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Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements – Bulloo Interlink Pipeline

Thank you for the NSW Major Projects Portal referral of the proposed State Significant Infrastructure (SSI 82522960) for the Bulloo Interlink Pipeline to the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS), NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water. NPWS appreciates this opportunity to provide input to the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) as the pipeline alignment is proximate to, or adjoins, lands reserved and acquired under the *NSW National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*.

The interest in the pipeline relates to its alignment, as it extends from the Queensland-NSW border proximate to Narriearra Caryapundy Swamp National Park, down to the Moomba to Wilton Pipeline easement near Tibooburra, where it adjoins Sturt National Park in part. NPWS would like to recognise that the APA Group, have designed the pipeline and the 40-30 metre corridor, so it avoids all direct impacts to the NPWS estate, which we appreciate.

On review of the *Bulloo Interlink Pipeline Scoping Report, GHD Pty Ltd, dated 10 April 2025*, NPWS provides the SEARs content as presented in **Attachment 1**, and the essential guidance material in **Attachment 2**. As the park authority, NPWS makes these recommendations to ensure the pipeline's prepared Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) explicitly recognises our estate, and the state's significant natural and cultural values it contains, with transparent consideration of any indirect or ancillary asset-based impacts associated with the construction and operation of the pipeline.

If you have any questions about the NPWS advice, please contact Jaymie Norris as the NPWS Manager, West Darling Area, on 08 8084 2828 or via email Jaymie.Norris@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Kind regards

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Enclosure Attachment 1 - NPWS recommended SEARs - Bulloo Interlink Pipeline SSI 82727720
Attachment 2 – Guidance material

Attachment 1 – Environmental Assessment Requirements

National Parks and Wildlife Service Estate

1. The EIS is to:
 - a. identify the NPWS estate proximate, or adjoining the proposed Bulloo Interlink Pipeline (pipeline) as land reserved under Part 4 of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* as Sturt National Park, Narriearra Caryapundy Swamp National Park and Pindera Downs Aboriginal Area and vested under Part 11 as Thurloo Downs and Warratta Paddock, using the [NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service \(NPWS\) All Managed Land | Dataset | SEED](#).
 - b. assess the nature, extent, and duration of any potential direct, indirect, prescribed, or cumulative impacts on the NPWS estate. Matters addressed are to accord with the published guideline [Developments adjacent to National Parks and Wildlife Service lands: guidelines for consent and planning authorities](#) (DPIE-NPWS, 2020).
 - c. assess impacts or risks to assets of intergenerational significance declared under Part 12A of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* and acknowledge the *Reintroduction of Locally Extinct Mammals under the Saving our Species* and *UNSW Conservation Project, Wild Deserts* programs on the NPWS estate.
 - d. ensure consideration of:
 - i. impacts to biodiversity values on the NPWS estate, including threatened entities and migratory waterbirds (both State and Nationally listed) linked to the listed Ramsar Wetlands of International Significance (UNESCO 1971). Assess loss, and interference with landscape level connectivity, incursion of weeds, pest animals and pathogens
 - ii. impacts on floodplain hydrology and formation, which make up the remote channel country far north-western NSW, and the Bulloo River Overflow
 - iii. impacts on connected and significant cultural landscapes, including Aboriginal, shared, and historic heritage linked to the NPWS estate
 - iv. impacts on visual, aesthetic and landscape values, such as view lines, and dark/night sky values, as it relates to NPWS estate values, including social values with visitor precinct impacts
 - v. impacts attached to construction and operational access needs (in new, upgraded or realignments of roads and trails), highlight if access to, or through the NPWS estate is required, or impacts on the Dog Fence (also known as the Dingo Fence) will occur
 - vi. impacts around increased risk of fire from and to the pipeline, and its ancillary infrastructure concerning the NPWS estate
 - vii. impacts or restrictions on flight operations attached to NPWS estate land management operations, or risks of interference with radio communication systems
 - e. identify measures proposed to avoid, prevent, control, abate, minimise, or manage direct, indirect, prescribed, and cumulative impacts on the NPWS estate, including an evaluation of the effectiveness and reliability of the measures proposed.
 - f. quantify residual impacts and risks to the NPWS estate

- g. specify, and commence consultation with NPWS about any strategic offset proposed involving reservation of additional or future lands, or in the delivery of conservation actions relating to the NPWS estate. Consult with NPWS, West Darling Area via npws.westdarling@environment.nsw.gov.au.

