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## Response to Invitation to Comment – Manton Dam Return to Service Project

Dear Ms Fitzpatrick

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the referral received by the NT EPA under the *Environment Protection Act 2019* (NT) from Power and Water Corporation for the Manton Dam Return to Service Project.

The Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (the department) is yet to receive a referral for this proposal under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). I note the referral to the NT EPA identifies the presence of EPBC-listed threatened species within the project footprint. Any proposal with the potential to have a significant impact on matters of national environmental significance, including EPBC-listed threatened species, must be referred to the department for consideration. I have written to Power and Water Corporation to inform them of this obligation.

Please be assured that I will advise you if the proposal is referred under the EPBC Act.

Please contact me or my colleague Alex Santiago (Acting Assistant Director) at [eadsaandtsection@dcceew.gov.au](mailto:eadsaandtsection@dcceew.gov.au) with any further questions or comments.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tanya Stacpoole'.

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