

<b>Reference:</b>	<b>Action Item 31.1</b>
<b>Request:</b>	<p>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.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Was Santos asked if water could be sourced from their Bibblewindi or Leewood facilities to fight the Pilliga fire? If so, was the request denied or granted? If denied why?</li> <li>2. Did Santos offer water from the Bibblewindi or Leewood facilities to be used to fight the Pilliga fire? If so was the offer accepted or denied? If denied why?</li> <li>3. Was any water from Bibblewindi or Leewood used?</li> </ol>
<b>Response:</b>	<p><b>Question 1: Was Santos asked if water could be sourced from their Bibblewindi or Leewood facilities to fight the Pilliga fire? If so, was the request denied or granted? If denied why?</b></p> <p><b>Response:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Santos has and will continue to provide RFS and FCNSW access to the water bores located at Leewood and Bibblewindi for use in fire-fighting activities.</li> <li>• The water tanks used to fill RFS and FCNSW vehicles and planes (5 x 380kL) for fire-fighting purposes located at Pilliga, Gwabegar and Narrabri Airport were donated by Santos and we have recently provided RFS and FCNSW access to the long range camera located at the NOC to assist with the identification of fires and direct personnel as required.</li> <li>• RFS did not use water from the ponds at Bibblewindi or Leewood for fire-fighting purposes.</li> </ul> <p><b>Question 2: Did Santos offer water from the Bibblewindi or Leewood facilities to be used to fight the Pilliga fire? If so was the offer accepted or denied? If denied why?</b></p> <p><b>Response:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Santos has and will continue to provide RFS and FCNSW access to the water bores located at Leewood and Bibblewindi for use in fire-fighting activities.</li> <li>• Santos did not offer access to water from the ponds located at either Bibblewindi or Leewood.</li> </ul> <p><b>Question 3 and 4: Was any water from Bibblewindi or Leewood used?</b></p> <p><b>Response:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water from the Santos water bores located at Leewood and Bibblewindi was used during recent firefighting activities.</li> </ul>
<b>Briefing Officer:</b>	Todd Dunn, NSW Operations Manager
<b>Date</b>	22 February 2018