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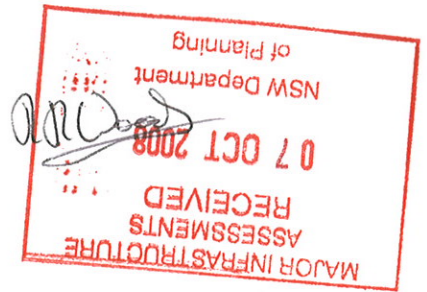
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I. Robert Woods object to the proposal. }

Reasons below.

Queensland Hunter Gas Pipeline  
Environmental Assessment Submission

Re: Scott Jeffries



Scott, having read through the QHGP environmental assessment, I thank you for the opportunity to comment. I consider that the most important issue that the assessment faces is of course safety and that no proper allowance has been made to reduce safety risk to an acceptable level for some people within the EA. Page 31 of EA volume 3 refers to jet fires and flash fires from external interference from heavy equipment. What guarantees does the EA make, as to the ongoing safety for irrigation machinery operators and others, of deep dig excavators etc. who can and often do, operate their machinery with high spread but low distance field lights at night as well as day, in and alongside major irrigation layouts, (visual warning posts every few hundred metres esp. during night operations would do very little for safety even when parallel to known fence lines) Easily bumped 'inspection risers' by any heavy vehicle should also have been of great importance to safety within the EA. To compromise the safety of future operators of extremely powerful digging machines and others, when other options are available is simply wrong. No offers within the EA to completely fence off the pipeline through intensive irrigation country (where practicable), appears indicative of its level of concern.

What guarantees does the EA make, as to properly safeguard irrigators against the property to property transmission of exotic pests and weeds. (Naturally, irrigated lands are especially vulnerable to many biological pests such as fusarium wilt,) which could easily be spread by ongoing inspection and service procedures by QHGP or their contractors traveling through and from distant farms.

What guarantees does the EA make to landholders, as to the obvious downgrading of their land value, esp. any land proposed now or in the future for subdivision, future development or required roads. For that matter, much of the EA mapping including irrigation bore sites is incorrect.

What guarantees does the EA give, that after heavy rain or flood, the pipeline trench will not become a dangerous quagmire for all types of vehicles and machinery that are constantly required at this time on an irrigation farm. No amount of prior compaction will stop a machine from sinking in these conditions. Underground Telecom cables give similar trouble in these soils for years after being laid.

Intelligent assessment within the EA is lacking when the higher valued, more developed and commercial environment such as highly intensive irrigated land is hardly mentioned in its volumes. Some other gas line routes identified in the EA appear easier, less impacting on most environments and of course much safer than the current preferred route.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rob Woods".

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