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Dear Sir,

I am a councillor with Mount Barker District Council and in that capacity was invited to attend a meeting last Friday on the natural gas pipeline proposed for Mount Barker in the very near future. I was disappointed and surprised that the closing date for submissions was announced as the following Monday 3rd September. Due to a very large agenda for Council meeting I was unable to get anything in yesterday. This submission is made as a member of the community and a local resident and not on behalf of Council (although informed by that position).

The map provided shows the pipeline heading from Murray Bridge to Mount Barker via Monarto and Kanmantoo, by-passing Nairne, a major growth centre in our Council. Since the only real advocate for natural gas (on our Council) is the Nairne councillor I felt obliged to pass on this news.

Nairne has already doubled in size in recent years and has a new residential area equivalent to the original old historic town branching north on either side of the Nairne-Woodside road. Such is the growth in Nairne that public meetings have been held to try to ensure a green buffer to prevent Nairne residential areas merging with those of Mount Barker and Blakiston. Blakiston (just down the road) already has residential areas running right up to Littlehampton which is likewise spreading out in all directions and is another large growth area. Note that a Sydney developer has so much faith in the growth of Nairne he has acquired the old army barracks housing at Inverbrackie, 5km north of Nairne and is developing a brand new housing estate there.

The proposed route into Mt. Barker via Bald Hills Road (bordering current highly valued horticultural land to the east of Bald Hills Road) is therefore missing huge potential to connect natural gas with thousands of residential homes which are virtually alongside the pipeline route. Aston Hills and Glen Lea are on the eastern most edge of the new town boundary and, with State Government having rezoned 1300 ha of prime farm land I very much doubt any further rezoning will occur for a very long time. The current mandate by PlanningSA to set aside a 10 year land supply is well and truly fulfilled and far beyond that time, since Council has itself just completed a separate DPA for land at Totness (near Littlehampton) for commercial development/employment lands.

I think - when they eventually learn about it - the communities of our district will be very excited at the opportunity to access natural gas. I trust that this feedback will be of value and regret that it is one day late.

Yours sincerely,
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