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EP Act Discussion Paper  
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### **Feedback on the 'Modernising the Environmental Protection Act' Discussion Paper**

Alinta Energy welcomes the opportunity to provide a submission to the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation on the discussion paper entitled '*Modernising the Environmental Protection Act*', dated October 2019.

#### **Alinta Energy**

Alinta Energy is an active investor in energy markets across Australia with an owned and contracted generation portfolio over 3,000MW and in excess of 1.1 million electricity and gas customers.

Alinta Energy has a long history in Western Australia and is the largest retailer of natural gas in the State with nearly 500,000 retail gas customers.

We own four gas-fired electricity generation facilities in Western Australia:

- 178 MW Newman Power Station (including a 35MW battery);
- 210 MW Port Hedland Power Station;
- 285 MW Pinjarra Cogeneration Plant; and
- 380 MW Wagerup Power Station.

Alinta Energy is currently constructing two new renewable generation facilities in Western Australia:

- The 210 MW Yandin Windfarm (30% owned by Alinta Energy's parent company, Pioneer Sales Australia Pty Ltd, with output contracted to Alinta Energy); and
- The 60 MW Chichester Solar Farm.

We have also supported the development of other renewable generation facilities in Western Australia by entering into long-term Power Purchase Agreements, including the:

- Walkaway Wind Farm; and
- Badgingarra Wind and Solar Farms.

Alinta Energy also owns 11.8% of Western Australia's Goldfields Gas Transmission Pipeline and approximately 150km of electricity transmission lines in the Pilbara region.

### **Operating conditions and emission limits**

The operating conditions and emissions limits associated with our four gas-fired generation facilities are specific to each site and are documented in the facilities' Licences and/or Ministerial Statements. Our monitoring and reporting systems and processes have therefore been tailored to ensure compliance with each facility's specific obligations.

Alinta Energy understands that the proposed amendments to the *Environmental Protection Act, 1986 (EP Act)* do not involve amending any of the operating conditions or emission limits specified in existing Licences and/or Ministerial Statements, nor is it proposed that any new or additional conditions will be introduced. Alinta Energy supports this position as such changes could impact our ability to deliver sustainable, affordable and reliable energy to our customers.

### **Conclusion**

Provided the modernisation of the EP Act does not involve changing the operating conditions or emissions limits of our existing generation facilities, Alinta Energy supports the amendments outlined in the discussion paper.

If you have any queries in relation to this submission, please contact me via email on [mike.searles@alintaenergy.com.au](mailto:mike.searles@alintaenergy.com.au) or by phone 02 9372 2606.

Yours sincerely,



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