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Dear Ms Gibblett,

RE: Objection to **Modification 3 – Pipeline Riser**

The Wilderness Society Newcastle would like to object to the Santos EIS Modification 3 – Pipeline Riser as the application is uncertain and should not be approved. In particular modification:

3. Use of coal seam gas from existing or future wells within PAL 2 or PPL 3 at the Wilga Park Power Station

This appears to be a very broad and pre-emptive modification. Approval to use gas at the Wilga Park Power station should only occur once production wells have been approved. This is because of the many inherent risks involved in coal seam gas drilling that require a full Environmental Impact Statement and opportunities for community engagement. It is particularly high risk because the drilling is to take place in a high value eco-system and biodiversity corridor the Pilliga Forest.

Allowing the supply of gas from future wells not yet approved, of up to a substantially increased amount is highly premature.

Please contact The Wilderness Society Newcastle Campaign Manager Naomi Hogan on 49624124 or 0401650411 should you have any further questions regarding this objection.

Yours sincerely,

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