

**Swati Sharma - Submission for QHGP Major Project App 06\_0286**

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#35 Attached

Swati,

Please find one attachment Muswellbrook Shire Council's submission for the Proposed Queensland Hunter Gas Pipeline.

A hard copy will be mailed shortly.

Thankyou for you assistance.

Regards

*Craig Flemming*

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20 October 2008

**Scott Jeffries**  
**Director Major Infrastructure Assessments**  
**Sydney NSW 2001**  
**Department of Planning**  
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Dear Sir,

**Proposed Queensland-Hunter Gas Pipeline (Major Project Application: 06 0286)**

Muswellbrook Shire Council would like to make the following submissions in relation to the above project.

The Environmental Assessment (EA) indicates that 27 km of the proposed pipeline will be located within the Muswellbrook Shire Council area (KP 698 to KP725). Therefore MSC would request that the following information is provided:

- Location of any proposed Construction Camp sites within the Shire area along with Construction Camp Site Management Plans;
- Location of any proposed sources or potential disposal sites for Hydrotest water within the Shire area. Detailed environmental protection measures to be provided for any such disposal areas within the Shire;
- Locations of any proposed site that may require blasting. Where blasting is to occur MSC should be notified of times and location of blasting and contact numbers should Council receive complaints; and
- MSC should be notified of any contaminated soil uncovered during excavation within the Shire area.

The EA documents are general and relate to a concept design. Therefore comments relate to standards and processes to be used in reaching a final design and location.

Comments:

1. Council is concerned that many of the rural roads used to access the project are not capable of withstanding heavy loads particularly after rain periods. The applicant should be aware that roads may be closed to protect the road and that Council will require any damage to existing roads are to be repaired. Council would appreciate the cooperation promised in the EA extending to consultation in regard to roads to be used for materials haulage and access both locally and for the project hubs.
2. Council will require the applicant to obtain a 138 permit Under the Roads Act for works within the Council roads.
3. The Traffic Assessment does not address the route the pipes and other materials will take. Muswellbrook has specific issues in regard to oversize vehicles going

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through Muswellbrook as often they are not able to follow the New England Highway through Muswellbrook and use Council roads. Such movements of vehicles should be addressed in consultation with Council.

4. Erosion along the pipe line is of concern. The concept design does not include a long section giving the grade of pipes and does not adequately address the need for bulkheads or trench stops. A reference to Australian Standards should be made in regard to the frequency of bulkheads or trenchstops. It is proposed within the EA that adequate stops will be provided however the standard is not nominated. In choosing the route grade, soil type, and catchment intercepted should be considered to reduce the risk of erosion.
5. Trench compaction should be specified in more detail in the final design considering the above.

Thank you for the opportunity for Council to comment on this major project.

Yours faithfully



Chris Gidney  
**Director Environmental Services**

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