

# Narrabri Gas Project CCC Information Request Response

<b>Reference:</b>	<b>19.4a</b>
<b>Request:</b>	Do old agricultural bores need to be plugged and abandoned
<b>Response:</b>	<p>If a water supply bore is abandoned or replaced, it is usually required to be decommissioned in accordance with the “minimum requirements for decommissioning bores” prescribed in the Minimum Construction Requirements for Water Bores in Australia, 2003 - <a href="http://adia.com.au/wp-content/pdf/MCR3RD2012B.pdf">http://adia.com.au/wp-content/pdf/MCR3RD2012B.pdf</a></p> <p>The key points of bore decommissioning in these guidelines are as follows (from p101)</p> <p>Principle: <i>Failed or unwanted bores should be decommissioned to restore, as far as possible, the aquifer isolation that existed before the bore was drilled and constructed.</i></p> <p>All bores and test holes that are to be decommissioned must be permanently sealed to prevent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the entry of any surface fluids and contaminants</li><li>• the intermixing of fluids and pressures between aquifers</li><li>• injury and harm to people and animals.</li></ul>
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