



Ms Cassie Hay
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By Email: [REDACTED]

03/05/2021

Dear Ms Hay

Narrabri Gas Project (SSD 6546) -Water Technical Advisory Group

I refer to your letter of 19 March 2021 seeking approval for the establishment of the Water Technical Advisory Group (Advisory Group) required by Condition B38 of the Narrabri Gas Project development consent (SSD-6456), and in particular the inclusion of the proposed community representatives in the Advisory Group. The Department has previously approved the appointments of Mr Randall Cox and Mr Michael Williams as the water experts on the Advisory Group (letter dated 18/12/2020).

Following advertising for expressions of interest for community representatives, Mr Garry West, the chair of the Advisory Group, has nominated Mr Jack Warnock, Mr Conrad Bolton and Mr Edward Trindall of the Narrabri Local Aboriginal Land Council. I note that Narrabri Shire Council has nominated Cr Cathy Redding as its representative, and Cr Cameron Staines as its alternate.

The Department is satisfied that the Advisory Group meets the requirements of condition B38(a). Accordingly, the Planning Secretary approves the establishment of the Advisory Group with the following members:

- Mr Randall Cox and Mr Michael Williams representing the scientific community;
- Narrabri Shire Council, nominally represented by Cr. Cathy Redding, with Cr. Cameron Staines as alternate;
- Mr Jack Warnock, Mr Conrad Bolton and Mr Edward Trindall of the Narrabri Local Aboriginal Land Council representing local groundwater users and/or landowners.

The Water Group within the Department has not nominated a representative to attend the Advisory Group meetings. However, the Department requests that you notify Tim Baker at the Natural Resources Access Regulator on [REDACTED] or by email at [REDACTED] in advance of any meetings to provide an opportunity for that agency to send a representative.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Rose-Anne Hawkeswood on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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