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Dear Ms McCarrey

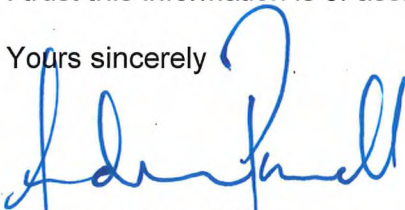
I refer to your letter of 6 February 2026 to the Honourable Dale Last MP, Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, Minister for Manufacturing and Minister for Regional and Rural Development regarding nomination of a designated public official with whom National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA) would engage in the event of an oil pollution emergency in Commonwealth waters adjacent to Queensland. As this matter falls within my portfolio responsibilities, your correspondence has been forwarded to me for consideration.

The Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation (the department) is best placed to engage with NOPSEMA on the environmental consequences of an oil pollution emergency occurring in adjacent Commonwealth waters. This is in direct alignment with the environmental management advice, assistance and direction provided during incident response and recovery as required by the Queensland State Disaster Management Plan, Queensland Coastal Contingency Action Plan and National Plan for Maritime Emergencies.

The department nominates Mr Mike Short, Chief Advisor of Incident Management, Environmental Services and Regulation as the appropriate designated public official. Mr Short can be contacted by email at [michael.short@detsi.qld.gov.au](mailto:michael.short@detsi.qld.gov.au) or on 0412 017 034.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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