

Submission on the referral

INPEX Operations Australia Pty Ltd – Bonaparte Carbon Capture and Storage Project

This submission is made under regulation 53 of the Environment Protection Regulations 2020

Government authority: Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority (AAPA)

Section of Referral	Theme or issue	Comment
Main report 4.4.1 Pg 130	Authority Certificates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proponent states with regard to holding Authority Certificates that '<i>An application is in progress for the nearshore PDA</i>' (pipeline development area). AAPA has also issued Authority Certificates C2025/082 and C2025/097 related to the works described in this referral. AAPA understands the proponent is engaging with Larrakia custodians on a broader cultural heritage survey process for related aspects of the CCS project and that Larrakia custodians seek to continue their work with the proponent to establish a broader framework agreement regarding cultural heritage values and engagement.
Main report Table 6-1 Pg 161	Presence of sacred sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proponent states that '<i>There are no known cultural or heritage sites (including sacred sites) within the Project area.</i> Authority Certificate C2025/097 includes a restricted work area associated with an Aboriginal sacred site within part of the offshore pipeline corridor area.