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Dear Ms Jones

**Queensland- Hunter Gas Pipeline Modification 1 - Extension of Consent Lapse Date  
Comments from the Environment Protection Authority**

I refer to your email to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) dated 2 November 2018, seeking the EPA's comments on the proposed modification to the Hunter Gas Pipeline Project (the Project). The EPA understands that the Project was granted approval under the relevant provision of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act (1979)* on 11 February 2009 subject to conditions. The approval relates to the construction and operation of approximately 820 kilometres of high pressure natural gas pipeline from the Wallumbilla area in Queensland to Newcastle in New South Wales.

The EPA understands from the supporting documents that the project transitioned to Critical State Significant Infrastructure (CSSI) in July 2018 and that the only modification being sought relates to the "Commencement of Construction" timing.

The EPA does not have a regulatory role in relation to the pipeline construction and therefore has no comments on the proposal.

Please note that since the original approval, many guideline documents may have been updated. The Department of Planning and Environment may wish to review the original environmental impact assessment and the existing approval against contemporary guidelines when considering whether the current approval should be extended.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact Genevieve Lorang on (02) 4908 6869 or by email to [hunter.region@epa.nsw.gov.au](mailto:hunter.region@epa.nsw.gov.au)

Yours Sincerely

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