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Dear Ms Griffiths

Thank you for your correspondence to the Minister for the Environment and Water, Senator the Hon Murray Watt, concerning IXOM's Matraville Chlorine Expansion Project. Your correspondence has been passed on to the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water for reply.

The Australian water sector provides crucial infrastructure for Australia. The sector plays a vital role in ensuring communities have dependable access to safe and clean drinking water and adequate sanitation services – essential for the health and well-being of all Australians. In this regard, the sector is crucial to Australia's ongoing prosperity and national security.

The Department acknowledges that any disruptions in the supply chain of gaseous chlorine will impact the supply and safety of drinking water and have national consequences to public health and economic productivity. Vulnerable communities are particularly susceptible to the health impacts of poor water quality, but all Australians could be impacted.

The Department recognises and commends IXOM's efforts to strengthen Australia's sovereign supply chain resilience of this critical input for the sanitisation of drinking water and wastewater. A diverse and resilient supply chain for gaseous chlorine is vital to mitigate the risk of supply disruptions and ensuring continuous supply.

Thank you again for bringing this matter to the Government's attention, and I wish you well with your project.

Yours sincerely

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