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Rose-Anne Hawkeswood

Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

Submitted via NSW Planning Portal

Dear Ms Hawkeswood,

Re: Narrabri Lateral Pipeline (SSI-53307723)

Brickworks Building Products Pty Ltd ("Brickworks") welcomes the opportunity to provide this submission in support of the Narrabri Lateral Pipeline.

Gas is critical to NSW manufacturing

Brickworks is one of Australia's largest manufacturers of building products and a significant employer across New South Wales. Our manufacturing operations rely on secure, continuous access to natural gas, helping to increase NSW housing stock across the State.

Natural gas is critical to brick manufacturing. For manufacturers such as Brickworks, gas is not discretionary; it is a foundational input to ongoing operations, investment certainty and employment continuity.

The Narrabri Lateral Pipeline is essential to energy security

The Narrabri Lateral Pipeline is essential infrastructure for connecting gas supply from the approved Narrabri Gas Project to the NSW gas transmission network. The Environmental Impact Statement demonstrates that the pipeline enables the delivery of gas dedicated to the east coast domestic market and has been declared critical State Significant Infrastructure in recognition of its role in addressing forecast gas shortfalls and strengthening energy security in New South Wales.

NSW currently produces negligible volumes of natural gas and remains heavily reliant on interstate supply. Independent analysis by the Australian Energy Market Operator and the Australian Government continues to identify material risks of gas shortfalls as coal-fired

generation retires and reliance on gas-fired firming increases. These risks are particularly relevant for NSW energy consumers.

Manufacturing, affordability and system reliability

For major industrial and manufacturing gas users, access to additional domestic supply delivered through new transmission infrastructure supports affordability, reliability and domestic resilience. Increasing supply diversity reduces exposure to supply disruptions and price volatility, supporting the ongoing operation of NSW manufacturing.

The Narrabri Lateral Pipeline forms a critical link for gas supply between the approved Narrabri gas production facility and the Sydney gas market via the approved Hunter Gas Pipeline. Without this connecting infrastructure, the benefits of the Narrabri Gas Project cannot be realised.

Environmental management considerations

Brickworks supports strong environmental regulation and acknowledges the importance of avoiding and minimising environmental impacts. The Environmental Impact Statement demonstrates that the project has been designed to reduce impacts where practicable and that residual impacts can be appropriately managed through established regulatory frameworks, conditions of approval and industry standards.

For these reasons, Brickworks supports the approval of the Narrabri Lateral Pipeline. The project represents critical enabling infrastructure to strengthen NSW's energy security, support domestic manufacturing, and underpin economic stability.

Yours sincerely,



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