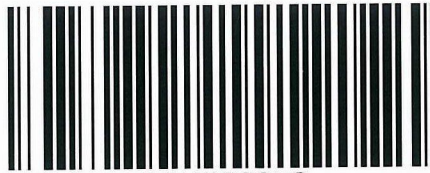


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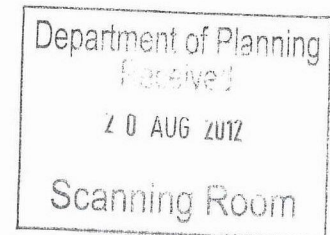
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Dear Mr Alam

YOUNG TO WAGGA LOOPING PIPELINE STAGE 2 (BETHUNGRA TO YOUNG)

Council acknowledges receipt of your correspondence dated 30 July 2012 wherein you advise of the exhibition of the Environmental Assessment for the above project. I wish to raise a number of issues with the Department in relation to this proposal.

The provision of natural gas is considered to be a major economic driver for the establishment, and relocation of, industries in regional areas. To this end Council would request that consideration be given to a decommissioning point at Wombat to allow our communities to access natural gas.

It is disappointing that the proponents of this project has not contacted Council to engage in any meaningful discussion in relation to this matter and the potential provision of a decommissioning point to allow our communities access to this important infrastructure. Council trusts that you can encourage the proponents to contact us in the near future to discuss this option.

Yours sincerely

Max Kershaw
GENERAL MANAGER