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Dear Mr Connellan

Moomba to Wilton Pipeline Modification 1 (SSI-15548591 – Mod 1) Amended Disturbance Footprint

I refer to your letter dated 22 March 2022 seeking the Secretary's endorsement of a minor change to the Stage 1 (MW880) disturbance footprint of the above project approval

I understand that during initial earthworks activities, APA Group has identified the need for additional stockpile areas which would increase the total disturbance footprint by 1.12 ha (ie from 7.75 ha to 8.87ha).

The Department has carefully reviewed your request noting that these additional areas are already cleared and would not increase impacts on biodiversity, cultural heritage or other impacts assessed under Modification 1.

The Department also notes that stockpiling activities were assessed under Modification 1 and conditions of approval require these activities to be managed in accordance with *Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction (Landcom 2004)*.

On this basis, the Secretary considers that the amended footprint is generally in accordance with the approved project.

Please ensure that all relevant management plans, programs and strategies are updated to reflect the amended footprint.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Gen Lucas on 9274 6489.

Yours sincerely

Stephen O'Donoghue Director Resource Assessments As nominee of the Secretary