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Dear Mr Dunn

**Dewhurst Gas Exploration Pilot Expansion (SSD 6038) –
2018 Independent Environmental Audit**

Reference is made to the Independent Environmental Audit (IEA) report, required by Schedule 5 condition 8 of SSD 6038 (the consent) for the Dewhurst Gas Exploration Pilot Expansion project (Dewhurst Expansion project) and prepared by Mr Damien Taylor of SMEC (the Auditor) and submitted by Santos NSW (Eastern) Pty Ltd (Santos) to the Department of Planning and Environment (the Department) on 15 February 2019.

The Department has reviewed the IEA report and considers it to generally satisfy the requirements of the consent and has been undertaken in consideration with the Department's *Independent Audit – Post Approval Requirements* (June 2018). Please note that acceptance of the IEA report is not an endorsement of the compliance status of the project.

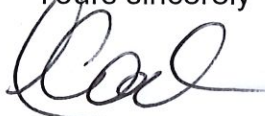
The Auditor did not identify any non-compliances against the consent or other approvals audited.

The IEA report includes one recommendation relating to the revision of the air quality monitoring program (AQMP). Any revision to the AQMP should be discussed with Paul Freeman from the Department's Resources Assessment post approval team via email postapprovals.resourceandenergy@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Finally, as required by Schedule 5 condition 10 of the consent, please make a copy of the 2018 IEA report available on the Dewhurst Expansion project website, preferably by the **31 March 2019**.

Should you need to discuss the above, please contact Heidi Watters, Senior Compliance Officer on the details provided above.

Yours sincerely



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