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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter dated 18 March 2026, seeking my views on the Sturt Plateau Pipeline (SPP) in the Northern Territory (NT), as part of the Australian Energy Regulator's (AER) consultation before making a classification decision on the SPP.

I have considered the questions raised in your letter and received advice from the NT's Department of Mining and Energy, as the regulator of the *Energy Pipelines Act 1981*, to help form my views.

The SPP is 37 kilometres long and will be able to transmit up to 50 Terajoule per day from the Shenandoah Processing and Compressing Facility in the Beetaloo Sub-basin's appraisal development field, to the Amadeus Gas Pipeline.

The SPP should be classified as a transmission pipeline given its primary function is to convey gas over a short distance to the Amadeus Gas Pipeline, which in turn conveys gas to various markets and other pipeline networks. I have not received any advice that indicates classifying the SPP as a transmission pipeline will have any detrimental immediate or longer-term flow-on effects. The SPP is critical infrastructure that will enable the transmission of the first Beetaloo Sub-basin gas to market to enable electricity generation in the NT in 2026.

Should you have any further questions, please contact [REDACTED]

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Yours sincerely
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