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Department of Planning, Industry and Environment  
4 Parramatta Square, 12 Darcy St,  
Parramatta, NSW, 2150

Attention: Mandana Mazaheri

**Re: Submission to the proposed Kurri Kurri gas pipeline SSI 22338205**

Dear Mandana,

This submission is made on behalf of The Bloomfield Group who own land adjacent to land impacted by the proposed route of the Kurri Kurri gas pipeline and who current lease land that is the subject of disturbance from the pipeline construction. There is currently no arrangement or agreement in place for the pipeline construction to take place.

The Bloomfield Group is also one of three landowners that form the Stony Pinch Consortium (SPC). The SPC is focused on the future development of the site which is dissected by the proposed pipeline route. The development of the SPC site has been recognized in the Draft Regional Plan as part of the National Pinchpoint.

It is the Bloomfield Group's view that the future development of the SPC site and the importance of this site to the region's economic future has not adequately been assessed in selecting the proposed route. In order to not diminish the development opportunity for the site, alternate routes that align with established infrastructure such as main roads should be the preferred option. As a SSI project, the opportunity exists for the pipeline to be located and co-exist along road corridors where future expansion of the road network is required and where vegetation clearing will be required in the near future for the road network.

The route selection criteria appears to be based on the easiest option for the proponent listing the proposed route as having the lowest number of direct affected landholders as the number one key advantage.

It is noted that there has been a lack of adequate consultation with The Bloomfield Group on the proposed route prior to completing the EIS documentation. The corridors presented in the EIS are broad and do not provide the detail required to fully assess the impact. Should the northern route, as proposed, be approved then there are issues to be resolved with the specific detail of the route location. Approval of the project does provide any comfort that specific issues with the route will be addressed.

The Bloomfield Group objects to the Kurri Kurri Lateral Pipeline project based on the selected pipeline route and lack of adequate consultation.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Moore'.

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