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Dear Minister

## **SECTION 16E ADVICE ON CUMULATIVE IMPACTS IN EXMOUTH GULF**

Thank you for your correspondence, received on 19 August 2020, requesting advice under Section 16(e) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act) on the cumulative impacts of development proposals on the social, cultural and environmental values of Exmouth Gulf.

The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) acknowledges the significant and important values present in Exmouth Gulf, and the range of existing and new pressures that have the potential to impact on those values. We have therefore agreed to provide you with advice in line with the matters outlined in your letter.

Since receiving your request, we have commenced the early stages of scoping and planning to deliver this advice. It is clear to us that this will be a significant undertaking, requiring targeted stakeholder and community consultation.

Pending appropriate allocation of resources, we estimate that this advice can be delivered to you by 30 June 2021. The EPA considers it appropriate to delay the provision of our assessments on the Learmonth Pipeline Fabrication Facility and the related local planning scheme until this time.

Yours sincerely



**Tom Hatton**  
CHAIRMAN

21 August 2020