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Attention: Dinuka WcKenzie

Dear Ms McKenzie

Re: Proposed Queensland - Hunter Gas Pipeline (Major Project Application

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Your Ref: S06/00901

Reference is made to your letter advising public exhibition of the above proposal and forwarding copies of the Environmental Assessment.

Upper Hunter Shire Council has examined the documentation and has no objections to the proposal as submitted. Please note however, that Council recommends that the following matters be given further consideration by your Department:

- Connection points should be provided for possible future connections to Murrurundi, Scone and Aberdeen
- Consultation with owners affected by the proposed pipeline should ensure that consideration is given to potential impact of the gas pipeline, regarding placement of dwellings on the land
- All previous landowners consulted with should be updated regarding any change to the proposed route for the gas pipeline.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposal. Council apologises for the delay in making the submission.

Please contact Council's Director Environmental Services, Mr David Casson if you have any further enquiries.

Yours faithfully

For Daryl Dutton

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