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Hi [REDACTED]

The judge handed down his decision today on the EDO's application for an injunction to restrain Santos from starting any drilling on the Barossa project. The application was not granted and the case dismissed. This means legally Santos may begin drilling as planned. I understand the judge did however indicate his view that the applicant had a reasonable case in terms of the substantive matter and as such we are of the view that we should be preparing for findings of the substantive case to be in favour of the applicant and our decision on the EP to be overturned. If Santos have begun drilling at the time it will mean they are effectively carrying out a petroleum activity without an in-force EP. We are just working through all possible outcomes and likely actions we will need to take. The next hearing is scheduled to begin on 22 August and run for three days. We'll keep you updated.

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