Planning, Industry & Environment

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Senior Environmental Advisor
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Dear [redacted]

Narrabri Gas Projects (SSD-6456)
Approval of Greenhouse Gas Advisory Group

I refer to your letter of 25 January 2021 seeking approval for the establishment of the Greenhouse Gas Advisory Group (Advisory Group) required by Condition B19 of the Narrabri Gas Project Development Consent (SSD-6456).

The Department has reviewed your nominations for experts from the scientific community and the advice provided by the EPA and the Environment, Energy and Science group (EES) within the Department regarding the candidates. Based on that review, the Department considers that Mr Stuart Day and Professor Andrew Garnett are the most suitable candidates to represent the scientific community.

The EES has advised that Dr Yvonne Scorgie will represent that agency on the Advisory Group.

I note that the EPA has advised that it will not join the Advisory Group due to a potential conflict of interest with the agency's role as gas regulator.

The Department considers the proposed group membership would satisfy the requirements of Condition B19, and also endorses the appointment of Mr Garry West to act as independent chair of the Advisory Group.

Accordingly, the Planning Secretary approves the establishment of the Advisory Group with the following members:

- Mr Stuart Day representing the scientific community;
- Professor Andrew Garnett representing the scientific community;
- The EES, nominally represented by Dr Yvonne Scorgie

Dr Scorgie can be contacted [redacted]

Please contact [redacted] if you wish to discuss this matter further.

Yours sincerely

Stephen O'Donoghue
Director
Resource Assessments
As nominee of the Planning Secretary