2. Where there is potential for the pipeline, or any ancillary project activities to encroach, occupy, or repatriate cultural material NPWS estate, on a temporary or permanent basis, the EIS must:

- a. consult with the NPWS, as the park authority. Contact via the NPWS Manager, West Darling Area, npws.westdarling@environment.nsw.gov.au.
- b. justify that the proposed activity is consistent with:
 - i. objects of the NPW Act under [section 2A](#)
 - ii. management principles for a national park under [section 30E](#) or the Aboriginal Area under [section 30K](#) for the NPW Act
 - iii. statutory plan of management for [Sturt National Park](#) and the statements of management intent for the [Narriearra Caryapundy Swamp National Park](#) or [Pindera Downs Aboriginal Area](#)
- c. outline alternative options on the encroachment or occupation of the NPWS estate and justify any residual activities. Identify the area of temporary or permanent occupation or use, as part of the pipeline's construction or operation.
- d. identify the authorisation pathway under the NPW Act required to support access or construction on the NPWS estate, ensuring the provisions and requirements stated under the Act are addressed.

Attachment 2 – Guidance material

Title	Web address
Relevant legislation	
<i>NSW National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974</i>	https://legislation.nsw.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/act-1974-080
<i>NSW National Parks and Wildlife Regulation 2019</i>	https://legislation.nsw.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/sl-2019-0408
NPWS Estate	
NSW NPWS – All Managed land	https://datasets.seed.nsw.gov.au/dataset/npws-all-managed-land
Guidelines for developments adjacent to NPWS managed lands (DPIE, 2022)	www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/parks-reserves-and-protected-areas/development-guidelines
NSW SEED Dataset Historic Heritage Information Management System (HHIMS) Sites	https://datasets.seed.nsw.gov.au/dataset/historic-heritage-information-management-system-hhims-records
Historic Heritage Information Management System	https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/parks-reserves-and-protected-areas/park-management/historic-heritage-information-management-system
NPWS Policy, Managing parks prior to a plan of management (NPWS, 2002)	https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/parks-reserves-and-protected-areas/park-policies/managing-parks-prior-to-a-plan-of-management
Sturt National Park Plan of Management (OEH, 2018)	https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/publications/sturt-national-park-plan-management
Sturt National Park Fire Management Strategy (OEH, 2016)	https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/publications/sturt-national-park-fire-management-strategy
Narriearra Caryapundy Swamp National Park Statement of Management Intent (DPIE, 2021)	https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/publications/narriearra-caryapundy-swamp-national-park-statement-management-intent
Narriearra Caryapundy Swamp National Park Fire Management Strategy (DPIE, 2021)	https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/publications/narriearra-caryapundy-swamp-national-park-fire-management-strategy
Pindera Downs Aboriginal Area Statement of Management Intent (OEH, 2018)	https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/publications/pindera-downs-aboriginal-area-statement-management-intent
Pindera Downs Aboriginal Area Fire Management Strategy (DECC, 2005)	https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/publications/pindera-downs-aboriginal-area-fire-management-strategy
Private land conservation agreements in NSW	www.bct.nsw.gov.au/private-land-conservation-nsw Spatial data: https://datasets.seed.nsw.gov.au/dataset/bct-agreements
Lake Pinaroo (Fort Grey Basin) – Ramsar Wetland	https://www.environment.gov.au/cgi-bin/wetlands/ramsardetails.pl?refcode=49
Caryapundy Swamp – Ramsar Wetland	https://www.environment.gov.au/cgi-bin/wetlands/ramsardetails.pl?refcode=68
Assets of Intergenerational Significance under Part 12A of the NPW Act	https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/parks-reserves-and-protected-areas/npws-conservation/assets-of-intergenerational-significance