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Dear Senator

As foreshadowed in correspondence to you from our CEO and MD Kevin Gallagher, I am writing to respond to your letter dated 20 August 2024 regarding the Middle Arm Industrial Precinct inquiry.

I confirm that Santos received the draft hearing program for the above inquiry from Australian Energy Producers unsolicited on 13 June 2024. The employee who received it was unaware that the document should not have been shared.

Santos takes compliance with the processes of the Senate extremely seriously. When I became aware of the potential breach of Senate process (also on 13 June 2024), I took immediate steps to contact the person who received the document and directed them to not share or forward the document to anyone. I was advised that the document had already been forwarded to one public servant of the Northern Territory, also on 13 June 2024. I requested our employee to contact the recipient and advise that the document could not be shared or forwarded to any other parties.

All copies of the document held by Santos have been destroyed.

I have advised the relevant employee of the need for proper handling of unpublished committee documents and that in the event of any future receipt (unsolicited or otherwise) of such documents they must not be forwarded and the employee should contact the legal team at Santos for advice.

Please contact Alice Trethewey, Head of Government Affairs on \_\_\_\_\_ if you wish to discuss this matter further.

Yours sincerely

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