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Steve O'Donoghue
Director, Resource Assessments
Department of Planning and Environment

Dear Mr O'Donoghue

I refer to condition D8 of the Narrabri Gas Project development consent (SSD-6546), requiring Santos to submit an Annual Review of the environmental performance of the development to the Department by the end of March each year.

Santos has not yet commenced work under the development consent and did not undertake any physical works under the consent during the previous calendar year. Phase 1 of the project can only commence once Santos has received Planning Secretary approval of management plans required under the schedule 2 conditions B1, B4, B13, B41, B51, B59, B61, B69, B70, B83 and D1.

Santos has spent the last 12 months developing the management plans in consultation with state government agencies, advisory groups, Narrabri Shire Council and other stakeholder as required under consent conditions. We have now submitted six of the required management plans to the Planning Portal for assessment by the Department. The Planning Secretary approved the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan (ACHMP) required under consent condition B59 on 15 March 2022.

Activities to be carried out over the current calendar year include:

- Establishing the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Working Group under the ACHMP and undertaking cultural heritage pre-clearance surveys under the ACHMP
- Once cultural heritage pre-clearance surveys are complete, finalising the Phase 1 development footprint and preparing the Field Development Plan for Phase 1 in consultation with stakeholder
- Commencement of Phase 1 activities in Q3 provided that all pre-Phase 1 conditions are satisfied. This includes but is not limited to Planning Secretary approval of management plans required under the above listed conditions, and retirement of species and ecosystem credit liabilities generated by works proposed under the Phase 1 Field Development Plan.

Given Phase 1 of the project has not commenced, we are unable to address the remaining requirements of condition D8.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact Cassie Hay on (07) 3838 5822 or by e-mail to cassie.hay@santos.com

Yours sincerely



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