

To The Chair of the NGPCCC.

Would you please pass on these questions from the community to the appropriate people for a written answer?

These questions have arisen as a result of the recent Pilliga Forest bush fire and whether or not water from the Santos facilities was used to help fight the fire.

1. Was Santos asked if water could be sourced from their Bibbilwindi or Leewood facilities to fight the Pilliga fire? If so was the request denied or granted? If denied why?
2. Did Santos offer water from the Bibbilwindi or Leewood facilities to be used to fight the Pilliga fire? If so was the offer accepted or denied? If denied why?
3. Was any water from Bibbilwindi or Leewood used?

The next questions concern the Santos Leewood lucerne crop.

1. What was the yield of the first cut?
2. Is the lucerne for sale?
3. Has the lucerne been analysed for quality and possible contaminants as per MLA requirements for stock feed?
4. If so what were the results?

In the last half of 2017 GISERA held a workshop on plug and abandoning "P and A" of wells. An interim report was due in Dec 2017.

1. When will this interim report be available?
2. The final report is due mid 2018. Will this deadline be met?
3. If not do you know why not?

Questions for the EPA.

1. Has the EPA rewritten the code on P and A as mentioned in the GISERA workshop of last year?
2. If not when can this be done and made available to the public?
3. In the light of SRB being present as shown by the positive test results in the document provided, will the use of cement resistant to SRB be used for any external cement repairs be part of the rewritten code on P and A ?
4. In the past Santos has indicated that it does not wire log every well drilled. Santos and the EPA also indicated that wire logging prior to P and A was done on a "site specific basis". Will the EPA code require that Santos wire log every well prior to P and A so that repairs can be carried out if required?
5. If all wells are not wire logged prior to P and A what guarantee can either party provide that those wells will not allow aquifer cross contamination?
6. In the new code of P and A is there long term provision for testing of water quality at various depths using a sampling method other than electronically?
7. Does the code specify how often the testing be carried out, and for how many years it should continue for?
8. Will the results be available to the community in real time?
9. Will the EPA be doing the monitoring, that is the sampling and analysis?
10. If not the EPA then who will?
11. Years down the track after the P and A has been completed and a fault is detected by the water monitoring process, how will it be repaired or rectified?

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