



## Planning & Environment

### Planning Services Resource Assessments

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Dear Ms Oliver

### **Dewhurst Gas Exploration Pilot Expansion (SSD 6038) Environmental Management Strategy**

The Department has reviewed the Environmental Management Strategy (also referred to as Project Environmental Management Plan), dated September 2014 and submitted in accordance with condition 1 of Schedule 5 of the development consent for the Dewhurst Gas Exploration Pilot Expansion (SSD 6038), and considers it to be adequate.

The Department notes that the Environmental Management Strategy contains a number of appended sub-plans which have been developed to assist in compliance to the various statutory instruments that govern the project. The Department notes that the sub-plans themselves and many of the conditions referred to in them do not directly relate to the requirements of SSD 6038, and as such has no comment on them.

The Department further notes that the sub-plans are intended to be dynamic documents that will be amended by Santos from time to time to reflect emerging technologies and any amended or additional obligations by various government agencies.

Consequently, the Department has focused its review of the Environmental Management Strategy against the requirements of condition 1 of Schedule 5 of the development consent. I would like to advise you that the Secretary has approved the Environmental Management Strategy.

Please note the requirement under condition 10 of Schedule 5 to make copies of all approved plans, programs and strategies publicly available.

If you require any more information, please contact Jessie Evans.

Yours sincerely

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