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Dear Gen

Moomba to Wilton Pipeline– Modification 3

Thank you for your referral through the Major Projects Portal dated 17 October 2022 to the Biodiversity, Conservation and Science Directorate (BCS) and National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) of the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) inviting comments on the Modification Report for the Moomba to Wilton Pipeline.

We understand that the modification proposes to:

- increase the construction disturbance footprint from 3.5 ha to approximately 8.6 ha; and
- increase the operational footprint from 1.5 ha to approximately 2.7 ha.

An increase in the required water supply for construction of the compressor station from 20 ML to 40 ML has not been considered by BCS.

BCS regards this BDAR as adequate and compliant with the requirements of the biodiversity assessment method 2020, noting that targeted flora and fauna surveys were not completed in accordance with the threatened species survey guidelines. Candidate species were however assumed present, and a credit requirement calculated. A low vegetation integrity score means that no ecosystem credits are required to offset this development.

NPWS is satisfied that wastewater produced by the accommodation camp during construction, which will be managed by a two-stage process involving secondary level treatment including clarification and disinfection followed by effluent disposal at surface via spray irrigation, mitigates risk of impact to Paroo-Darling NP.

If you have any questions about this advice, please do not hesitate to contact David Geering, Senior Conservation Planning Officer, via david.geering@environment.nsw.gov.au or (02) 6883 5335.

Yours sincerely



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