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Dear Ellen

Request for Agency Comments – Queensland-Hunter Gas Pipeline Mod 1

I refer to your email dated 2 November 2018 seeking agency comment on Modification 1 of the Queensland-Hunter Gas Pipeline Project.

OEH has reviewed the modification in relation to biodiversity. OEH's recommendations are provided in **Attachment A** and detailed comments are provided in **Attachment B**. If you require any further information regarding this matter, please contact Steven Cox, Senior Team Leader Planning, on 4927 3140.

16/11/2018

Yours sincerely

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Enclosure:

Attachments A and B

OEH's recommendations

Queensland-Hunter Gas Pipeline Mod 1

Biodiversity

1. OEH recommends that the final route alignment, Construction Environmental Management Plan and Biodiversity Offset Needs Study incorporate consideration of threatened species and endangered ecological communities that have been listed since the original Environmental Impact Assessment.

OEH's detailed comments

Queensland-Hunter Gas Pipeline Mod 1

Biodiversity

1. Route alignment should consider newly listed threatened biodiversity

The current project approval allows impacts on threatened species and endangered ecological communities to be managed through an adaptive management approach and ongoing route iteration. Under the conditions of consent, impacts are to be assessed and managed through:

- a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) that identifies the final route alignment and seeks to avoid endangered ecological communities, and
- a Biodiversity Offsets Needs Study that identifies the biodiversity impacts of the final route alignment and outlines management measures and offset requirements.

Recommendation 1

OEH recommends that the final route alignment, Construction Environmental Management Plan and Biodiversity Offset Needs Study incorporate consideration of threatened species and endangered ecological communities that have been listed since the original Environmental Impact Assessment.

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