

## Questions for the Department of Planning and Environment at the September 2019 NGPCCC.

### Question 1

The below question is in regard to two Documents, both had more questions coming out of Santos' Response to Submissions, as were other NSW Government Departments as well as Narrabri Shire Council, that were on the Departments Narrabri Gas page. The documents concerned are the Water Expert Panel (4 pages) follow-up questions for Santos and the Arriscar Risk Engineering Solutions Assessment (12 pages) that were up on the DPE site on the 28th July 2019 but were taken down and have not been replaced, nor were the questions answered in the

1a.- WHY were these 2 documents removed from the NG Major Projects site? Where are they? And when will they be reinstated?

And most importantly:-

1b.- Where are Santos' answers to the Questions and Concerns that are within these two removed documents? they are not in the 92 page Santos document titled "*Narrabri Gas project Supplementary responses to submissions*".

1.c. Will the Department of Planning and Environment place up on the Planning Portal site for the Narrabri Gas Project the requested Responses from Santos to the Water Expert Panel- follow-up questions and to the findings in the Arriscar Engineering Solutions Risk assessment?

1.d. Will the answers to the WEP and Arriscar Reports be made available to the public before the IPC is announced?

### Question 2

With regard to the Supplementary response to submissions;

2a. – When did Santos respond with this 92 page document as the response is undated?

The Department of Planning and Environment wrote a 98 page letter with attachments to Santos requesting Additional Information on the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

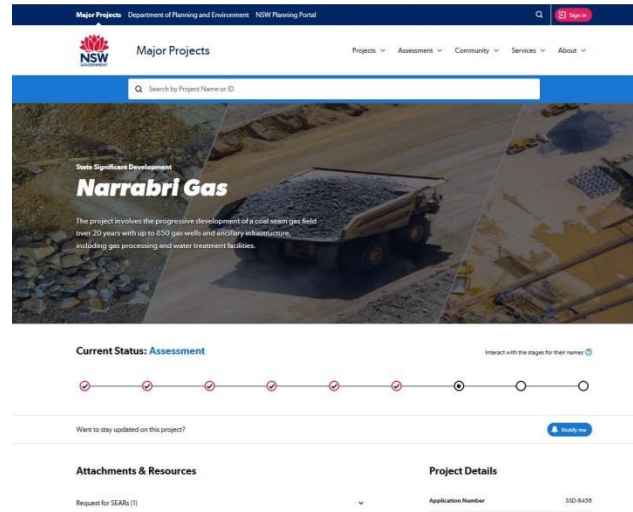
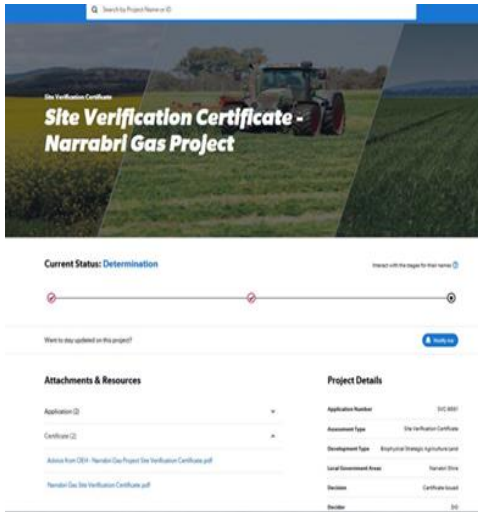
2b.- Were all the concerns and requests for additional information in the Departments request Additional Information met by Santos in the Supplementary Response Document, and were all the requesters satisfied with the answers?

### Question 3

3a.- The name under which the public can find the Santos' Narrabri Gas Project has been changed to "*Narrabri Gas*" on the Departments Major Projects page (see insert taken 20190901).

3b.- Why, and who authorised the name change?

3c.- The full name of the Santos Narrabri Gas Project is still up on the Departments Major Projects site, however when you type in Narrabri Gas Project (the correct name of the project as seen in the EIS and one that the people of NSW know this gas project by) into the search bar a page comes up as shown by the left hand picture below. The page only contains one listing that being the Site Verification Certificate. WHY?



The right hand jpg. above is accessed by reducing the full name to Narrabri Gas in the search bar on the Departments Planning Portal page.

it is also noted that the external links provided by the Department and Santos go directly to the Narrabri Gas page, this name and the fact that the page image is related to COAL confuses many people.

3.d. Is this the aim of the Department of Planning in an attempt to control the amount of publically available information flow on the Narrabri Gas Project?

#### Question 4

I have received requests to ask the Department of Planning and Environment to ask about the new Planning Portal site. The following is a brief summary of these requests, as well as a summary of a check on how the Planning Portal works that I did on 20190904. I have permission from the mentioned person to use his name.

