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To whom it may concern,

**YAMATJI SOUTHERN REGIONAL CORPORATION – BELISAMA GAS PROJECT (BGP) –  
LETTER OF SUPPORT**

I am writing in relation to the Hancock Energy (PBN) Pty Ltd (Hancock Energy) Belisama Gas Project (BGP). The BGP comprises facilities to support the extraction and processing of hydrocarbon resources from the Perth Basin, predominately from within Petroleum Exploration Permits EP368 and EP426, located in the Mid-West region of Western Australia. Processed gas is proposed to be exported to the Dampier–Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline (DBNGP) to supply the Western Australian domestic gas market.

The Yamatji Southern Regional Corporation (YSRC) was established on 8 January 2020 following the Yamatji Nation Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) with the Western Australian Government. YSRC acts as the Regional Entity responsible for implementing governance arrangements and managing outcomes arising under the ILUA.

YSRC represents the interests of the Southern Yamatji, Hutt River, Mullewa Wadjari, and Widi Mob People, who are the Traditional Custodians of the Yamatji Nation.

The BGP is located within the Yamatji Nation ILUA area. Hancock Energy has undertaken consultation with YSRC in relation to activities within EP368 and EP426. Engagement has occurred since late 2024, following Hancock Energy's acquisition of the permits.

Consultation and engagement activities to date have included:

- Activity and BGP briefing updates;
- Cultural heritage monitoring of geotechnical investigative works;
- Cultural heritage surveys, including ethnographic and archaeological assessments over the BGP footprint. These surveys did not identify any currently registered, lodged, or historical sites within the defined disturbance areas recorded on the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Inquiry System (ACHIS) at the time of assessment. The results indicate that the BGP may proceed from a heritage perspective, subject to appropriate management measures, ongoing consultation, and further survey and monitoring requirements where applicable;
- Consultation with YSRC regarding the Section 38 Environmental Protection Authority Part IV Referral, including provision of project information and environmental impact assessment outcomes; and
- On-Country engagement, including cultural activities associated with exploration and proposed project works.

Based on the information provided to date, YSRC confirms that, for the purposes of the EPA Referral, Hancock Energy is continuing to undertake appropriate consultation and engagement in relation to the BGP.

YSRC's support for the BGP is provided on a qualified basis, noting that:

- This position does not constitute a blanket approval of all project activities or future works;
- All future ground-disturbing activities remain subject to ongoing heritage due diligence processes, including further survey, consultation, and agreement with the appropriate Traditional Owners;
- Any works must avoid identified heritage areas and comply with all agreed management measures;
- Cultural heritage monitoring may be required for all or part of the works, as determined through YSRC processes; and
- A Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP), including provisions for chance finds and the management of human remains, is to be developed and implemented to the satisfaction of YSRC prior to relevant works proceeding.

YSRC reserves its rights under the Yamatji Nation ILUA and applicable legislation, and this letter should not be interpreted as limiting those rights.

Should you wish to discuss any queries in relation to this letter, please contact Dr Peta Straiton, Chief Heritage and Culture Officer, via email at [heritagemailbox@ysrc.com.au](mailto:heritagemailbox@ysrc.com.au).

**Yours sincerely,**



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