


## Foreword

On behalf of the Blacktip venture, I am pleased to present the Blacktip Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for review and comment.

Woodside Energy Ltd, along with joint venture participant ENI Australia, is actively pursuing a strategy to develop and supply natural gas from the Joseph Bonaparte Gulf. This includes planned infrastructure to enable the development of the Blacktip gas field and provides the opportunity to develop long term stable gas supplies for Northern Territory customers. Securing the necessary customers and proceeding with the development of Blacktip will result in economic benefits to the Northern Territory economy and the local community at Wadeye.

At Woodside, caring for the environment and the communities we work with is integral to our values and critically important to our business. In this Draft EIS we present a detailed assessment of the potential environmental impacts pertaining to the proposed development. We also present the management measures and safeguards developed to mitigate these potential impacts. We believe this Draft EIS illustrates our desire and ability to pursue this development opportunity whilst maintaining our high standards for environmental protection and management.

Your participation in this formal review and your comments on this Draft EIS are important to us while adding value to the statutory EIS approvals process. Your participation will help ensure that the key environmental issues have been identified and that the management measures and safeguards we put forward are appropriate. With this in mind I invite you to review this Draft EIS and in anticipation, I look forward to the opportunity to respond to your comments at the completion of this review process.

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