

Subsidence Advisory

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Dear Jack,

Kurri Kurri Lateral Pipeline Project (SSI-22338205). our ref: EOTH22-00372

This letter provides Subsidence Advisory NSW's comments on the above project.

As advised in our letter dated 7 November 2022, sections of the proposed gas pipeline route are located within a declared mine subsidence district, and in areas where subsidence risks have been identified.

The project will be assessed in accordance with our Merit Assessment Policy, a copy of which can be found here; https://www.nsw.gov.au/subsidence-advisory/merit-policy. Subsidence Advisory NSW have previously advised APA group that a detailed mine subsidence assessment and investigation will be required. It is understood that a geotechnical investigation is currently being carried out.

Applications consistent with the proposal would be conditionally approved under Subsidence Advisory's current development assessment policy framework. Please note that this advice does not constitute an approval. The submission and our acceptance of an adequate mine subsidence investigation report or reports and sufficiently detailed design drawings will required prior to the determination of conditions of approval.

Conditions of approval may include a requirement to mitigate or eliminate subsidence risks identified in the geotechnical investigation and assessment report. Commensurate with risks identified in the report, conditional approval may include a requirement for project infrastructure to be designed to mitigate against existing and future subsidence impacts. Subsurface grouting may be required for areas where a sinkhole risk has been identified or where the identified risk is unable to be mitigated by engineered design.

If you would like more information, please contact Subsidence Advisory NSW on 4908 4300 or subsidencedevelopment@customerservice.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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2 December 2022