

Question to the September 2018 NGPCCC

TO DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

On the Major Projects site Narrabri Gas Project, the DP&E wrote a letter to Santos requesting a meeting; also the letter mentioned that “the Department had received additional advice from a number of NSW and Commonwealth Agencies”.

Q1.a. Will DP&E release a transcript of the meeting with Santos?

Q.1b. When will the all the received Agency advice from all levels of Government be released and put up on the Narrabri Gas Project Major projects planning webpage?

<http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/page/>

Q.1c. Does DP&E plan to put up on the dedicated Narrabri Gas Project page, the Responses from the public to Santos’ RTS, if it does then when, if the DPE is not going to put the publics responses up then what are the Departments reasons?

Q.2a. Will the DP&E take into account and ask the relevant NSW and Federal Departments/Agencies to comment on the Reports, the recommendations and suggestions as contained the two recent (release date August 2018) GISERA Reports “Decommissioning coal seam gas wells - S.9.” And “CSG-induced groundwater impacts in the Pilliga region: prediction uncertainty, data-worth and optimal monitoring strategies - W8” prior to moving to the next phase of the EIS Approval process?

Q.2b. Will the comments made in response to the first part of Q.2, be placed up on the DP&E Narrabri Gas Project EIS site before the commencement of the next phase of the EIS Approval process?

Question 3 and all parts, while being directed to the Department of Planning and Environment apply to all Departments, Agencies both State and Federal that have been asked to approve any Application by Santos or their predecessor’s associated with Exploration or Production or any other matter that requires Governmental/Departmental/Agency approval.

Q.3.a. Has the Department of Planning and Environment done a complete audit of all Applications and Modifications to the Department of Planning and Environment and/or its predecessor’s material provided, and statements made in the mentioned Application material concerning Operational, Rehabilitation, Management and Monitoring Plans that Santos and the previous PEL 238 Operators had used to obtain Departmental Approval for any site in PEL 238? (Please give a summary answer rather than a one word one)

Q.3.b. If any of the above written statements and commitments in any of the Application Documents and mentioned documentation put to the Department of Planning and Environment and/or its predecessor’s, as above, have been found not to have been carried out as Santos committed to in any of the Applications, Modifications and associated documentation including Conditions of Approval; Will the Department of Planning and Environment stop the progress of the Narrabri Gas Project EIS until such time as they are either carried out, or, Santos provides Applications to rescind the statements/commitments and the proper process followed, or, will the Department allow the continuation of the EIS, but advise the IPC of its findings and advise that the approval of the Narrabri Gas Project be totally dependent upon Santos or any holder of the Lease PEL 238 carrying out to the Department of Planning and Environment and any other Department/Regulator complete satisfaction of that work or study as mentioned in any of the previously mentioned Application, Modification and associated documentation including Conditions of Approval?

Q.3.c. Will these findings, if any, be made public in real time after the investigation has been completed?

Where will these findings be located?

If in the course of the investigation so called Confidential Documents are found will the Department do a brief

summary of these documents so that the public may best understand the reasons behind any Departmental findings and actions?

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