWS Project participants are Woodside Energy Ltd, Woodside Energy (North West Shelf) Pty Ltd, BP Developments Australia Pty Ltd, Chevron Australia Pty Ltd, Japan Australia LNG (MIMI), and Shell Australia Pty Ltd.