

**Supplementary
Submission
No 3a**

**INQUIRY INTO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE NSW CHIEF
SCIENTIST'S INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF COAL SEAM
GAS ACTIVITIES IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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The Hon. Mark Banasiak

Chair of the Inquiry into "The implementation of the recommendations contained in the Chief Scientist's Independent Review of Coal Seam Gas Activities in New South Wales".

Sir

This matter falls under the umbrella of the Recommendations made by the Chief Scientist.

I would like to further explain and clarify the statements made in my submission concerning not receiving any information from the Secretariat of what was discussed at the September 2019 NGPCC, this also applies to any electronic copies of hard copy handouts.

It appears that for some unexplained reason my name was omitted from the Secretariats (Santos) emailing list.

This was only discovered yesterday 20191106 when a fellow member of the Narrabri Gas Project Community Consultation Committee (NGPCCC) rang me on other matters and in the course of the conversation asked if I had seen the November Meeting Agenda. I had not; The NGPCCC member and I then went on to discuss the lack of emails since the September 2019 meeting as a result, that member had a closer inspection of one of the emails that I not received and it was discovered that my name was not on the list for at least 2 emails that held information on NGPCCC matters dating from the afternoon of the 11th September 2019 until 6th November 2019.

I rang the Secretariat (Santos Narrabri) and talked with the Secretary and inquired as to why I had not received these emails as I had written comments concerning the lack of communication since the September 2019 NGPCCC meeting in my submission to this inquiry. A check of the email recipient lists found that my name had been omitted from at least 2 emails.

The Secretariat (Santos Narrabri) did apologise to both myself over the phone and via email as well as in an email to the membership, however the wording has offended at least one member of the NGPCCC. I have informed the Secretariat (Santos) that I do not accept the apology unless an explanation of what happened comes with it. The Secretariat (Santos) needs to understand that they hold the power of information distribution in their hands and this power should not be abused or even seen to be abused.

The point of this clarification is to firstly explain the events and to point out that Community Consultation can breakdown and it is this breakdown that causes many problems.

I apportion blame to 3 identities'.

1. The NSW Government Departments for not reappointing an Independent Secretariat after the original Government Department Secretariat stopped attending the NGPCCC.
2. The current Chair of the NGPCCC for not constantly ensuring that proper protocols are in place to ensure that this kind of thing does not happen as Community Consultation and that the spread of factual informative information via such groups as the NGPCCC is not in any way impeded. Especially now that the EIS Approval process is coming to a head and many in the Community require accurate information such as was presented to the 2019 September Meeting on the Community Benefits Scheme and how the Government contribution will work.
3. The Secretariat (Santos) for not having protocols in place to ensure that all emails sent to the emails sent to the NGPCCC members appertaining to and containing information for the NGPCCC are received by those members. During my phone conversations I did suggest that maybe a "Receipt Response" be attached to all emails; however this was rejected out of hand.

I trust that this explanation is accepted and taken into account; of course it can be verified by either the Secretariat (Santos Narrabri) or by the Committee requesting the email chain from me.

Thankyou