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Dear Mr Dobbie

Thank you for your letter dated 14 June 2016 concerning Australia Pacific LNG Pty Ltd's (APLNG) coal seam gas activities within the Hopeland excavation caution zone (ECZ).

The issues you have raised in your letter are part of a complex range of issues that are already being considered by the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection and discussed with APLNG. The department is not in a position to disclose the nature and context of these discussions.

With regards to questions about environmental impact statement (EIS) and environmental management plan (EMP) processes, I would like to advise that the EIS and EMP are processes that are used to assess environmental, economic and social impacts of a project and measures proposed to minimise any adverse environmental impacts.

As such an EIS and EMP are not documents to be complied with. Environmental authorities are the mechanism in which requirements are imposed.

The department is otherwise unable to make any further comments while these matters are currently before the courts.

Should you have any further enquiries, please contact Mr Andrew Langford, Manager (Assessment) of the department on telephone 07 3330 5606.

Yours sincerely

  
Jim Reeves  
Director-General

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