

## Inadvertent release of saline water

Empire Energy has reported the release of saline flowback water from its Carpentaria 5 well site in the Beetaloo Basin.

The company makes the following points:

- Empire Energy has reported the release of approximately 12.6 barrels of saline flowback water from a storage tank on the well site.
- The release occurred when rainwater was being removed from the cover of the tank containing the saline water.
- The salinity has impacted several small trees and other vegetation in an area immediately adjacent to the well site. The pumping was stopped as soon as the impact was noted, and the regulator was notified immediately.
- As the aerial image below indicates, the impacted area is a part of a larger zone which has environmental approval to be cleared for additional operations on the site.
- The inadvertent release should not have happened. Empire is investigating the cause and taking steps to ensure it is not repeated.
- Inspectors for the Northern Territory environmental regulator are also on site to determine the cause and impact.

Empire's initial notification of the incident to the NT Government can be seen [here](#).

Empire has demonstrated our commitment to sustainable operations, transparency and accountability in the 12 years we have been active in the Beetaloo Basin. We take our commitments very seriously.



Pink area is the earthen channel and the indicative mapped extent of the release.  
Yellow area is the approved extent of future clearing for the well pad extension.