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Dear Mr Smith

**NOMINATION OF A DESIGNATED PUBLIC OFFICIAL FOR ENGAGEMENT WITH NOPSEMA IN THE EVENT OF AN OIL POLLUTION EMERGENCY ORIGINATING IN COMMONWEALTH WATERS**

Thank you for your letter dated 14 July 2020, inviting nomination of a public official from a Victorian Government department in the event of an oil pollution emergency.

As the Department of Transport (DoT) is the control agency for marine pollution emergencies under the *Marine (Drug, Alcohol and Pollution Control) Act 1988* and the *Emergency Management Act 2013*, it is appropriate the Secretary of DoT is the designated public official.

In practice, the functions of DoT's designated state official may be delegated to the Chief, Network Operations, an Executive Director role within the relevant division of DoT. As such, for all practical purposes the Chief, Network Operations would be in close communication with NOPSEMA in the event of an oil pollution emergency that may impinge on Victorian coastal waters.

Accordingly, I nominate the Department of Transport for the purpose of section 33A of the *Commonwealth Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006* (as recently amended). Mr Paul Younis is Secretary [REDACTED] and Mr Brett Langley is Chief, Network Operations [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

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