



SEAMER 2 PROJECT

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Lochard Energy understands that our valued community may have questions regarding the works to be conducted for the proposed Seamer 2 project. So, to assist with addressing these concerns, we have compiled a list of frequently asked questions and answers. If your question or concern is not addressed, please contact us for further assistance via the contact details provided on the last page.

DOES THE DRILLING INCLUDE HYDRAULIC FRACTURING OF THE SUBSURFACE ROCK ("FRACKING")?

No, this activity is banned in Victoria. Further, at Iona there is no need for such activities due to the high quality of the Iona Field reservoir sands.

WHAT IS THE DURATION OF THE PROJECT AND WHEN DOES IT START?

Some construction for the gas plant upgrades will start in September 2021 and continue until project completion in June 2022. The drilling rig is expected to be on location for 4-6 weeks between January and April 2022 and operations will be conducted on a 24/7 basis. Following the demobilisation (removal) of the rig, a well testing program is planned and some flaring activities are likely. The flaring operations will be limited to daylight hours and will take two to three days.

WILL THERE BE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCALS?

Yes. We will have competitive tendering for construction and support services. Qualified local companies will be encouraged to bid in these tenders as much as possible. Most of our workforce will stay locally and use local services.

WILL THERE BE AN INCREASE IN TRAFFIC MOVEMENT DURING THE PROJECT?

Yes, there will be some increase in traffic movement around the area, particularly when the drilling rig is being moved to and from the site and during civil works to prepare the well pad. It is expected that drill rig mobilization and demobilization will take around two weeks. These activities will be conducted in accordance with VicRoads requirements and approved National Heavy Vehicle Regulator plans, which aim to minimise disruption to the local community and ensure the safest road routes are



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taken. All local curfews will be adhered to.

HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL BE AT SITE FOR THE PROJECT?

Up to 75 workers may be on site at the peak of the project. At other times, the number of people will vary.

WHAT EQUIPMENT WILL BE USED?

The project will require the use of a drilling rig which stands approximately 50m high. Lochard has engaged the services of a professional drilling contractor and third-party services appropriately skilled and qualified to manage these works. It is expected that the rig will be transported by truck to the site in January 2022. Based on current project timelines, we expect there will be additional truck movements in and out of the site during daylight hours in February through to April 2022.

WILL THERE BE NOISE?

We will try to keep the noise down. During the civil construction works from September 2021, there is unlikely to be disruption to the community due to noise. The drilling rig is expected to be on location during January to April 2022 and will run 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Noise and additional light during this time will be kept to a

minimum with sound typically being limited to the humming of a rig motor. Following the drilling phase, the well will be tested, and some flaring of the gas will occur. Higher than normal noise will occur during the flaring. Lochard will limit this to daylight hours over 1 to 2 day periods. Community members are encouraged to contact Lochard during this period if they have concerns.

ARE THERE ANY RISKS?

Safety is the number one priority in everything we do at Lochard. Please be assured that we are taking every precaution in our planning and preparation to minimise the likelihood of any incidents during the scheduled activities, and that we have robust systems and processes in place in the unlikely event of an emergency. The Operation Plan for the Project which covers all aspects of the proposed works must be approved by the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions (DJPR) before implementation. Lochard will also produce Project specific documents such as a Health, Safety and Environmental Management Plan and Emergency Response Plan.



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WHAT IMPACT WILL THE PROJECT HAVE ON THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT?

Lochard is committed to supporting sustainable environmental practices and continually strives to ensure that it meets or exceeds health, safety and the environmental obligations at the Iona Gas Plant. We have a genuine respect for the value and beauty of the natural environment and all care is taken to ensure potential risks are minimised throughout the Project. All works will be conducted in accordance with the regulatory approved Iona Environment Management Plan.

WILL THE DRILLING WORKS HAVE ANY IMPACT ON AQUIFERS?

No. Proven drilling technologies will be used to ensure underground water, such as aquifers, are protected. The staged installation of casing and cement in the well bore and the selection and effective use of drilling fluids will ensure that aquifers are isolated before the remainder of the well is drilled. The cemented casings will ensure separation of the drilling activity from water tables and will maintain the separation of aquifers. The cement will be scientifically tested to ensure rigid specifications are met and reported to the regulatory authorities. This is the same approach

for the previous wells constructed on this site.

HOW WILL YOU REHABILITATE THE SITE?

The immediate drilling site within the IGP will be retained for the duration of the gas storage operations at Iona. At the completion of gas storage operations, which is expected to be beyond 2040, the Seamer 2 well will be decommissioned, plugged with cement and the site rehabilitated in conjunction with the overall rehabilitation works for the Iona site.

WHO CAN I SPEAK TO ABOUT THE PROJECT?

All care and due diligence is taken in preparation and implementation of any activity related to Lochard Energy's operations. We take community feedback very seriously and welcome the opportunity to directly discuss any queries about the Project. If you wish to contact Lochard Energy, you can do so via telephone or email. There will also be public meetings and drop in sessions to promote project awareness and community engagement.

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