

## 10. Public Involvement and Consultation

Preliminary consultations with numerous Darwin and East Timor based stakeholders have been undertaken by Woodside during the Project Development Phases and have continued throughout the process of preparing the EIS document. The following community stakeholders have been consulted to discuss the project and associated environmental factors:

### *Northern Territory*

- Environment Centre;
- Marine and Coastal Community Network;
- World Wide Fund for Nature;
- Environmental Defenders Office;
- Threatened Species Network;
- Top End Native Plant Society;
- Field Naturalists Club;
- Planning Action Network;
- Greening Australia;
- General public;
- NT Amateur Fishermen's Association;
- NT Shooters' Council;
- Northern Land Council;
- Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation;
- Larrakia Association Aboriginal Corporation;
- Acacia Larrakia Aboriginal Corporation;
- Tiwi Land Council;
- Tree Point Aboriginal Community; and
- Litchfield Shire Council.

### *East Timor*

- United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor
- East Timor Transitional Administration
- Universitas Nazionale de Timor Loro Sae
- East Timorese National Council
- Partido Socialista Timor
- Apodeti (Popular Democratic Association)
- KOTA (Veterans Party)
- Trabalhista (Timor Labour Party)
- UDT (Timorese Democratic Union)
- FRETILIN (Frente Revolucionara do Timor Leste Independente)
- PSD (Social Democratic Party)
- Chinese Business Association; and
- Dili Chamber of Commerce.

A communications plan has been developed specifically for the Sunrise Gas Project to:

- Increase community awareness and understanding of the oil and gas industry;
- Increase the Northern Territory and East Timor public awareness and participation in the community consultation process, prior to the formal release of the EIS document for public comment;
- Provide information about the Sunrise Gas Project into East Timor; and
- Address community and stakeholder concerns during the preparation of the EIS.

As part of the communications strategy the following information has been distributed to community stakeholders prior to and concurrent with the release of the EIS document for public comment:

- ❑ Two advertorials placed in the Northern Territory News, Palmerston Sun, Litchfield Times, Timor Post and Suara Timor Loro Sae newspapers;
- ❑ A Project Information Pack with ongoing updates; and
- ❑ Project information and updates on the Proponent's website – [www.woodside.com.au](http://www.woodside.com.au)

A public information session to be attended by Woodside representatives will proceed during the public review period at a shopping centre in Darwin to keep the public and any other interested parties informed on the project.

A free-call telephone number (1800 638 710) has also been established by Woodside to provide the community a readily accessible contact number to obtain further information. This telephone number is also open during the public review period for the community to obtain information. Since the telephone number was set up in August 2000, thirteen calls have been received, including two from East Timor, requesting information or commenting on the project.

In East Timor, information is provided in Bahasa Indonesia, Portuguese and English and specific mobile telephone numbers have been provided with relevant language speakers taking calls.