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Queensland Hunter Gas Pipeline Submissions

Major Infrastructure Assessments

Department of Planning

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Attention: Swati Sharma

RE: Queensland Hunter Gas Pipeline crossing Lot 3 DP 225390 Kelvin Road Gunnedah

Dear Swati,

With reference to application number (06_0286) for the construction of a gas pipeline across our property Lot 3 DP 225390 "Dinamar" Kelvin Road Gunnedah we wish to make a submission to the Department of Planning of our concerns in relation to the proposed development across our property.

We must point out that we generally support the proposed development, but have some local concerns particularly in relation to our property.

We have owned "Dinamar" for about 10 months when we purchased the property we were not aware of the proposed pipeline development, further more the main attraction to us to purchase the property was that it adjoined our existing property and that it was the only remnant plains grass Native Vegetation Property in the area, the property is 440 acres and 340 acres are Native Vegetation and the remaining 100 acres is regenerating Native Vegetation that was previously cultivated some 20 years previous. This was verified by the Catchment Management Authority (CMA) in writing prior the sale and the document was included in the contract of sale. The property also has a series of lagoons and billabongs for its entire length and is a recognized drainage line for the Rangaroi creek.

We are of the understanding that the original route for the proposed pipeline was along Travelling Stock Routes (TSR) and Crown roads, and due to the fact that these we Native vegetation the Government opposed this route and asked the Proponent to negotiate with private land owners, our first point is what is the difference between Government owned Native vegetation land and Privately owned Native vegetation land?

We have had a discussion with the Environmental Consultants Manidis Roberts at their recent information session in Gunnedah and we highlighted our concerns with them, these concerns are listed below

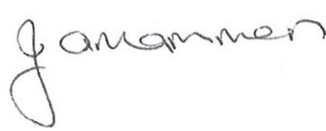
↓ Native Vegetation.

- ✚ The proposed route diagonally crossing our property which constitutes the most potential disturbance and disruption and interference to Native vegetation and interruption to the natural Billabong system and water supply.
- ✚ Length of time the trench is open with possible risk to cattle and flooding of trench is times of rain.
- ✚ Weed infestation of the 30m corridor of land and the potential difficulty to contact those responsible to control these weeds.
- ✚ Access and security of our property.
- ✚ Compensation and ongoing lose of production until the land regenerates to its previous capability, we realize that QHGP would be required to negotiate a easement agreement, we have asked to see a draft copy of the agreement but we have been told that it is not available, we find it difficult to fully support a proposal we cannot get answers to all our questions particularly where it could potentially have impact on our lively hood and value of our property.
- ✚ Inspection points and the frequency of inspections
- ✚ Insurance during construction and ongoing insurance for potential property damage from access, inspections and pipeline rupture.
- ✚ Management of our stock during the construction process.
- ✚ Potential risk of induction from 66KV overhead power lines.

These issues were also raised with a representative from QHGP that contacted us after we raised our concerns at the information session, the representative had a site visit and understood the main points we raised and we await conformation of our discussions from QHGP with particular reference to changing the route to adjacent our boundary fence, it still however doesn't address all the other issues as highlighted.

We wish to thank you for the opportunity to make a submission and please if you have any questions please feel free to contact the undersigned on either (02)67422330 or 0448422330 or via e-mail chris.burgess@westnet.com.au

Yours Sincerely

 Chris Burgess and Julie Mammen