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Subject: Responding to Santos" 10 August 2020 Submission to the NSW IPC
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Dear Commissioners,

In their 127 page 10 August 2020 submission to the Commission, Santos referred to 'some submitters' viewpoints on various Objections that are of very serious concern to them, and had been made known to the Commission through online submissions and in the course of the public hearing, no less than 36 times.

Being surprised that Santos made absolutely no reference to any equivalent Support submissions peaked my interest, and led me to undertake an exhaustive analysis of the online Support provided to Santos through the Commissions 'Have Your Say' function. My findings are as follows:

As at 5pm on Friday 10 August 2020 Santos appeared to have received 497 Support submissions. From this number we should deduct the following:

- 1 citing the entirely Wrong Project,
- 36 that were Duplicates,
- 3 who, despite initially appearing as Support, submitted later clear Objections &
- 31 whose comments, despite having selected Support, were clearly Objections.

This brings us to 426 in Support. However, given that there is a material pattern of 'submission confusion' evident above, I believe that there is a clear argument to discount any submissions that lack any form of comment (either in the 400 character comment box &/or as attachments) from both the Support & Objection viewpoints.

Lacking adequate time to check all the submissions received through the 'Have Your Say' function, such analysis as I have done having already consumed 19 hours of my time since last Friday, I can confirm that 118 submissions would be removed from Santos' Support base under this approach.

THIS LEAVES SANTOS WITH ONLY 308 ONLINE SUPPORT SUBMISSIONS

As it has been a constant point of contention from Santos, it is interesting to note that only 115 (or 37%) of these 308 submissions clearly identify as being from the Narrabri region. That leaves 63% apparently as, to use their terminology, 'out of towners' supporting Santos.

Many of the comments in these 308 Support submissions appeared to be of a 'form nature'. I believe that this requires further investigation to ensure that any such submissions be treated / counted in exactly the same way that the Commission treated Objection mail campaigns.

Finally, whilst reviewing all those who submitted Comments, I identified 74 that are clearly Objections to the proposal, & I believe that they should be counted as such.

Whilst not entirely complete, my analysis has made it quite clear to me why Santos did not reference their Support in their very unwelcome, disruptive and, as such, disrespectful last

minute submission to the Commission. Simply put, it appears that Santos lack a solid Support base. I have provided my workings to the North West Alliance & Lock The Gate for their information, & would gladly provide same to the Commission should you wish to review.

Regards,

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