From: Nola Kelly
To: oilgasinfrastructure
Cc: Nola Kelly
Subject: Reply to question taken on notice 11/02/26
Date: Monday, 23 February 2026 11:12:01 AM

To Whom it may concern,
My name is Nola Kelly and I participated in a public hearing of the Oil and Gas Infrastructure Inquiry held in Leongatha on Wednesday the 11th February 2026.

The question I took on notice is on Page 6 of the transcript and was asked by The Chair, Ryan Batchelor. It pertained to the mention I had made in my original submission about three spills of hydrocarbons in the past 18 months. Ryan was seeking clarification as to where this information had come from. Here is my response to that question -

1. Please see below copy of Environmental Improvement Notice issued by NOPSEMA on 12 September 2024 in relation to the Marlin B facility.

2. April 6, 2024 - Kingfish A - unspecified highly toxic chemical leak, Hall, B. (2024, April 6). 'Sheen"
' in Water: Aging oil pipeline off Gippsland coast shut off as leak probed. The Age. Retrieved from https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://www.theage.com.au/environment/conservation/sheen-in-water-aging-oil-pipeline-off-gippsland-coast-shut-off-as-leak-probed-20240406-p5fhvo.html__;!!DhrqvgCWoVh0MwDpUco!rfzszEC3-dXcVgPs0afXvz6_EJsOSQuARfTh12c8wcvXbDWj4Q7HKnmtSTaug_D_mz_K5ge1wThebCrs64_p08mrFIRQS1KltfYlZKfqvFL7$

3. May 29, 2024 - Marlin A - 200litres of gas condensate leak - from Australian Marine Conservation Society

4. from The Age Newspaper December 14th 2025 - written by Nick Toscano - states that the Longtom Gas field located 30kms Sth West of the town of Marlo, had been leaking gas into the ocean for more than two years. The well stopped producing gas in 2015. The leak was reported to NOPSEMA in 2023 and in December 2025 they issued a notice saying the company (Esso) had failed to comply. The notice stated "The failure of the ASX listed company to conduct monitoring or install mechanical barriers at it's leaking well demonstrates an "erosion of good industry practice" fell short of industry standards, and was a potential violation of regulations.

Please also note that the question sent to me in your email was not this question but one directed to Anda Barikos. I have not answered that question.
Please contact me if the above information does not meet your requirements.
Thanking you for the opportunity to contribute to the Inquiry.
Regards,
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NOTICE

Environmental Improvement Notice

Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006, Schedule 2A Clause 11C and 11D

Notice No: **1952**

Date: 12/09/2024

To: Esso Australia Resources Pty Ltd

In conducting a petroleum environmental inspection in relation to the offshore premises, Marlin B facility, I, [redacted], a NOPSEMA inspector appointed under section 602 of the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006* (the Act), am satisfied on reasonable grounds that:

Esso Australia Resources Pty Ltd (Esso) has contravened a provision of an environmental management law and is likely to contravene that provision again

AND

As a result, there is, or may be, a significant threat to the environment.

The contravention that I am satisfied has occurred and is likely to occur again is a contravention of regulation 18 of the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Environment) Regulations 2023* (Cth) (The Environment Regulations).

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