

7 July 2026

Mr Jarrod Blane

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Dear Mr Blane

Objection to Bluestone Hardrock Quarry Project (SSD – 76210271)

Hunter Gas Pipeline Pty Ltd (known as **Santos**), the proponent of the Queensland-Hunter Gas Pipeline (Application No. 06_0286) (**HGP Project**), refers to the Bluestone Hardrock Quarry Project (Application No. SSD-76210271) (**Quarry Project**) proposed to be undertaken by Bluestone Hardrock Pty Ltd (**Quarry Applicant**) and the Environmental Impact Statement on exhibition from 9 June until 7 July 2026 (**Quarry Project EIS**).

The proponent of the HGP Project has been engaging with the landholders since 2008. Santos took over the HGP Project in 2022 and, since that time, has continued to engage with the landholders.

Santos is committed to work with the Quarry Applicant to accommodate the Quarry Project, however based on the information available to Santos, there are real concerns about the ability to find a suitable alignment for the pipeline and the incompatibility of a quarry in proximity to the pipeline.

Santos is currently working with the Quarry Applicant to assess landholder-initiated route change requests (RCRs) which minimise the impact of the HGP Project on landholders and their properties and business. However, route changes must be considered in view of Santos' obligations under the Project Approval MP06_0286, in particular Condition 2.4 regarding the assessment of deviations in the route alignment outside of the 200m corridor assessed in the Environmental Approvals for the Project. This includes the landholders' RCRs.

In this regard, Santos is finalising an assessment to determine whether the landholders' RCRs can be accommodated. That assessment is particularly complicated for the landholders' properties because Santos has not been provided access to the Property to undertake survey works and due to the existence of Matters of National Environmental Significance (**MNES**), being threatened species and ecological communities.

Until the issues relating to the pipeline alignment and coexistence of the pipeline and Quarry Project can be resolved, Santos objects to the Quarry Project on the basis that it is incompatible with the HGP Project.

We will provide a more fulsome response to the department regarding these issues once we have finalised our discussions with the landholders.

Yours sincerely



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