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**Request to participate in meetings with Water Expert Panel  
and agencies on 28 July 2020**

Dear Ms Johnson

I refer to my previous letter to you and your email to the Commission both of 27 July 2020. I confirm that consistent with its usual practice, the Commission will not livestream the meetings scheduled for 28 July 2020 with the Water Expert Panel and Government agencies.

By way of further response to your letter of 27 July 2020, I note that:

1. The electronic public hearing into the Narrabri Gas Project is not currently underway. The hearing was adjourned on Saturday, 25 July 2020, until 1 August 2020.
2. The matters raised by you in [3] to [8] of your letter seem to confuse an electronic public hearing of the kind the Commission has been required to hold with something approaching that of a contested court hearing, including a merits review type hearing. That is not the nature of a public hearing conducted by the Commission.
3. The meetings scheduled between the Commissioners and the DPIE, the NRAR, the EPA, and the members of the Water Expert Panel are not part of the public hearing. These are meetings arranged for the Commissioners to better inform themselves of certain of the matters they consider may be relevant to their determination.
4. I reiterate that the meetings scheduled for Tuesday, 28 July 2020 are not secret meetings. Not only has the Commission notified the public that they are taking place, a complete transcript of them will be available on the Commission's website

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact James Innes, Counsel Assisting the Commission, on 9383 2138 or [james.innes@ipcn.nsw.gov.au](mailto:james.innes@ipcn.nsw.gov.au)

Yours sincerely

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