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Dear Committee Secretariat,

Protecting the Spirit of Sea Country Bill 2023 seeking to amend the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006* and *Regulations*

On behalf of the National Native Title Council (**NNTC**), I am pleased to put forward the following submission. The NNTC is the peak body for Australia's Native Title and other Traditional Owner organisations. The NNTC represents Native Title Representative Bodies and Service Providers as well as Prescribed Bodies Corporate (**PBCs**) recognised under the Native Title Act 1993 (**NTA**) and other equivalent Traditional Owner Corporations (**TOC**) established under parallel legislation such as the *Victorian Traditional Owner Settlement Act 2010* and we refer to these organisations as Traditional Owner Representative Institutions (TORIs).

We have had the opportunity to read the submission made by the National Sea Country Alliance (**NSCA**) on the proposed *Protecting the Spirit of Sea Country Bill 2023*, which seeks to amend the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006* and *Regulations*. We confirm that the NNTC supports the NSCA submission in full.

The NNTC would be happy to discuss this submission further with you or your officers in the event you think this desirable.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jamie Lowe'.

Jamie Lowe
Chief Executive Officer