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Dear Mr Callar

Subject: Director-General's Requirements for Young to Wagga Wagga Looping Pipeline Stage 2 (Bethungra to Young) (MP 10_0163)

The Department has received your application (MP 10_0163) for the above project and understand that this application applies to the duplication of the Bethungra to Young section (Stage 2) of the existing 131 kilometre gas pipeline between Wagga Wagga and Young. The first stage of the duplication between Wagga Wagga and Bethungra (MP 09_0097) was granted project approval by the Minister for Planning on 25 May 2010.

I have attached a copy of the Director-General's Requirements (DGRs) for the preparation of an Environmental Assessment for the current application (MP 10_0163).

As you are aware, during the preparation of DGRs for application MP 09_0097, the Department consulted with relevant public authorities (including convening a Planning Focus Meeting on 11 June 2009) in relation to the duplication of the entire length of pipeline from Wagga Wagga to Young. Agency comments received during that consultation period and forwarded to you at the time, therefore remain relevant to the current application and a copy of these are again enclosed for your information. It is recommended that these comments form the starting point for your consultation with agencies during the preparation of an Environmental Assessment for the current application (MP 10_0163).

The DGRs have been prepared based on the information you have provided to date. Please note that under section 75F(3) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, the Director-General may alter these requirements at any time. If you do not submit an Environmental Assessment for the project within two years, the DGRs will expire.

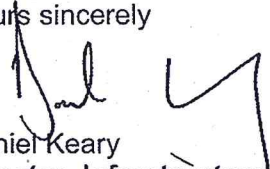
Prior to exhibiting the Environmental Assessment that you submit for the project, the Department will review the document to determine if it adequately addresses the DGRs. The Department may consult with other relevant government authorities in making this decision. Please provide 4 hard copies and 4 CD copies of the Environmental Assessment to assist this review.

If the Director-General considers that the Environmental Assessment does not adequately address the DGRs, the Director-General may require you to revise the Environmental Assessment. Once the Director-General is satisfied that the DGRs have been adequately addressed, the Environmental Assessment will be made publicly available for at least 30 days.

If your project is likely to have a significant impact on matters of National Environmental Significance, it will require an approval under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). This approval would be in addition to any approvals required under NSW legislation and it is your responsibility to contact the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts to determine if an approval under the EPBC Act is required for your project (<http://www.environment.gov.au> or 6274 1111).

Your contact officer for this proposal, Ms Dinuka McKenzie, can be contacted on 02 9228 6348 or dinuka.mckenzie@planning.nsw.gov.au. Please mark all correspondence regarding the proposal to the attention of the contact officer.

Yours sincerely

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as delegate of the Director-General