

## Acceptance decision

### Wheatstone Well Intervention and Infill Drilling

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>	Chevron Australia Pty Ltd
<b>Environment plan:</b>	Wheatstone Well Intervention and Infill Drilling, ABU-COP-02222, Rev 0.5.
<b>Petroleum title(s)/Application number(s):</b>	WA-46-L, WA-47-L, WA-48-L
<b>Date first submitted to NOPSEMA:</b>	09/06/2017
<b>Activities type(s)<sup>2</sup>:</b>	Drilling
<b>Activity overview:</b> <i>As described in the accepted environment plan.</i>	The Wheatstone Project will produce hydrocarbon fluids from offshore wells, transport fluids through flowlines to the Wheatstone Platform for initial processing, and transport gas and condensate through a pipeline to the onshore gas plant at Ashburton North, near Onslow for further processing. Resultant LNG and condensate will be exported by vessels to the international market, and gas will also be made available to the domestic market via a tie-in with the existing Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline. This Plan includes well intervention activities for the producing wells with either a Mobile Offshore Drilling Unit (MODU) or vessel; and infill drilling of <5 wells by 2022. The operational area is within the 500 m drilling exclusion zone at well locations within the Wheatstone and Iago fields (production licences WA-46-L, WA-47-L, and WA-48-L). Well abandonment of suspended well/s in the same licence areas is included.
<b>Decision:</b>	Accepted
<b>Decision date:</b>	12/02/2018
<b>Decision made by:</b>	Representative of NOPSEMA: Environment Manager - Drilling & Developments



## 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