

NSW Planning ref: SSD-6456-PA-73

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Sent via the Major Projects Portal only

Subject: Narrabri Gas - Independent Audit 2023

Dear Mrs [REDACTED]

Reference is made to your post approval matter, SSD-6456-PA-73, Independent Environmental Audit (IEA) report 2023 [and Response to Audit Recommendations (RAR)] for the period 30 September 2020 to 15 September 2023, submitted as required by Schedule 2, Part D, Condition D9 of SSD-6456 as modified (the consent) to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (NSW Planning) on 13 November 2023.

NSW Planning considers the IEA report to generally satisfy the reporting requirements of the consent and the NSW Planning *Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements* (2020). As required by Schedule 2, Part D, Condition D13 of the consent, please make publicly available a copy of the IEA 2023 report on the company website by COB **15 February 2024**.

Please note that NSW Planning's acceptance of this IEA report is not an endorsement of the compliance status of the project.

Clause 5.9(e) of the Gas MoU (2022) states: '*DPE Planning's key functions in relation to petroleum activities and regulation are to refer any information about suspected or actual non-compliance with the conditions of a planning consent to the EPA for consideration of appropriate compliance and enforcement action.*'

Non-compliances identified in the IEA have been referred to the NSW Environmental Protection Authority for review.

Please include a status update for all actions provided in the RAR in the next IEA or Annual Review, until all actions are completed.

Should you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Joel Curran, Senior Compliance Officer on 02 4904 2702 or email compliance@planning.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "H Watters".

Heidi Watters
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As nominee of the Planning Secretary