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Re: Invitation to Comment – Referral of Ichthys Carbon Capture and Storage Project under the EP Act (NT)

Dear Mr Scott,

Thank you for inviting comment on the referral of the Ichthys Carbon Capture and Storage Project under the *Environment Protection Act 2019* (EP Act). The comments address matters relevant to the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

On 27 November 2025, a valid referral for the same proposal was received under the EPBC Act from INPEX Operations Australia Pty Ltd (EPBC 2025/10366). The proponent has advised that it considers the proposal is not a controlled action.

On 9 December 2025, under section 76 of the EPBC Act, the department stopped the referral decision clock to request further information from the proponent regarding the nature of the proposal and its potential impacts on nationally protected matters. The referral timeframe will recommence once the department has received an adequate response to this request.

The department is considering the comments received on 15 December 2025 from the Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority (NT EPA) and will provide notice of the referral decision in due course.

If you have any questions, please contact the NT Assessments Team by email at EADSAandNTSection@dcceew.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bray".

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