

# Understanding the Social Impact Assessment (SIA)

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## Our work in the Beetaloo

Tamboran Resources is currently exploring for natural gas in the Beetaloo Basin, near Daly Waters and Elliott in the Northern Territory (NT). We're in what's called the Appraisal Stage—testing whether the gas we've found can be developed commercially and sustainably, transitioning into a pilot project development to Darwin first and then the east coast domestic markets.

This Appraisal Stage will run for approximately three years and helps us understand whether a larger development project is viable. During this time, we're examining different scenarios for what any future development might look like.

## What is a Social Impact Assessment?

A Social Impact Assessment (SIA) is an independent evaluation that examines how a proposed project might affect the people who live and work in the area—both the benefits and the challenges. For this purpose, the project has engaged independent SIA specialists SLR Consulting, as well as local first nations advisory consultants based in the region.

The SIA ensures community voices are heard and helps identify ways to:



Maximise positive outcomes  
for local communities



Minimise or avoid  
negative impacts



Develop practical  
management strategies that  
protect community wellbeing

### SIA in the NT

Under the Northern Territory's *Environment Protection Act 2019*, major projects like ours must complete an SIA following the *Guidelines for the Preparation of an Economic and Social Impact Assessment 2013* as part of an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).

We are commencing SIA activities now to ensure potential impacts on communities are identified early.

This approach will provide a solid foundation for SIA activities under the future EIA, including the development of management and enhancement strategies before major project activities commence.

The assessment examines potential impacts across key areas that matter to communities:

- Economic Opportunities – Local employment, training programs, and business opportunities
- Housing & Infrastructure – Housing availability, affordability, and local services like healthcare and education
- Safety & Security – Road safety, workplace safety, emergency response capacity, and personal security
- Community Life – Changes to amenity (peace, quiet, local character), recreational facilities, and cultural opportunities
- Social Cohesion – How the project might affect community relationships, trust, and inclusion

## Why Does This Matter to You?

The SIA is designed to ensure major projects respect local people, culture, and environment. It goes beyond the technical aspects to focus on social change that can affect everyday life.

### Four Key Areas of Focus



#### Community Voice

Local Aboriginal communities, local residents, landholders, local pastoralists and service providers all have opportunities to be heard through structured consultation.



#### Cultural Protection

Special attention to how the project might affect cultural traditions, sacred sites, language, and connection to country, particularly for Project Native Title Holders and Traditional Owners.



#### Infrastructure Planning

Early identification of potential positive and negative impacts, changes to local infrastructure needs (housing, healthcare, roads, schools), so support and investment can be planned with local councils and service providers.



#### Risk Management

Proactive identification of potential positive and negative impacts with recommendations to maximise opportunities and/or prevent or minimise identified risks.

## How the SIA Process Works

Building trust through transparency is central to the SIA process. By sharing information openly and genuinely seeking feedback, we aim to build understanding and trust between Tamboran Resources and the community.

### Our Responsibilities:

- Engage meaningfully with Project Native Title Holders and Traditional Owners, local Aboriginal communities, local residents, relevant service providers, and government authorities
- Provide comprehensive information to support informed decision making
- Follow NT Environment Protection Authority guidelines

**Your Role:** The SIA is most effective if community members participate. Your local knowledge, concerns, and ideas can help ensure a comprehensive assessment.

### What Happens Next?

The SIA process will begin soon. Over the coming months, we'll be reaching out to local communities, Project Native Title Holders and Traditional Owners, and stakeholders to:

- Share detailed project information.
- Listen to your questions and concerns and understand local priorities and values
- Work together to identify the best approaches for managing impacts

Your participation shapes the outcome. The more we understand about community priorities and concerns, the better we can plan for positive outcomes and address potential challenges.

### Get Involved. Your Voice Matters

Whether you're a local resident, pastoralist, a Project Native Title Holder and/or Traditional Owner, or represent a local organisation, there will be several ways to participate when the SIA begins, including:

- Attend community meetings and information sessions held in your community
- Request a meeting either online or in person
- Make a written submission as the project progresses

Register for SIA consultation to receive updates and invitations. We are currently undertaking early SIA engagement. Please register via the link or QR code below to be notified when our engagement activities begin.

## Stay Connected

Register your interest in the SIA: <https://tinyurl.com/TamboranBeetalooSIA>

Website: [www.tamboran.com](http://www.tamboran.com)

