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Comments on Supplementary Environmental Report - Darwin Pipeline Duplication, NT

Dear Ms Fitzpatrick

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Supplementary Environmental Report (SER) for the Darwin Pipeline Duplication, NT (the proposal).

The proposal relates to referral EPBC 2022/09372 received by the Commonwealth, which was determined by a delegate of the Minister for the Environment and Water to be a controlled action on 6 December 2022 due to likely significant impacts on the following Matters of National Environmental Significance protected under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act):

- Listed threatened species and communities (sections 18 & 18A)
- Listed migratory species (sections 20 & 20A)
- Commonwealth marine areas (sections 23 & 24A)

The referral submitted to the department varies from the proposal by the addition of a 23 km segment in Commonwealth waters, which precludes assessment under the Bilateral Agreement. The department is therefore assessing the proposed action separately to the NT EPA by Preliminary Documentation.

The department notes that the associated Barossa Area Development, which includes the Barossa gas field and gas export pipeline, is being assessed by the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA) on behalf of the Commonwealth under Part 10 of the EPBC Act.

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Please contact Alex Santiago (Senior Assessment Officer) via email at eadsaandtsection@dcceew.gov.au, or call 02 6272 3865, with any questions relating to the project (EPBC 2022-09372).

Yours sincerely



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