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Attention : Jessie Gilbert, Planning Officer, Mining Projects - Development Assessment
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Narrabri Coal Seam Gas Utilisation Project (MP 07_0023 Mod 3)

Dear Jessie,

Thank you for your email dated 29 November 2013, providing the NSW Trade & Investment - Office of Coal Seam Gas (OCSG), the opportunity to review the project approval modification document *Narrabri Coal Seam Gas Utilisation project (MP 07_00230) Modification 3*, submitted by Santos NSW (Eastern) Pty Ltd (Santos). OCSG has assessed the modification document and has the following comments:

Recommendations:

1. That the Department of Planning & Infrastructure (DP&I) note OCSG's current development of the revised *Santos Narrabri Gas Field Produced Water Management Plan, December 2012* (PWMP) in consultation with NSW Office of Water (NOW). OCSG recommends the DP&I include a condition requiring the revised PWMP to be submitted to OCSG for approval, in accordance with the conditions of PEL238 and PAL2, under the *Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991*.
2. That DP&I be the nominated determining authority for the entirety of the modification (therefore consolidating approvals granted under Part 5 of the EP&A Act that are directly related to the assessment process under Part 4 of the EP&A Act), in order to reduce the regulatory burden and consistently address the impacts associated with the proposed activities. For example, DP&I is the nominated determining authority for the 'diversion of gas from the flow line to the Leewood facility' and OCSG subsequently approves the activity under condition of titles held by the proponent.

Should you wish to discuss any details of this approval please contact the undersigned on 02 49316705.

Yours Sincerely,

Greg Summerhayes
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NSW Trade & Investment

Date: 12 December 2013

