

Statements from Woodside Energy:

1 August 2023

Woodside today condemned the actions of a group of extremist protesters who trespassed at the family home of CEO Meg O'Neill in Perth on Tuesday morning. The activists were accompanied by camera crews in what was an organised and deliberate act designed to intimidate Ms O'Neill and her family.

“This is an unacceptable escalation in activity designed to threaten and intimidate by an extremist group which has no interest in engaging in respectful and constructive debate about Woodside’s role in the transition towards a lower-carbon world. Illegal activity like this only serves to distract from the real work being undertaken to achieve decarbonisation,” said a Woodside spokesperson.

Ms O'Neill thanked Western Australian Police for their swift response in acting to ensure the safety of her family members.

“This was not a ‘harmless protest’. It was designed to threaten me, my partner and our daughter in our home. Such acts by extremists should be condemned by anyone who respects the law and believes people should be safe to go about their business at home and at work,” said Ms O'Neill.

3 August 2023

Woodside first contacted ABC Four Corners on 17 July, after being made aware that the activist group calling itself Disrupt Burrup Hub had advertised on Facebook that a meeting being planned by the group for 26 July would be filmed by Four Corners for a report on climate activism in Australia. Subsequent to that contact, the activist group’s advertising on Facebook was amended to read that the meeting would be filmed by media reporting on climate activism in Australia. On 21 July, a representative of Four Corners responded to Woodside’s enquiry with an undertaking that the program would contact us ‘if’ they pursued the story. The next contact we had from Four Corners was on 1 August, when their reporter asked for reaction to the incident at the home of the Woodside CEO that the reporter described as a ‘police raid’.

4 August 2023

Woodside today lodged a formal complaint to the ABC in relation to a Four Corners team filming at the home of CEO Meg O'Neill on 1 August 2023.