

## Acceptance decision

### Tern-2 Well 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>	Bonaparte Gas & Oil Pty Ltd
<b>Environment plan:</b>	Tern-2 Well, TRN-1000-PLN-0001, Rev 0
<b>Petroleum title(s)/Application number(s):</b>	WA-27-R
<b>Date first submitted to NOPSEMA:</b>	20/02/2019
<b>Activities type(s)<sup>2</sup>:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any other petroleum-related operations or works carried out under an instrument, authority or consent granted or issued under the OPGGSA</li> </ul>
<b>Activity overview:</b> <i>As described in the accepted environment plan.</i>	<p>Santos Limited is the titleholder and operator of the Tern field within permit WA-27-R, in the Bonaparte Basin. The Tern field is approximately 300 km west-southwest of Darwin, and approximately 100 km offshore from the Western Australian coast.</p> <p>Within the WA-27-R permit, the Tern-2 well has been identified as plugged and temporarily abandoned since the 1980's, with the wellhead remaining in-situ. The well is being managed in accordance with the Tern-2 Well Operations Management Plan (WOMP). As part of the ongoing management of the well, infrequent remote operated vehicle (ROV) inspections of the subsea equipment will be undertaken from contracted vessels; these surveys will be short in duration (i.e. days).</p> <p>A survey is expected to occur at least once during the five-year period this EP is in-force. Since the actual timing of the surveys is dependent on a number of factors including vessel availability and weather conditions, this EP has accounted for activities potentially occurring in any season. No new well activities are planned within the permit area, and no work on the existing well (Tern-2) is planned.</p>
<b>Decision:</b>	Accepted
<b>Decision date:</b>	28/02/2019
<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