

Henry Schneebeli  
"Santis"  
Moree 2400  
Tel: 0267522975  
Ref: 06\_0286



35  
#32

14 October 2008

Department of Planning  
GPO Box 39  
SYDNEY 2001

**Submission to the Queensland Hunter Gas Pipeline Project**

Sir/Madam

I object to the pipeline being built through our freehold property "Santis".  
This project benefits the people of NSW. If the Government supports the pipeline, it has to allow it on it's own land and not hide behind blanked red tape, to force it onto fertile farm and irrigation country.

The TSR outside of our fence line is covered with noxious weeds like briar and boxthorn. It is hard to understand why the DECC would object to the free removal of noxious vegetation from Government land.

Running the pipe criss-cross over the TSR from one landholder to another instead of straight down the road, adds length, cost and access problems in the future. It restricts landholders use of their land for several generations without any benefit for them.

Farm soil will be degraded even if care is taken to separate topsoil from subsoil. The pipeline will show up in crops for decades.

The DECC must be under the illusion that TSRs up here are virgin native habitat. How else could they value a weed infested TSR more, than fertile cropland, when there are 800 million hungry people in the world.

I hope someone in Government will show some common sense.

I refuse permission for the pipeline to go through our land.

Yours sincerely

*H. Schneebeli*

**COPY**

35 32  
Continued

These pictures show the TSR outside our fence, full of noxious weeds, that the Government is supposed to keep under control.

The gas pipeline should follow the TSR wherever it is sensible. Clearing a 30m strip will not destroy native plants and habitat forever. TSRs are usually several hundred meters wide and native vegetation will overgrow the pipe again, especially if someone looks after it, which the Company claims it will do. Later it will be better protected than the rest of the TSR because of the building ban near the pipeline.

In our situation a 30m-cleared strip could actually be the start for native vegetation if managed properly.

