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The Hon Murray Watt MP
Minister for the Environment and Water
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Attention – Shane Gaddes; Acting Deputy Secretary, Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

Attention – Kylie Calhoun; Environment Assessments West, Environment Regulation Division, Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

Dear Hon Murray Watt,

WITHDRAWAL PROPOSED WOODSIDE BROWSE CARBON CAPTURE AND STORAGE PROJECT (EPBC 2024/10028)

Woodside Energy Ltd (Woodside) refers to the referral submitted on 8 October 2024 under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth) (EPBC Act) for the Proposed Browse Carbon Capture and Storage Project - EPBC 2024/10028 (the Referral).

Woodside writes to formally advise that it is withdrawing the above Referral, under Division 6 – section 170C of the EPBC Act (in force as of the date of this correspondence) effective from the date of this correspondence.

This decision has been made following discussions with officers of the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) regarding the Commonwealth approvals pathway for carbon capture and storage (CCS) projects, and in light of the recent proclamation of new sections of the EPBC Act reforms on 20 February 2026 (EPBC Act Reforms), including the addition of the new section 146N determination framework. Woodside is withdrawing the current Referral and will be resubmitting a revised referral as soon as practicable. Importantly, this withdrawal and resubmission does not reflect any significant change to the nature, scope or intent of the Proposed Browse CCS Project to utilise the new section 146N framework.

Prior to resubmission of the revised referral, Woodside intends to submit a request to the Minister for the Environment and Water to make a determination under the new section 146N. As soon as practicable after such determination is made by the Minister, Woodside intends to resubmit a referral for the Proposed Browse Carbon Capture and Storage Project.

If you require any further information in relation to this withdrawal, please contact Woodside via the contact details above.

Yours sincerely

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