

Cover Letter

Santos Narrabri Gas Project: EIS Review Comments

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Documents Reviewed

This report challenges the Document:

- Appendix G1 Managed Release Study (Bohena Creek) – **Appendix C** - “Aquatic Ecology and Stygofauna Assessment”

A report and field study is presented that challenges comments made in the Santos 2016 Environmental Impact Statement that “no stygofauna were collected during the sampling regime by Eco Logical” and therefore “there is an uncertainty regarding the presence of stygofauna at the project areas, especially Leewood “. The aim of this report is to demonstrate via a more extensive survey of bores across the Pilliga that stygofauna do indeed exist in the shallow aquifers of the Pilliga Forest, are at risk from the current and proposed future development of Coal Seam Gas production and therefore needs to be considered and included in the environmental management program.