

Australian Government

Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment

Ref: 18/000642 Email: <u>epbcmonitoring@awe.gov.au</u>

Andrew Murdoch Managing Director Arche Energy Pty Ltd 5 Warrawee St BRISBANE QLD 2066

Dear Mr Murdoch,

Commencement of the Action – Lockyer Energy Project, 2.5km north of Gatton, QLD (EPBC 2017/7994)

I refer to your email of 16 September 2021 on behalf of Capital Partners Australia Pty Limited notifying the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (the department) of the commencement of the Lockyer Energy Project in accordance with condition 11 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (the Act) approval EPBC 2017/7994.

I note that the action commenced on 7 September 2021.

Condition 13 – Annual Compliance Reporting

Condition 13 of the approval states that the approval holder must prepare an Annual Compliance Report for each 12-month period following the date of commencement of the action. The approval holder must continue to publish each report and notify the department of publication until the expiry of this approval on 30 January 2047. The reports must be published within 60 business days of every 12-month anniversary of commencement. Documentary evidence providing the date of publication must be provided to the department at the same time the report is published.

Please notify the department of publication of the reports by email, including a link to where the report is publicly available to <u>epbcmonitoring@awe.gov.au.</u> Please note the first Annual Compliance Report is due by **1 December 2022**.

When preparing the report please refer to the department's Annual Compliance Report Guidelines available on the department's website at <u>http://www.environment.gov.au/epbc/publications/annual-compliance-report-guidelines.</u>

Please note that the conditions of approval require the approval holder to maintain accurate records of all activities associated with, or relevant to, the approval conditions so that they can be made available to the department on request. These documents may be subject to audit and be used to verify compliance. Summaries of audits may be published by the department.

More information about the department's Monitoring and Audit program is available on the department's website at http://www.environment.gov.au/epbc/compliance-and-enforcement/auditing.

Section 142 of the Act requires an approval holder to comply with conditions attached to an approval. Penalties may apply to approval holders who contravene conditions.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact Michaela Ballard at epbcmonitoring@awe.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

Thomas Long Assistant Director Environmental Audit Section 23 September 2021