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Dear Sir,

QUEENSLAND HUNTER GAS PIPELINE

Thank you for the opportunity to place a submission on this project.

Council welcomes the construction of the Queensland Hunter Gas Pipeline as a critical energy infrastructure project that will deliver competitively priced gas to the Hunter and communities along the pipeline route.

The proponent, at a briefing session on the project, indicated that it would provide take off points for a future lateral to service Quirindi. If this was to be provided, Council believes a local distribution network would be possible in the future that would benefit the local economy in terms of expansion of industry and job creation in existing and emerging industries. Council would seek this provision for Quirindi as a condition of any consent. Council also believes that the pipeline could reduce greenhouse gas emissions by diversifying the State's energy mix.

The Liverpool Plains Shire is predominately an agricultural Shire, based on broad acre winter and summer cropping growing a range of dry land and irrigated crops.

It is therefore important that the company identifies an extensive one on one consultation program with landholders along the pipeline route to ensure terms and conditions for access be cognisant of seasonal agricultural activities.

It is noted that the company has held discussions with ARTC regarding possible rail upgrading of the Ardglen crossing of the Liverpool Range. The pipeline route should be selected so as not to limit possible options of the rail routes.

Council therefore seeks conditions of consent that:

- (a) Provide for a take-off point from the main pipeline to service the community of Quirindi;
- (b) At the take-off point provide a pressure reducing station to enable reticulation of domestic pressure gas;
- (c) Undertake extensive consultation with landholders in respect to the terms and conditions of access to lands;

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- (d) Ensure protection of local infrastructure and the environment to limit impacts;
- (e) Engagement of an Environmental Manager for the project to monitor impact during and post construction rehabilitation works.

Yours faithfully



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