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Dear Neville

**Environmental Assessment for the Young to Wagga Wagga Looping Pipeline Stage 2
(Bethungra to Young) – MP10_0163)**

The Lachlan Catchment Management Authority (Lachlan CMA) would like to thank the NSW Dept Planning for the opportunity to review the Natural Resource Management (NRM) in the Environment Assessment (EA) for the Young to Wagga Wagga Looping Pipeline Stage 2.

The overall objectives of the Preliminary Environmental Assessment will complement the objectives of the Lachlan Catchment Action Plan management targets for Land, Water, Community and Biodiversity if:

- Environmentally Sensitivity Area Mapping (ESA) is used to assist in the development of new Land Use Strategies, Development Control Plans and Local Environment Plans that incorporate sustainable NRM principles that identify and adequately protect key areas in the Young, Harden, Cootamundra and June Shires.
- Consultation of the environmental sensitivity mapping layers (held by each Shire Council) is advised and will indicate areas of concern that need to be addresses within the EA. They provide a high level mapping/planning framework to manage development in environmentally sensitive areas and are likely to lead to improved management of natural resources within the proposed development site.
- The Lachlan CMA supports the provisions for conservation of Biodiversity, Land, Riparian areas and developments on steep gradient land with highly erosive soil types in the EA.
- The locality of this project in the Lachlan Catchment necessitates particular emphasis to be placed on a comprehensive *Operation Management Plan* to accompany the EA to address (during and post construction) access road and traffic plan, contaminant, promotion of ground cover, protection of native vegetation and biodiversity and soil degradation issues.

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