

Saline water release not “material or serious”

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Beetaloo Energy Australia (formerly known as Empire Energy Group) acknowledges the publication of the Northern Territory Department of Lands, Planning and Environment’s investigation report into the unintended release of saline water at the company’s Carpentaria 5 well site in January 2025.

The company welcomes the department’s finding that the environmental harm which occurred as a result of the release was “on a localised and temporary scale,” and that the impact was “not considered to be material or serious.”

We also note the Department’s acknowledgement of the company’s full cooperation throughout the investigation and our compliance with all reporting obligations and regulatory directions.

Beetaloo Energy subsidiary Imperial Oil and Gas reported the incident promptly once it was identified and immediately undertook remedial actions in accordance with the regulator’s directions.

The company has implemented a suite of corrective and preventative measures to minimise the risk of recurrence, including enhancements to discharge testing protocols, redesign of pump systems, and more robust inspection procedures.

The inadvertent release should not have happened and was not consistent with the highest standards of environmental stewardship.

Beetaloo Energy has demonstrated our commitment to sustainable operations, transparency and accountability in the 12 years we have been active in the Beetaloo Basin.

We continue to take those commitments very seriously.

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