

Narrabri Gas Project CCC Information Request Response

Reference:	18.1a
Request:	Does the reduction in royalties of \$500K relating to the Community Benefits Fund rebate apply to the entire project or to individual phases of the project?
Response:	<p>The \$500,000 maximum is per project.</p> <p>For the Gas Community Benefits Fund, projects are defined in terms of a petroleum title being held. Once exploration or production work commences, gas companies in NSW can apply to the Minister to establish an authorised local Community Benefits Fund covering the local area in which they are undertaking gas exploration or production.</p> <p>Section 24AB (1) of the <i>Petroleum (Onshore) Regulation 2007</i> defines the <i>project area</i>.</p> <p><i>"project area, in relation to a petroleum title held by a person, means the local government area in which prospecting or mining authorised by the petroleum title is carried out and any local government area adjacent to that area that is affected by that prospecting or mining."</i></p>
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