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**Subject:** Heritage NSW - Aboriginal Cultural Heritage (ACH) - Moomba to Wilton Pipeline (SSI-15548591-Mod-3) (Multiple LGA's)  
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Dear Glen,

Heritage NSW has reviewed Appendix D - Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment, as requested, and make the following comments in relation to Aboriginal cultural heritage (ACH). I note that East Australian Pipeline Pty Limited, part of the APA Group (APA), currently operates an underground high pressure natural gas transmission pipeline, extending from Moomba (SA) to Wilton (NSW), a distance of ~1,299 kilometres (km). The Moomba to Wilton Pipeline (MWP) is the mainline part of the Moomba Sydney Pipeline (MSP) and was constructed in 1976. APA is proposing an expansion of gas transportation capacity on its East Coast Grid, and the expansion would be through the construction of additional compressor stations and associated works on both the South West Queensland Pipeline (SWQP) and Moomba to Wilton Pipeline (MWP) in NSW. The expansion will be delivered in a number of stages.

EMM Consulting Pty Limited (EMM) prepared Modification Report 1 (EMM 2021a) which was lodged with the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) for Stages 1 and 2 of the project and was approved on 5 October 2021 (SSI-15548591 – Modification 1). Modification 1 covered the construction and operation of two compressor stations. During the recent construction of MW880, it was identified that the proposed ground disturbance activities sought in the original modification were inadequate, and that an increase in the development footprint of the proposed MW433 was needed. Discussions with the DPE advised that a further modification would be required for this proposed increase in ground disturbance. This was to be assessed as a further modification – Modification 3. Appendix D - Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment (ACHA) updates the original ACHA for Modification 1 (EMM 2021b) to consider the revised development footprint at MW433.

Heritage NSW understands that this ACHA continued Aboriginal consultation that has been maintained through various APA activities with the key Aboriginal stakeholders since the completion of the Modification 1 assessment. This included liaison with five registered Aboriginal parties, including the Barkandji native title claimant that encompasses the project area. Overall, the desktop analysis and field investigations only identified one Aboriginal site, MW433-OS1 (#15-6-0886), a low-density background scatter in the northern portion of MW433. This site was considered to have high significance, retaining a diverse range of stone artefactual material, and being associated with the broader Round Hill cultural landscape. As part of Modification 1, the proposed compressor site was re-designed wherever feasible, and reduced the level of impacts. Despite the proposed increasing development footprint, these design principles have remained, and activities are still intended to avoid the crest landform north of the pipeline upon which the most significant cultural materials were observed. However, a portion of the site will still be adversely affected by the proposed activity, and suitable mitigation measures are proposed. These include the opportunity for the registered Aboriginal parties to recover any cultural material and suitable ground disturbance monitoring prior to construction.

I note that where feasible, the proponent has already modified the project design and development footprint to avoid identified Aboriginal objects and/or sites identified and areas of significant buried cultural material (or where they have a high likelihood of being present) within the project footprint, and that where altering the design has not been feasible, the following recommendations will be integrated into the management for the project:

- Prior to ground disturbance, an ACHMP for MW433 (required as a condition of SSI-15548591 – Modification 1) should be prepared and reflect the new development

footprint and any additional management and mitigation requirements as a result of the change. The ACHMP should be prepared by a heritage specialist in consultation with the RAPs and consent authority.

- Consultation will be maintained with the RAPs during the finalisation of the assessment process and throughout the project.
- A copy of the ACHA will be lodged with AHIMS and provided to each of the RAPs.
- Where the heritage consultant changes through the project, suitable hand over will be undertaken to minimise loss or mistranslation of the intent of the information, findings and future steps in heritage management occur.

Heritage NSW supports the above recommendations in relation to ACH and has no additional comments or concerns in relation to Modification 3. Please contact me directly should you require any additional information.

Kind Regards  
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