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Dear Mr Donnan

Major Project 07-0023 – Narrabri Coal Seam Gas Utilisation Project (Expansion of Wilga Park Power Station)

I refer to correspondence received by the Department in relation to pre-construction requirements for the Narrabri Coal Seam Gas Utilisation Project.

The Department has reviewed the information provided to date and is satisfied that the relevant pre-construction requirements of the Minister's approval, as identified below, have been addressed:

- Condition 1.6 – identification of construction staging;
- Condition 2.32 – preparation of a Road Dilapidation Report;
- Condition 2.37 – notification of urban design details for the power station;
- Condition 4.1 – preparation of Compliance Tracking Program;
- Condition 5.2 – establishment of contact details;
- Condition 5.4 – establishment of project website;
- Condition 6.1 – nomination of Environment Representative; and
- Condition 6.2 – preparation of Construction Environment Management Plan.

Consequently, I wish to advise that the Director-General has approved the following in accordance with the Minister's approval:

- the nominated Environment Representative, Mr Corey Beggs of CDB Environmental in accordance with condition 6.1 of the Minister's approval; and
- the revised Construction Environment Management Plan submitted to the Department on 8 December 2008 in accordance with condition 6.2 of the Minister's approval.

The Construction Environment Management Plan is approved subject to the requirements of condition 2.5 (construction vibration standards) being incorporated into section 5.5 of the document.

In relation to the pre-construction requirement to prepare a Fire Safety Study (condition 2.31), the Department notes that you have sought the Director-General's agreement in accordance with condition 2.31 to defer the preparation of the study until prior to the commencement of Stage 2 of construction as the first Stage of construction will not involve any above ground facility and therefore would not involve significant issues with respect to bushfire risk mitigation. I wish to advise that the Director-General has agreed to the deferment of the preparation of a Fire Safety Study until prior to the commencement of Stage 2 of the construction works in accordance with the requirements of condition 2.31.

In relation to those conditions which identify both pre-construction and pre-operational requirements, the Department understands that only those matters relating to the construction phase have been addressed at this stage, with operational matters to be addressed at a future date as part of the pre-operational documentation for the project. This includes:

- Condition 2.32 – mechanisms to monitor and restore any damage caused to roads during the operation of the project;
- Condition 4.1 – operational Compliance Tracking Program;
- Condition 5.2 – operational contact details; and
- Condition 6.1 – potential alternate Environment Representative for the operational phase.

The Department is satisfied with this approach.

Should you have any enquiries regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Anna Timbrell on 02 9228 6345

Yours sincerely



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