

Australian Government response to the Senate Environment and Communications References Committee report:

Glencore's proposed carbon capture and storage project

Introduction

The Australian Government welcomes the Senate Environment and Communications References Committee (the Committee) Report from the Inquiry into **Glencore's proposed carbon capture and storage project**

The Committee tabled its report on Thursday 11 July 2024, making two recommendations. The Government has provided a response to both recommendations below.

Responses

Recommendation 1

The committee recommends that states and territories consider a legislated ban on CCS activities across the GAB to ensure this important natural asset is uniformly preserved.

Response

The Government **notes** this recommendation.

The Government is aware of the Queensland Government's recent ban on carbon capture and storage (CCS) activities in the Queensland extent of the Great Artesian Basin (GAB).

The Government notes that this is a decision for each State and Territory government to consider.

Recommendation 2

The committee recommends updating the water trigger in the EPBC Act to include onshore CCS.

Response

The Government **notes** this recommendation.