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Dear Mr Connellan

DECISION NOTICE
RPI26/041: APA - Bulloo Interlink Pipeline Project
(Given under section 51 of the Regional Planning Interests Act 2014 (RPI Act))

The Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning (DSDIP) advises that the application made on 25 June 2026 for a Regional Interests Development Approval for resource activities (petroleum and gas) for the APA - Bulloo Interlink Pipeline Project has been approved, subject to conditions. The approval relates to land over Lot 3 on BI22 and within the Critical Minerals Reach and designated precinct of the Channel Country Strategic Environmental Area (SEA).

Assessing Agencies

Agency	Area of regional interest
Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers (DLGWV)	Strategic Environmental Area
Department of Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation (DETSI)	

Reasons for the decision
DSDIP has determined that, subject to conditions, the proposed resource activities:

(a) are not likely to result in a widespread or irreversible impact on the environmental attributes of the SEA; and
(b) meet the required outcomes of the assessment criteria for the Channel Country SEA.

The enclosed Regional Interests Development Approval confirms the nature and extent of the resource activities the subject of this approval and includes conditions to protect the areas of regional interest.

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Appeals

Attachment 1 sets out:
- the period in which any appeal under Part 5 of the RPI Act must be started**.**
- how rights of appeal under Part 5 of the RPI Act are to be exercised.

This decision takes effect when the 'appeal period' for the decision ends. The 'appeal period' means the period ending on the last day on which an appeal against the decision may be started (see s73 in **Attachment 1**).

The Regional Interests Development Approval is enclosed.

If you require any further information, please contact Mr Darren Brewer, Manager, Development Assurance Division, in the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning, by telephone on (07) 3452 7472 or by email RPIAct@dsdip.qld.gov.au, who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely



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enc. Attachment 1 – Extract from the *Regional Planning Interests Act 2014*
Regional Interests Development Approval

ATTACHMENT 1 - EXTRACT FROM THE *REGIONAL PLANNING INTERESTS ACT 2014*

Part 5 Appeals and declarations

In this part—

***affected land owner**, for a regional interests decision, means an owner of land (**affected land**) that may be adversely affected by the resource activity or regulated activity because of—*
(a) the proximity of the affected land to the land the subject of the decision; and
(b) the impact the activity may have on an area of regional interest.

***court** means the Planning and Environment Court.*

***regional interests decision** means each of the following decisions—*
(a) a decision to grant a regional interests development approval;
(b) a decision to impose a condition on a regional interests development approval;
(c) a decision to refuse all or part of an assessment application;
(d) a decision to make, or refuse to make, a requested amendment to a regional interests development approval.

72 Appeal to Planning and Environment Court

*The following may appeal (an **appeal**) against a regional interests decision to the court—*
(a) the applicant;
(b) if the applicant is not the owner of the land—the owner of the land;
(c) an affected land owner.

Note—
See the Planning and Environment Court Act 2016 for provisions about the powers, processes and procedures of the court.

73 Appeal period

(1) An appeal may be started only within 20 business days after—
(a) for a person who received a decision notice, or a copy of a decision notice, for the decision—the notice was received; or
(b) for an affected land owner for a regional interests decision—notice of the decision was published under section 52.
(2) However, the court may at any time extend the time for starting the appeal.

73A How appeals are started

(1) An appeal is started by lodging a written notice of appeal with the registrar of the court.
(2) The notice of appeal must be in the approved form and succinctly state the grounds of the appeal.

74 Respondent for appeal

(1) The chief executive is the respondent for the appeal.
(2) If the appellant is not the applicant for the decision, the applicant is a co-respondent for the appeal.
(3) If the appellant is not the owner of the land for the decision, the owner of the land may apply to the court to be a co-respondent for the appeal.
(4) If the appeal is about an assessing agency's response, the assessing agency is a co-respondent for the appeal.
(5) If the appeal is only about an assessing agency's response, the chief executive may apply to the court to withdraw from the appeal.

75 Notice of appeal to other parties

(3) An appellant must, within 10 business days after starting an appeal, give notice of the appeal to each of the following—
(a) a respondent or co-respondent for the appeal;
(b) if the appellant is not the owner of land for the regional interests decision—the owner of the land.
(4) The notice must state—
(a) the grounds of the appeal; and
(b) if the person given the notice is the owner of the land—that the person may apply to the court to be a co-respondent for the appeal.

76 Stay of operation of decision

(1) The starting of an appeal does not stay the operation of the decision appealed against.
(2) However, the court may stay the operation of the decision to secure the effectiveness of the appeal.
(3) *A stay—*
(a) may be given on reasonable conditions as the court considers appropriate; and
(b) operates until the first of the following happens—
(i) the period fixed by the court ends;
(ii) the appeal is decided, withdrawn or dismissed; and
(c) may be revoked or amended by the court.

77 Who must prove case for appeal

(1) In an appeal by the applicant for a regional interests decision, it is for the appellant to establish the appeal should be upheld.
(2) In an appeal by either of the following, it is for the applicant for a regional interests decision to establish the appeal should be dismissed—
(a) if the applicant is not the owner of the land—the owner of the land;
(b) an affected land owner.