STATEMENT

NARRABRI GAS PROJECT (SSD 6456)

14 August 2020

The deadline for the Independent Planning Commission's determination of the Narrabri Gas Project (SSD 6456) has been extended by agreement with the Secretary of the Department of Planning, Industry & Environment.

The IPC sought and was granted an extension due to the complexity of the issues under consideration and the high level of public interest in the Project, which resulted in a record seven-day public hearing and approximately 10,000 submissions to the Commission.

Commissioners Steve O'Connor (Panel Chair), John Hann and Professor Snow Barlow now have until Wednesday 30 September 2020 to deliver their decision.

It comes as the Commission re-opens public comment in relation to new information it has received from the Department and Applicant (Santos Ltd) as part of its determination process.

In accordance with the Commission's 'Additional Material' policy, the Panel considers that it would be assisted by public comment on the following new material provided to the Commission:

- the document entitled <u>'Submission to IPC following public hearing'</u> (including attachments), provided by the Applicant on 10 August 2020, and
- the Department's <u>'Response to Independent Planning Commission Questions'</u>, provided to the Commission on 14 August 2020

Public comment may be made only on this new material and must be received via email (ipcn@ipcn.nsw.gov.au) between the release of this statement on Friday 14 August 2020 and 5pm AEST on Friday 21 August 2020. the Commission's website.

The Panel will only consider comments received directly from the person submitting the comment. Campaign emails, petitions or form letters will not be considered nor uploaded to the Commission's website.

Submissions must specifically relate to the <u>new</u> material only. All relevant submissions received by the Commission will be published as soon as practicable after the deadline has passed.

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