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

Dear Mr O'Donoghue,

## Narrabri Gas Project development consent (SSD-6456) Annual Review

I refer to condition D8 of the Narrabri Gas Project (NGP) development consent (SSD-6456) (the development consent), requiring Santos NSW (Eastern) Pty Ltd (Santos) to submit an Annual Review of the environmental performance of the development to the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) by the end of March each year.

Santos did not undertake any physical works under the development consent during the annual review period (the previous calendar year (2022)).

Santos received Planning Secretary approval of the Phase 1 management plans required under condition B5 of the development consent between November and December 2022.

Condition B44 of the development consent requires Santos to retire any ecosystem and species credit liabilities generated by the works included in the Field Development Plan, prior to the commencement of Phase 1. Evidence of this retirement was provided to DPE on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

Activities to be carried out over the current calendar year include:

- Santos commenced Phase 1 activities under the development consent on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023. The works included the drilling of shallow water monitoring bores.
- Continuation of Phase 1 activities including the drilling of coal seam gas wells.

Given that Phase 1 of the NGP did not commence until February 2023, the requirements of condition D8 will be addressed in the Annual Review submitted at the end of March 2024.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact or by email to

Yours Sincerely

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