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Senator Waters asked:

Senator WATERS: Okay. What resources are you dedicating to ensuring that they are not, in fact, using the pipeline?

Mr Elliot: We do not have any dedicated resources to any one particular permittee, so it would form part of our compliance program either through our field management program or through our permissions compliance program. Of course, some of that compliance we do jointly with Queensland because it is a joint permit with Queensland for that pipe.

Senator WATERS: Do I understand that to mean that you do not have anyone checking and watching, but you hope that the Queensland government does?

Mr Elliot: I would have to get back to you as to what specific compliance monitoring has or has not been undertaken recently.

Senator WATERS: I will look forward to that detail. Do you have something to add, Dr Reichelt?

Dr Reichelt: Yes. Those big ponds are at a relatively low level and we would regard it as a low risk that that might be happening compared with three years ago.

Answer:

Question refers to compliance monitoring specifically related to the Queensland Nickel Pty Ltd permit. Response has been provided in Question on Notice number 159.