When the information concerning the Submissions made to the Narrabri Gas project EIS was moved from the old Major project page to the new Portal Page, the actual submissions were broken down from in excess of 23000 to now being 6109 (see jpg. below taken of site on 20190901).

4a.- Why did this happen and why was there a separation of submissions?

4b.- The Form submissions are now located under the sub heading "Submissions 221", WHY?, and why is there no explanation of numbers of actual Form submissions?

( A simple explanation somewhere on the display page would really help and save time)

4c.- Apparently in the Public Submissions part of the Submissions (6109), on pages ranging from 406 to 482, a number of submissions that appear to be of the "Form" type. Can the Department of Planning and Environment confirm this and explain the reasons behind why they are not in with the "Form submissions"? ( I have not checked this report out myself).

Current Status: **Assessment** Interact with the stages for their names

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### Attachments & Resources

- Request for SEARs (1) ▼
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- EIS (75) ▼
- Submissions (221) ▼
- Submissions (6109) ▼
- Response to Submissions (5) ▼
- Agency Advice (17) ▼
- Additional Information (2) ▲

[Request for Additional Information - July 2018](#)

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### Project Details

Application Number: SSD-6456

Assessment Type: State Significant Development

Development Type: Petroleum extraction

Local Government Areas: Narrabri Shire

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### Related Projects

I must point out, that not to include all the submissions in an easy to locate and read form is a direct insult to those on both sides of the debate who took the time to at least voice an opinion. The written form that that opinion took is irrelevant.

These missing submissions need to be reinstated in an easy to locate and read format on a permanent basis with their number recorded.

While on the subject of the new Planning Portal site it would really help if there was a simple separate listing of ALL the projects before the Department for people to go to, to find the desired project and then get a link from that project name to the actual project. The old web page had a selection panel based on Shires, this worked well. The new web page has something similar that does not bring up the Gas Project all I got was the Solar Farm.

It would also help if the name of a project was the same as the name on the Planning Portal.

I happen to know the name now used to describe the Gas project so I typed that in to the search bar on the home page and got the site. But then confusion can set in because a map of NSW comes up with a Project name box on the right side and again the correct name of the gas project is not used.

Once you master the changes made to the name of the Gas project, find out how to get there using the search bar and working out that the "new" name of the project actually leads you to an assessment for a project with a new and different name you have a look at some of the links.

The first thing you notice is the submissions, now only 6109, so where are the rest, there is supposed to be around 23000, so where are they? You click on the 6109 link and see that there are 5951 public and 158 organisational. Leaving aside the organisational you click 'public' and up comes the first page of the list. But I want my submission, so I go to the search box and try to type in my name. I get as far as 't' and the search starts and abruptly stops but not on any names starting with 't', so I try again, again with the same effect. Now I try changing the setting of the box on the right from 'any' to 'objects', I also try putting in 'Pickard' but only manage to get the 'P' in before the search takes place without giving me any result. So I look for any other box and notice the box on the upper left that says 'public and Organisational'. The 'Public' is shaded as if that has been selected, but as I have tried everything else then why not click on that box. Guess what when I tried the search box again it was working and I managed to get 'Pic' up before it did its thing and my submission link came up.

So I clicked on my name and was sent to the email that I sent with part of my submission. I went through the email looking for a link, and noticed below the word Attachment there was a blue link. I clicked that and got the 69 pages of my submission. NO MENTION ANYWHERE OF THE 17 GB OF ATTACHMENTS SENT. SO WHERE ARE THEY? They are noted in RED in the submission.

Please explain where my full submission is?

So I try another name Stuart Murray. I have to go through the whole above thing again and eventually I get 6 pages Stuart being the last. So I click on the link up comes his submission page with a note saying "SEE ATTACHMENTS", no link just the note, so where is his submission and how many more are not up on the new Planning Portal site?

As a suggestion, keep the old Major Projects site going in its original format until the Planning Portal site is fully loaded with all the submissions, made user friendly to find a Project in your geographical area of selection both approved and pending, and the Public have been fully briefed on how it works and all the new Departmentally renamed Projects names.

I located the Form submissions under "Submissions 221". What a bloody mess has been made of this. No-where to locate the FORs or AGAINST, no-way to locate individuals, a real dogs breakfast.

In summary, to me and to others who have bought this to my attention, it would seem that the Department, the NSW Government and possibly others are doing their level best to play down the opposition to the Gas Project located near Narrabri, and are really trying hard to exclude the Public from the process by making it very difficult to almost for those without a high level of Computer skills to keep engaged.

Community Consultation and Informing the Community was supposed to be the way this process should work, but that is NOT the case here.

#### Question 5

5.a. Did the Department of Planning take into account the many unsatisfactory and at times, the no Responses, by Santos, when making the Assessment Report on the Narrabri Gas Project?

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4<sup>th</sup> September 2019