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Dinuka McKenzie,
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Dear Dinuka

RE: Proposed Queensland-Hunter Gas Pipeline (Major Project Application 06_0286).

Thank you for providing the Border Rivers Gwydir Catchment Management Authority (BRG CMA) with a copy of the Environmental Assessment for our information.

The vegetation and habitat issues previously identified on 6 February 2008 with the proponents during the concept phase have been addressed in the Biodiversity section of the Environmental Assessment, in particular potential impacts on EECs.

Surface water issues for stream crossings in sensitive and fragile locations in the BRG CMA area were also identified and these issues have been addressed in the Surface and Groundwater section. However, minor corrections in Section 15.4.2 that reads:

“Wetlands

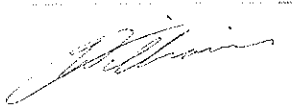
Whilst the majority of wetlands have been avoided they are still sensitive to upstream impacts during construction. Within the sensitivity criteria, crossings that feed into downstream environments, such as RAMSAR wetlands, are considered as being of high sensitivity. For this reason, the following river crossings have been identified as being of high sensitivity: Barwon River, Gnowra River, Mehi River – as they flow into the Gwydir Wetlands”, are as follows:

- The Barwon River does not flow into the Gwydir Wetlands.
- The Mehi River does not flow into the Gwydir Wetlands. The Mehi is a stream that flows out of the Gwydir River at Pallamallawa, and flows down to Collarenebri, into the Barwon River.
- I am not aware of a river called the Gnowra River.

- The Gwydir River is the stream that flows into the Gwydir Wetlands. It splits into two streams 5 kilometres west of Moree. The streams are called the Gingham Watercourse and Lower Gwydir River.

If you require any further information in relation to your proposal, please feel free to contact Liz savage on 6757 2558.

yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rod Williams', written over a faint dotted line.

Rod Williams
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