

Athena Supply Project

Cooper Energy | Otway Basin | EP

Titleholder's statement on public comment

11 November 2024

Titleholder’s report on public comments

Item	Comments received	Titleholder’s response
1	A Traditional Owners organisation submitted a statement in general opposition to the Athena Supply project for the following reasons:	Matters raised are adequately covered in the environment plan as described below.
1a)	Impacts on cultural heritage	The Paleert Tjaara Dja Let’s make Country good together 2020 – 2030 – Wadawurrung Country Plan (Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation, 2020) was expressly reviewed and considered by Cooper Energy when preparing the EP, and is referenced on pages 145 and 451 of the Supply EP. Chapter 8 of the Athena Supply EP (page 430) expressly considers the potential impacts of the activities under the Athena Supply EP on tangible and intangible cultural heritage.
1b)	Impacts on marine fauna (some of which are culturally significant) and the seabed	Chapter 8 of the Athena Supply EP (page 430) expressly considers the potential impacts of the activities under the Athena Supply EP on tangible and intangible cultural heritage. Chapter 6 of the Athena Supply EP expressly considers potential impacts on marine fauna and the seabed, including ways to mitigate and manage such impacts.
1c)	Climate change impacts, and impacts on seasonal resources	Section 6.4 expressly considers greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and emissions from the Athena Supply Project will be managed in a manner consistent with Australia’s international GHG emissions commitments, as outlined in the Climate Change Act 2022(Cth). This section also considers potential impacts resources.
1d)	Risks from spills	Chapter 7 expressly considers immediate and coastal environment in the unlikely event of spills or other incidents connected to the project.
1e)	Impacts and social and economic values	Chapter 6 expressly considers potential socio-economic impacts of each identified aspect.
1f)	Impacts on seasonal migration routes	The seasonal migration routes of a number of relevant fauna, including the orange-bellied parrot, southern right whale, and humpback whale, are considered in Sections 6 – 9 of the Athena Supply EP.