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**Senator Waters asked:**

**Senator WATERS:** Thanks, Chair. Just going back to Yabulu, you say that nothing has changed in terms of the permit. Has any compliance action been undertaken by GBRMPA?

**Mr Elliot:** I would have to take that on notice. We do have a compliance program. Given that they are not permitted to use the pipeline, any compliance would just be confirming that they have not used the pipe. As far as I know, there has been no discharge. But I would have to take the question on notice to confirm what compliance action may have been taken.

**Answer:**

Whilst there is an application lodged with the Federal Court by Queensland Nickel Pty Ltd challenging the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority's jurisdiction and an application for review of the agency's decision to refuse continued permission for the pipeline is before the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, no compliance action against the unpermitted pipeline has been taken due to legal proceedings. The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority continues to monitor the operation of the pipeline and tailings dam levels through aerial surveillance and consultation with other managing agencies. The agency remains ready to respond in the event of either an unpermitted discharge via the pipeline into the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park or a significant weather event that may cause damage to the pipeline.