

## Acceptance decision

### Argus-2 Wellhead Environment Plan

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) to accept an environment plan.

### Submission information

<b>Titleholder<sup>1</sup>:</b>	Woodside Browse Pty Ltd
<b>Environment plan:</b>	Argus-2 Wellhead Environment Plan, Rev 0, Doc number A3000RH1400353623
<b>Petroleum title:</b>	AC/RL8
<b>Date first submitted to NOPSEMA:</b>	12/05/2017
<b>Activities type<sup>2</sup>:</b>	Any other petroleum-related activity
<b>Activity overview:</b>	<p>Woodside has prepared an Environment Plan for the Argus-2 well site. The Argus-2 wellhead is located in Retention Lease AC/RL8 which is located in Commonwealth waters approximately 550 km offshore north of Broome Western Australia.</p> <p>No listed World Heritage Properties or Commonwealth Marine Areas are adjacent or overlapping the Argus-2 wellhead location. The closest sensitive receptors to the well site are Seringapatam Reef approximately 75 km southwest; Scott Reef 105 km southwest; and Ashmore and Cartier Island, 110 km northeast of the Argus-2 wellhead location.</p> <p>In June 2011 Woodside drilled the appraisal well Argus-2 in the Browse Basin using the Ocean America semi-submersible drilling rig operated by Diamond Offshore. Argus-2 was a vertical appraisal well commissioned by Woodside. Following successful completion of plug and abandonment activities in 2011, Woodside has left and proposes to continue to leave the Argus-2 appraisal wellhead in-situ permanently. As plug and abandonment activities were successfully completed in 2011, Woodside does not intend to re-enter the field associated with this Environment Plan, consequently installation, support and other vessels will not be required as part of the proposed activity.</p> <p>Acceptance of the Argus-2 Wellhead Environment Plan will satisfy requirements under the OPGGS Act and associated regulations, and assess acceptability of leaving the Argus-2 wellhead in-situ permanently.</p>
<b>Decision:</b>	Accepted
<b>Decision date:</b>	03/07/2017
<b>Decision made by:</b>	Representative of NOPSEMA: Environment Manager - Seismic & Production Operations



## Basis of decision

NOPSEMA has assessed the environment plan in accordance with its assessment policies and procedures. Having regard to all information provided by, and referred to in the environment plan, NOPSEMA is reasonably satisfied that the environment plan meets the criteria set out in regulation 10A of the Environment Regulations.

## Next steps for the petroleum activity

An environment plan summary must be provided to NOPSEMA within 10 days of this acceptance. regulation 11(4) requires that this document provide material from the accepted environment plan.

Once the summary document has been prepared to NOPSEMA satisfaction it will be published on NOPSEMA's website. NOPSEMA aims to have all environment plan summary documents published within 20 days of acceptance. This timeframe may vary should the document require amendment by the titleholder.

The titleholder is required to notify NOPSEMA 10 days prior to the commencement of the activity. This notification will be published on NOPSEMA's website.

## Titleholder environmental performance requirements

A titleholder is required to undertake a petroleum activity in accordance with the accepted environment plan. It is an offence under the Environment Regulations to act in a manner contrary to the accepted environment plan. A titleholder must submit a revision to the environment plan in response to a new or increased environmental impact or risk, or a significant modification or stage of the activity not provided for in the accepted 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 this decision, or would like to contact NOPSEMA please email [environment@nopsema.gov.au](mailto:environment@nopsema.gov.au).

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<sup>1</sup> A titleholder includes an applicant for a petroleum access authority, petroleum special prospecting authority, pipeline licence, greenhouse gas search authority or greenhouse gas special authority under sub-regulation 9(2).

<sup>2</sup> Activity type as listed in the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Regulatory Levies) Regulations 2004