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## TIWI LAND COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGES COURT DECISION ON BAROSSA GAS PIPELINE AND CALLS FOR CULTURALLY RESPECTFUL ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN SANTOS AND THE TIWI PEOPLE.

The Tiwi Land Council acknowledges the recent court decision that has ruled in favour of Santos in the legal dispute over the \$5.7 billion Barossa gas pipeline. The decision follows a thorough legal process, and the Tiwi Land Council respects the outcome while continuing to prioritise the well-being and interests of the Tiwi Islanders.

In our previous press release, November 2023, the Tiwi Land Council expressed concerns and called upon Santos to engage with the Tiwi people in a respectful and culturally appropriate manner. This call for respectful engagement remains crucial, especially considering the impact of the legal battle on the unity of some Tiwi Clan groups.

The Tiwi Land Council recognises the importance of responsible resource development and the potential benefits the Barossa gas pipeline project may bring to the region. In light of the court decision, the Tiwi Land Council emphasises the need for Santos to continue to approach the Tiwi people with cultural sensitivity and respect.

"We acknowledge the court's decision, and moving forward, we urge Santos to engage with the Tiwi people in a manner that respects our cultural values and fosters unity within our community," stated Gibson Farmer Illortaminni, Chair of the Tiwi Land Council. "This legal battle has caused division within Tiwi Clan groups, and a respectful approach from Santos is vital to rebuild trust and ensure the well-being of our people."

The Tiwi Land Council remains committed to working collaboratively with all stakeholders to address community concerns and maximise the benefits of both current and future projects for all Tiwi Islanders. Open communication, cultural sensitivity, and a commitment to community well-being will be essential elements in achieving a positive and constructive relationship between stakeholders and the Tiwi people.

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