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Dear Mr Smith

Thank you for your letter of 20 July 2020 addressed to the Honourable Dr Anthony Lynham MP, Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy concerning the nomination of a designated public official for engagement with National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA) in the event of an oil pollution emergency. The Minister has asked me to respond on his behalf.

Given that Queensland's interest in offshore petroleum operations and prospectivity is limited at this time, the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy will nominate the Department of Environment and Science (DES) as Department of the State.

DES are best placed to engage with NOPSEMA and other Queensland State Government departments in the event of an oil pollution emergency occurring in adjacent Commonwealth waters. This is in direct alignment with the environmental management advice, assistance and direction DES provide during incident response and recovery as required by the Queensland State Disaster Management Plan, Queensland Coastal Contingency Action Plan (sub-plan to the National Plan for Maritime Emergencies) and National Plan for Maritime Emergencies.

DES have accepted this nomination and have identified Mr Mike Short, Chief Advisor of Incident Management, Environmental Services and Regulation Division as the appropriate designated public official. Mr Short can be contacted via email Michael.Short@des.qld.gov.au or by mobile on 0412 017 034.

If you have any further questions, please contact Mr Mark Rhimes, Director, Emergency Management Unit, Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy who will be pleased to assist you and can be contacted on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Simon Zanatta".

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