

Not Reasonably Satisfied Decision

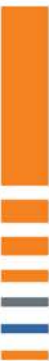
Decision – Bilby 2D Phase 3 Multi-Client Marine Seismic Survey

This document provides notification of NOPSEMA’s decision made under regulation 10 of the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Environment) Regulations 2009 (Environment Regulations) that it is not reasonably satisfied that the environment plan meets the acceptance criteria set out in the regulations, and that the titleholder is provided an opportunity to modify and resubmit the plan.

Submission information

Titleholder:	Searcher Seismic Pty Ltd
Environment plan:	Bilby 2D Phase 3 Multi-Client Marine Seismic Survey, Revision 1
Petroleum titles:	SPA Application 0330AF
Date submitted to NOPSEMA:	23 December 2015
Activities type(s)¹:	Seismic Surveys
Activity overview: <i>As described in the accepted environment plan.</i>	<p>Searcher Seismic Pty Ltd proposes to complete the Bilby 2D Multi-client Marine Seismic Survey in Commonwealth waters of the Offshore Roebuck Basin, Western Australia. The survey commenced between March and June 2015 but due to operational reasons, was not completed within the stated timeframes in the previously accepted Environment Plan. Searcher proposes to complete Phase 3 of the Bilby 2D Survey between approximately January 2016 and June 2016, lasting for a total estimated duration of 8 weeks. The survey will be undertaken in the same operational area presented for the accepted Bilby 2D Survey with an expanded area of seismic acquisition for Phase 3.</p> <p>The operational area (including boundary coordinates) within which Phase 3 of the Bilby 2D Survey will be acquired covers approximately 55,000 km², approximately 95 kilometres (km) north of Port Hedland and approximately 160 km west south west of Broome. The operational area incorporates the necessary space for seismic acquisition activities, vessel manoeuvring and ancillary activities (i.e. additional area for the purpose of line run-outs, source testing, soft starts and turns etc.). Searcher currently anticipates acquiring approximately 4,900 full fold line km of 2D seismic data during Phase 3 of the Bilby 2D survey</p>
Decision:	Not Reasonably Satisfied
Decision date:	18 January 2016
Resubmission due date²:	17 February 2016

¹ Activity type as listed in the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Regulatory Levies) Regulations 2004



Decision made by: Representative of NOPSEMA: Manager, Assessment and Inspection - Seismic and Production Operations

Basis of decision

NOPSEMA has assessed the environment plan in accordance with its assessment policies and procedures. On completion of assessment, NOPSEMA has decided that it is not reasonably satisfied that the environment plan³:

- (c) demonstrates that the environmental impacts and risks of the activity will be of an acceptable level

Titleholder requirements

In accordance with regulation 10, the titleholder is required to modify and resubmit the environment plan. Upon resubmission of the plan, NOPSEMA will continue to assess the submission in accordance with its assessment policies and make a decision under regulation 10. After a titleholder has been provided with reasonable opportunity to modify and resubmit an environment plan, NOPSEMA will make a final decision on whether to accept or refuse to accept the environment plan.

How to get further information

If you have any further questions regarding the activity it is suggested you contact the titleholder's nominated liaison person for the activity.

If you would like to access any further information regarding the decision, or would like to contact NOPSEMA please email environment@nopsema.gov.au.

² NOPSEMA sets the proposed timeframe for resubmission; after which NOPSEMA may determine a reasonable opportunity has been given and NOPSEMA may refuse to accept the plan. Titleholders can request an extended timeframe.

³ The criteria that follow are set out in Regulation 10A of the Environment Regulations