

Land access and coexistence management approach



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We recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the traditional owners and custodians of country throughout Australia. We respect and recognise the indigenous culture and communities in the areas we operate in, and strive to achieve mutually beneficial relationships and outcomes. We look to ensure that our business activities foster full respect for the dignity, human rights, aspirations, cultures and natural resources-based livelihoods of indigenous people.

In Australia, the rights to minerals and resources found beneath the surface of the land, including natural gas, are held by federal, state and territory governments. Companies apply and pay for the ability to explore and ultimately develop these resources across defined geographical tenures.

We work with landholders to agree access to, and development of, natural resources. We also agree the accommodation of our infrastructure associated with the operation of our energy business (such as power stations, pipelines, wells, gas processing facilities and water treatment facilities) on their land.

Australia Pacific LNG

Origin is required to access land to support many of our activities. The most significant requirements currently relate to our activities as upstream operator of the gas fields of Australia Pacific LNG, which is developing coal seam gas (CSG) resources for LNG export and to supply the domestic east coast gas market.

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Our Conduct and Compensation Agreements set out details of how we access the land to carry out our activities and the level of compensation landholders receive. We are not always required to negotiate with landholders when it comes to CSG, as some of our infrastructure and natural resources occur on land owned by Australia Pacific LNG.

As the upstream operator of Australia Pacific LNG, we are required to comply with the mandatory conditions of the Queensland Government's Land Access Code. The Land Access Code requires all resource companies to take into account many aspects of behaviour and conduct, such as ensuring that employees are trained, ensuring appropriate vehicle speed, ensuring all gates are left as they are found (either closed or open) and removing waste from private property.



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In addition, Origin agrees with each landholder any specific terms of access relevant to their property or business operations.

Our Stakeholder Liaisons provide dedicated points of contact for all land access related matters, and help us build and maintain positive, long-term working relationships with landholders. Before our operations commence in the areas where Australian Pacific LNG construction or development activities are proposed, we meet with landholders and explain how our potential future activities might impact them.

Once our operations are embedded, we understand our responsibility to the community changes and we keep the lines of communication open and continue to listen and work with our neighbours.

We monitor feedback from the community and formal mechanisms are in place to receive, record and respond to complaints. Our dedicated complaints and grievance frameworks enable us to manage and address complaints promptly and comprehensively. We use feedback from our stakeholders to continuously improve our processes.

Beetaloo Development

Since becoming the operator for the Northern Territory's Beetaloo exploration permits in 2014, we have worked constructively, transparently and in good faith with those who share access rights to the land, the host Traditional Owners who are the Native Title holders and claimants where we are working.

The exploration agreements we hold require ongoing consultation and engagement. The process we follow to maintain support is site specific and activity based. This includes sharing annual work programs in advance and taking part in on-country meetings with the Northern Land Council (NLC) and the Native Title holders and claimants.

Our work program plans are given to the NLC up to a year in advance, allowing time to engage with the Native Title holders and claimants. Each year we work with the NLC and the Native Title holders and claimants to complete sacred site clearance and avoidance surveys and participate in on-country meetings. All exploration and activity to date has been certified by the Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority.

The current agreements are for exploration activity. A new agreement would need to be negotiated if the project progressed to production.

