



11 August 2020

Mr Jim Betts
Secretary
Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
4 Parramatta Square
Parramatta NSW 2150

Dear Mr Betts

Narrabri Gas Project (SSD 6456)

The Independent Planning Commission (**Commission**) is currently working towards the determination of the Narrabri Gas Project (**Project**) per the Minister's request of 3 March 2020 (enclosed). The Department's Assessment Report was received by the Commission on 12 June 2020 and the determination is currently due 12 weeks from this date on 4 September 2020.

The Minister's request allows the Commission to seek an extension of the determination date from the Planning Secretary. Due to the complexity of the issues under consideration, the unprecedented length of the electronic public hearing into the Project and the high level of public interest and public submissions (approximately 10,000 have been received by the Commission), the Commission respectfully requests an extension of the determination date to 30 September 2020.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact me on (02) 9383 2131.

Yours sincerely

Sam McLean
Executive Director

Cc The Hon Robert Stokes MP
Minister for Planning and Public Spaces

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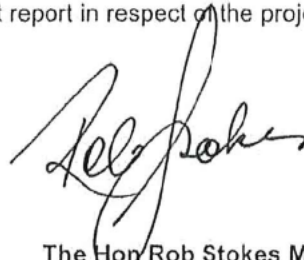
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Request to the Independent Planning Commission Narrabri Gas Project

Section 2.9 (1) (d) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*

I, the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, request the Independent Planning Commission to:

1. Conduct a public hearing into the carrying out of the Narrabri Gas Project (SSD 6456) prior to determining the development application for the project under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, paying particular attention to:
 - a) the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's assessment report, including any recommended conditions of consent;
 - b) key issues raised in public submissions during the public hearing; and
 - c) any other documents or information relevant to the determination of the development application.
2. Complete the public hearing and make its determination of the development application within 12 weeks of receiving the Department's assessment report in respect of the project, unless the Planning Secretary agrees otherwise



The Hon Rob Stokes MP
Minister for Planning and Public Spaces

Sydney 3rd March, 2020
