


RE: Blue Energy coal seam gas project - request for assessment under the EPBC Act [...]

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Dear Dr. Rowston,

Thank you for your letter concerning the Sapphire Coal Seam Gas Project and the possible significant impacts on *listed threatened species and communities* and/or *water resource impacted by unconventional gas or large coal mining development*.

Under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act), proposals require assessment and approval from the Minister for the Environment or a delegate if they are likely to have a significant impact on one or more matters of national environmental significance. This includes listed threatened flora, fauna and ecological communities, as well as migratory species and heritage places, among others.

The department has provided information to Blue Energy Ltd regarding the relevant requirements of the EPBC Act and the process for referring a proposed action. The department will continue to work closely with Blue Energy Ltd to ensure that they comply with any obligations under the EPBC Act.

Please note that if a proposed action is referred for assessment under the EPBC Act, the referral will be made available for public comments over a period of 10 business days on the department's website at <https://epbcpublicportal.awe.gov.au/all-referrals/>.

Thank you again for your correspondence on this matter.

Kind regards

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