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Dear Stephen

Letter of endorsement for Arow Energy's Surat Gas Expansion Project Water Resource Monitoring and Management Plan

On 19th December 2013 the Australian Government Minister for the Environment approved the Surat Gas Expansion Project under the EPBC Act (1999) decision 2010/5344 subject to a range of conditions. The conditions required that a Stage 1 Coal Seam Gas (CSG) Water Monitoring and Management Plan (WMMP) and an Updated CSG WMMP be prepared. These two plans were prepared by Arrow Energy and approved by the Australian Government on 18 December 2018 and 22 November 2019, respectively.

The conditions of approval EPBC 2010/5344 were varied on 27 February 2025 to align the SGP with the CSG Joint Industry Framework (JIF) that was issued by the Australian Government on 17 March 2021. Condition 17A (as varied) requires a Water Resource Monitoring and Management Plan (WRMMP) be prepared for the written approval of the Minister.

Condition 18 (as varied) of EPBC 2010/5344 requires:

"The WRMMP must be peer reviewed by a suitably qualified water resources expert/s approved by the Minister in writing prior to the plan being submitted to the Minister for approval. The approval holder must, at the same time as the WRMMP is submitted for approval, provide to the Minister: a) a copy of the peer review; and b) a statement from the suitably qualified water resources expert/s stating that they carried out the peer review and endorse the findings of the WRMMP."

As the suitably qualified water resources expert approved by the Minister for the Environment on 7 July 2015, I have undertaken an iterative peer review of the WRMMP prepared by Arrow Energy in the month of June 2025. My comments regarding this document were very minor as the content of the WRMMP is largely based on the Stage 1 CSG WMMP and the Updated CSG WMMP, both of which I have reviewed previously and provided separate letters of endorsement.

The only technical recommendation I made for an earlier draft WRMMP was in relation to the risk of CSG-induced subsidence resulting in retention of water in the floodplain landscape. This has since been addressed via a minor change in wording.

Based on my peer review of the WRMMP (Revision 1) my overall assessment is that the varied Approval Conditions 17(a) to 17(o) have been adequately addressed.

I hereby endorse the findings of the Surat Gas Expansion Project WRMMP.



Yours sincerely

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