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Ms Mandana Mazaheri
Principal Planning Officer
Department of Planning and Environment
Via the Major Projects Portal

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Dear Mandana

Thank you for providing the EPA with the opportunity to review the Environmental Impact Assessment for the Kurri Kurri Lateral Pipeline Project under SSI-22338205 to supply gas for the Hunter Power Project from the existing Sydney to Newcastle Pipeline.

Upon review, the EPA considers that the construction or operation of the pipeline do not constitute a Scheduled Activity under Schedule 1 of the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* (POEO Act). As such, the EPA does not consider that the project will require an Environment Protection Licence under the POEO Act. The EPA also understands that the proposal is not being undertaken by or on behalf of a NSW Public Authority nor is the proposed activity any other activity for which the EPA is the appropriate regulatory authority.

If the project is approved, the proponent must take all necessary precautions to prevent, control, abate or mitigate pollution and protect human health and the environment from harm during the construction and operational phases.

The EPA has no further comments to provide on the project.

If you have any queries about this, please contact me on 4908 6823.

Yours sincerely

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