



3rd May 2017

Major Projects
Department of Planning and Environment

To Whom it may concern,

RE: NARRABRI GAS PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (SSD 6456) – NARRABRI MINE SUBMISSION

We refer to the above mentioned application made by Santos NSW (Eastern) Pty Ltd for the Narrabri Gas Project. While the Narrabri Mine is supportive of the Narrabri Gas Project and the potential benefits it will provide to the Narrabri Shire the following comments are provided on the publicly exhibited Environmental Impact Statement (EIS):

- The groundwater sections detailing the cumulative impacts of the Narrabri Gas Project and the Narrabri Mine should be reviewed against the latest available information for the Narrabri Mine, being a Groundwater Assessment report developed by HydroSimulations (2015) to support a modification to the mine's approval. This assessment included an update to the sites groundwater model, which includes updated mine groundwater inflows and predicted drawdowns; and
- Section 29.3.15, pg. 29-15 – reference is made to a coal fines tailings dam at the Narrabri Mine. It should be noted that the Narrabri Mine has no coal fines tailings dam as all coal fines produced from coal processing onsite are dewatered and added to the product coal stockpiles.

Should you have any queries or require any further information please contact myself on (02) 6794 4755.

Yours sincerely

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