

KURNELL COMMUNITY UPDATE

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Kurnell Battery Energy Storage System

Ampol is progressing its investigations for a big battery at the Kurnell Terminal site. A Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) typically consists of interconnected batteries in containers or buildings which are connected to the grid. Ampol's proposed BESS would charge in periods of low demand and discharge back to the grid when the electricity is needed.

At the end of 2023, following feedback from the Kurnell community and other stakeholders, Ampol submitted a Scoping Report and a request for Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARS). This step is part of the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure's State Significant Development application process. The SEARS have now been issued - they are project specific and identify what information needs to be included in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Both the Scoping Report and SEARS are available on the Planning NSW website at: <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/kurnell-battery-energy-storage-system>

The project team is now preparing the EIS. We are committed to providing more details on this project to the community so that we can seek your feedback during the EIS preparation. In the coming months, we will send out a project notification, establish a website and hold a community information drop-in session in Kurnell. Please contact us if you have any queries on the project.



Indicative battery container

Early investigation and strategic review 2022 – 2023
Community consultation MID-END 2023
Scoping report and Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirement (SEARS) END 2023
Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) preparation END 2023 – MID 2024
Community consultation EARLY-MID 2024
EIS exhibition and submission period with community consultation MID-LATE 2024
Response to submissions LATE 2025 – EARLY 2025
Project determination 2025
Construction planning and commence construction 2026
Commissioning and begin operation 2027

ONGOING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

WE ARE HERE

Strategy to build a business in 2023

Ampol would like to acknowledge the Gweagal people as the Traditional Custodians of the lands where the Ampol Kurnell Terminal is located, and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

Terminal updates

Stormwater upgrades - the \$17 million project to provide increased protection against the potential impact of stormwater is progressing. This will include a total of 13 new pumps, two new pump pits and a levee wall to provide additional protection around the oily water system. This is scheduled to be completed by the end 2024.

Odour mitigation - enhancements to equipment and operational processes on the northern gasoline tanks will commence within the next three months. This will reduce the amount of waste which enters the oily water system and requires processing. In addition, the next phase of odour improvements will be a vapour extraction system at the oily water separators, to be installed in the next six months. More information will be provided in the next Community Update.

Wharf drain - relining of stormwater pits has now been completed and we are currently awaiting delivery of material to reline a 300-metre section of stormwater pipeline in the terminal. This program of work aims to mitigate hydrocarbon concentrations and odours being experienced at the wharf drain. Work is scheduled to be completed by mid-2024.

Quibray Bay - in late January, a team of independent mangrove ecologists and marine scientists, collected samples from the mangroves in Quibray Bay. This is part of a program of work to assess the health of the mangroves and advise next steps. The assessment will take approximately six months to complete.

Community support



Daniel Scully, Ampol Community Engagement Manager and Jodie Rule, Kurnell Pre-School Kindergarten Director

Even a downpour of 80 millilitres in 1.5 hours couldn't dampen the festive spirit in Kurnell on Christmas Eve, as Santa and his helpers spread cheer across the village. The Ampol Kurnell Terminal was proud to add to the joy by providing the lollies that were handed out by Santa.

Thanks to a grant from the Ampol Kurnell Terminal, the Kurnell Pre-School Kindergarten recently upgraded its facilities, replacing the existing floor covering that was over 40 years old.

The new floor brightens up the pre-school and enhances the daily learning adventures.



Image: Carolyn Sea

Terminal siren

Our siren is tested everyday at 12noon with a 1 x 10 second blast, and 2 x 10 second blasts on Mondays.

The siren is for on-site personnel only and people in the community do not need to take action.

In the event of a major incident that has potential to impact the community, Ampol will provide initial alerts and information via its community notification platform. Residents are advised to always following any direction from emergency services.

To subscribe to the platform, scan the QR code below and complete the form, or forms are available at Kurnell Village Post office.



Contact us

For enquiries, questions or complaints, please contact us via the following:

Community Hotline

1800 719 669

Email

community@ampol.com.au

Community support

We are proud to support local groups, organisations & events including:

Kurnell Stingrays JRLFC

Kurnell Catamaran Club

Kurnell Men's Shed

Wanda SLSC

North Cronulla SLSC

Cronulla SLSC

Kurnell Pre-School

Kurnell Public School

Kurnell Santa Run

Kurnell Village Fair

Kurnell Outrigger Canoe Club