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Department of Planning and Environment
GPO Box 39
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Sir/Madam

Response to Exhibition

Draft State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) Amendment (Gas Exploration and Mining) 2014

Thank you for providing the opportunity to comment on proposed amendments to the Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries (2007) and State and Regional Development (2011) State Environmental Planning Policies (SEPPs).

As you would be aware, areas with the highest likelihood of potential gas and/or extractive material occur predominantly within the Wyong Shire Water Catchment Area. This area is the primary source of potable water supply for both Wyong and Gosford Local Government Areas.

The potential impacts to the security of both surface and groundwater hydrological regimes, and the extreme nature of the consequential flow on effects, are matters which require careful consideration during the assessment of proposals for such activities, and as such a precautionary approach is recommended.

It is requested that this advice be taken in account for any future proposal for exploration or extraction purposes.

Should you require any further information, please contact Tanya O'Brien, Manager Development and Rezoning, on 02 4350 5585.

Yours faithfully



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