

Dear All,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide advice on the above matter.

GSNSW has previously provided comments for the projects Draft EIS (Our Ref OUT17/37750 & OUT17/38561). GSNSW advised that ARTC had generally been thorough with stakeholder consultation and accordingly we had no issues to raise regarding the Narrabri to North Star Draft EIS. Please be advised that our position remains unchanged. However, we offer the following information in the interest of title status clarification.

GSNSW notes that within *Section 20.2.4 - Mining and exploration leases and petroleum licences*, of the EIS. ARTC has stated that *"There are three petroleum licenses within the study area, all of which are expired. Two were licenced to Comet Ridge Gunnedah Pty Ltd (PEL0006) and Comet Ridge Ltd (PEL0427), and one to Santos NSW Pty Ltd (PEL0238). There is one active petroleum licence (Santos NSW (Hillgrove) Pty Ltd – PPL0003), located about 13 kilometres south-west of the Narrabri end of the proposal site"*. GSNSW advises that applications for the renewal of these titles have been sought from the title holders and whilst the applications remain pending the titles remain current and should not be considered expired. Accordingly, consultation with the intersected and proximal title holders should remain ongoing.

The Geological Survey of New South Wales (GSNSW) has no further advice to offer regarding conditions of approval for the project.

Queries regarding the above information and future requests for advice in relation to this matter should be directed to the GSNSW Land Use team at landuse.minerals@industry.nsw.gov.au.

Regards

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