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Steve O'Donoghue
Director, Resource Assessments
Department of Planning, Industry and Environment

Dear Mr O'Donoghue

I refer to condition B50 of the Narrabri Gas Project development consent (SSD-6546) requiring Santos to establish and facilitate the operation of a Biodiversity Advisory Group (BAG) for the project to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary.

The condition states that the group must:

- a) comprise of biodiversity expert representatives whose appointments have been approved by the Planning Secretary, including representatives from:
 - i. BCD
 - ii. the scientific community, comprising suitably qualified experts (at least 2 representatives);
 - iii. relevant community representatives (at least 2 representatives).

Santos has now met the requirements of condition B50(a) and requests the Department to endorse the establishment of the BAG on behalf of the Planning Secretary.

Attached to this letter is a table demonstrating how Santos has addressed the requirements of condition B50(a).

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact me on [REDACTED] or by e-mail to [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

Cassie Hay
Santos Limited

Attachment A

Condition B50 requirement	Evidence that Santos has addressed requirement
<p>The Applicant must establish and facilitate the operation of a Biodiversity Advisory Group for the development to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary. The group must</p>	
<p>(a) comprise of biodiversity expert representatives whose appointments have been approved by the Planning Secretary, including representatives from:</p>	
<p>i. BCD (now the Biodiversity, Conservation and Science Directorate (BCS))</p>	<p>BCS advised in letter dated 12 February 2021 that it will participate in the Biodiversity Advisory Group as required by condition B50 of the development consent.</p> <p>Refer Attachment B.</p>
<p>ii. the scientific community, comprising suitably qualified experts (at least 2 representatives)</p>	<p>Santos identified and nominated three suitably qualified expert representatives for the BAG in consultation with BCS. The Department advised Santos, in letter dated 25 February 2021, that the Planning Secretary approved the appointment of these experts to the group. The appointed experts are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Stephen Phillips • Dr Patrick Tap • Mr Isaac Mamott <p>Refer Attachment C.</p>
<p>iii. relevant community representatives (at least 2 representatives)</p>	<p>Santos advertised for expressions of interest from relevant community representatives to participate on the BAG in the Narrabri Courier and The Land newspapers for 6 weeks in November and December 2020. No nominations were received during this period.</p> <p>Santos then reached out to multiple individuals and organisations and received the following nominations from representatives of the local community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trudy Staines – long-term Narrabri resident, current Chair of the Country Education Foundation of the Namoi and Director on the Country University Centre Northwest board • Kathryn Hamilton – long-term resident of the Wee Waa/Narrabri area and active member of WIRES • Ken Flower – long-term Narrabri resident and current Independent Chair of the Gwydir Environmental Advisory Group. <p>Mr Gary West, the Independent Chair of the BAG, forwarded the nominees' application forms and supporting letters to the Department on 18 March 2021. These are included here as Attachment D.</p> <p>Nomination forms for the group are still available on Santos' website. In the event that further nominations are received, these will be forwarded to the Department for consideration.</p>