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Mr Stuart Smith
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Dear Mr Smith

I am writing as a result of recent email communications between NOPSEMA and the Northern Territory Government, where NOPSEMA has requested that we formally nominate a designated public official, in accordance with the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006* (OPGGS Act), who is the head of a department specified by myself, for the purposes of sub section 33A of the OPGGS Act.

Further, with the recent machinery of government changes made post the August 2020 Northern Territory general election, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources no longer exists and has been replaced with the Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security.

I would like to nominate the position of the Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security to be the Northern Territory's designated public official to engage with NOPSEMA in the event of an oil pollution emergency originating in Commonwealth waters. This is consistent with the requirement of the OPGGS Act that the designated public official be the head of a department.

The Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security is Ms Joanne Townsend. Ms Townsend can be contacted on [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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