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Major Infrastructure Assessments
Department of Planning
GPO Box 39, SYDNEY

Att: Swati Sharma

Re: Application 06_0286 – Queensland – Hunter Gas Pipeline

Dear Swati,

As a current landholder who will be affected by the proposed gas pipeline if the project is approved we would like to raise the following items for your consideration during the exhibition process.

This response is written in relation to a property owned by Eureka 1 Project 14 Pty Ltd and known as 91 Gardiner Street, Rutherford, Lot 105 DP 1062820.

Eureka 1 Project 14 Pty Ltd does not object to essential infrastructure projects being undertaken, however we understand this is a private company pursuing this project with the sole intention of running a commercial operation in pursuit of a profit.

In determining if this project is viable we believe all impact associated with the imposition of easements over privately owned properties be fully and fairly considered.

The route proposed does not appear to be flexible in terms of altering alignment to minimise impacts, whilst we appreciate engineering limitations, alternatives should be considered where easements will sterilise large portions of properties due to the chosen alignment, which has been derived by the private companies consultants who will have one sole intention of designing the pipeline as efficiently as possible with little or no respect to the impacts it will have to privately owned properties.

In many cases we believe large portions of privately owned properties will be unfairly encumbered and not reasonably compensated for the imposition of the gas pipeline and resulting easements. The only beneficiary will be a privately owned company with the sole intention of making potential profits.

In closing we request the Department of Planning assess the impacts of this easement over individual properties and for the proponent to clearly justify why alternate routes have not been pursued to minimise these impacts. We also request the Department of Planning seek full details of the compensation proposed by private company for the imposition of the easement.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'John Green', written in a cursive style.

EUREKA 1 PROJECT 14 PTY LIMITED
John Green
Director