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Ms Sue McCarrey
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Dear Ms McCarrey

Thank you for your letter of 6 February 2026 to the Hon Nick Duigan MLC, regarding Tasmania's nomination of a Designated Public Official (DPO) for engagement with NOPSEMA in the event of an oil pollution emergency originating in Commonwealth waters. I am responding to you on behalf of the Tasmanian Government as Minister for Business, Industry and Resources with portfolio responsibility for this matter.

Accordingly, I hereby nominate the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania (NRE) for the purposes of designating a public official as per s33A of the *Commonwealth Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006*.

However, in practice the Chief Executive Officer of the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) Tasmania holds the statutory responsibility for the management of oil pollution in Tasmanian waters and serves as the State Marine Pollution Controller. It would be appreciated if you could ensure the CEO of the EPA Tasmania be the primary contact in the event of an oil pollution emergency.

The CEO of the EPA Tasmania can be contacted at catherine.murdoch@epa.tas.gov.au

Yours faithfully

Felix Ellis MP
Minister for Business, Industry and Resources

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