

## Acceptance decision

### BP Ironbark Small Scale Geotechnical and Geophysical Site 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) to accept an environment plan.

### Submission information

<b>Titleholder<sup>1</sup>:</b>	BP Developments Australia Pty Ltd
<b>Environment plan:</b>	BP Ironbark Small Scale Geotechnical and Geophysical site survey, revision 0
<b>Petroleum title(s)/Application number(s):</b>	WA-359-P
<b>Date first submitted to NOPSEMA:</b>	08/04/2019
<b>Activities type(s)<sup>2</sup>:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Other survey</li> </ul>
<b>Activity overview:</b> <i>As described in the accepted environment plan.</i>	<p>This activity is a pre-drilling site survey and aims to confirm that a future well location is positioned on flat seabed, in an area free of seabed debris and shallow gas pockets. This is a small scale geotechnical and geophysical site survey. The activity will take place in the Carnarvon Basin, Block WA-359-P. The area of the activity is ~94NM from Dampier. One vessel will be used for geophysical acquisition (multibeam, side-scan sonar, sub-bottom profiler, magnetometer, high resolution reflection imaging) and geotechnical sampling (piston or gravity coring and box core sampling). The duration of the activity is between seven and ten days at a water depth of between 200m-300m. The activity will occur in a 4km by 4km area plus 2-kilometre buffer for vessel manoeuvring.</p> <p>BP Developments Pty Ltd will undertake the site survey for and on behalf of the titleholders of WA-359-P – being NZOG (Ironbark) Pty Limited, Cue Exploration Pty Ltd and Beach Energy Ltd.</p>
<b>Decision:</b>	Accepted
<b>Decision date:</b>	06/06/2019
<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