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Dear Rose-Anne

RE: ADVICE ON SEARS – NARRABRI LATERAL PIPELINE (SSI-53307723)

Forestry Corporation on NSW (FCNSW) asks that the following points of interest be addressed in the environmental impact statement:

1. A description of the works and likely disturbance caused if the buried infrastructure was to be removed from State forest at decommissioning.
2. Whether there will be passage restrictions to traversing or crossing the pipeline by heavy plant or timber harvesting equipment, and if so, how Santos will ensure FCNSW's capabilities to harvest timber and suppress wildfire will not be significantly affected.
3. A list of controls to minimise the likelihood of pipeline construction works causing a bushfire ignition event.
4. A list of controls to suppress a fire started by construction works (i.e. bushfire fighter training for some staff, water tankers on site etc).
5. A communication strategy to minimise disruptions to FCNSW's business and those of other stakeholders of State forest, including apiarists and recreational hunters.
6. A list of the roads managed by FCNSW that Santos proposes will service the construction works and what traffic control and maintenance arrangements may be necessary.
7. A description of the risks the pipeline poses in the event of a bushfire event (i.e. will the flow of gas cease? Will there be access restrictions to fire fighting personnel in wildfire events etc?).
8. Will the presence of the pipeline restrict hazard reduction burning activities or backburning operations (i.e. is it safe for firefighters to suppress fire or ignite vegetation in the pipeline corridor)?
9. A proposal for the management of vegetation and woody debris generated by the clearing of a corridor through State forest.

Do not hesitate to contact me should you seek clarification on any of the points above.

Sincerely



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