



Department of Primary Industries

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Dear Mrs Giblett

Thank you for your e-mail on the 29 November 2013 concerning the review of the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed Santos Narrabri CSG Utilisation Project (Wilga Park) MOD 3.

The Office of Agricultural Sustainability & Food Security (O AS&FS) has reviewed the EA provided by Santos and concluded;

As most of the infrastructure is proposed on existing disturbed areas and the additional disturbance areas are not of significance to agricultural production in the region, the development's impact and disturbance to agriculture in the area are minor in nature.

Given the scrutiny given to coal seam gas issues O AS&FS would like to draw the proponent's attention to the NSW Department of Primary Industries publication "Infrastructure proposals on rural land" (available at http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0020/359030/infrastructure-proposals-on-rural-land.pdf) with the aim of raising agricultural issues for infrastructure development to be considered in the spirit of ensuring that CSG and agriculture continue to coexist.

This advice from the Office of Agricultural Sustainability & Food Security is forwarded direct to the Department of Planning & Infrastructure in accordance with agreed arrangements for mining applications that affect agricultural land. It includes comments provided by officers in Agriculture NSW and NSW Trade & Investment.

Additional advice from the other divisions within the Department of Primary Industries may be forwarded by separate letter.

If you wish to discuss the issue further please call Rob Williamson on telephone 02 6391 3166 or by email robert.williamson@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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