

Acceptance decision

2013-2016 Exmouth Plateau/Greater Gorgon Deepwater Drilling Program EP

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

Titleholder¹:	Chevron Australia Pty Ltd
Environment plan:	2013-2016 Exmouth Plateau/Greater Gorgon Deepwater Drilling Program
Petroleum title(s)/Application number(s):	WA-383-P, WA-73-R, WA-40-L
Date first submitted to NOPSEMA:	19/12/2017
Activities type(s)²:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any other petroleum-related operations or works carried out under an instrument, authority or consent granted or issued under the OPGGSA
Activity overview: <i>As described in the accepted environment plan.</i>	<p>Chevron Australia Pty Ltd (CAPL) has completed its Exmouth Plateau / Greater Gorgon Deepwater Drilling Program (drilling program) in 2016. The drilling program included a variety of activities including exploration drilling, well testing and well abandonment activities. In total, the drilling program (completed under previous versions of this Environment Plan [EP]) drilled and abandoned seven exploration wells between 2013 and 2016.</p> <p>During abandonment most of the wellheads were recovered, however, three wellheads remain in situ.</p> <p>Consequently, at the behest of NOPSEMA, CAPL has revised this EP to evaluate the impacts and risks associated with permanently leaving the wellhead of these three wells in-situ.</p> <p>As the abandonment program has been successfully completed, this revised EP only comprises the impacts and risks associated with the three wellheads remaining in-situ.</p> <p>Those wellheads are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blake-1 Satyr-5 Io-2 <p>As the abandonment program has been completed, no further activities are proposed, with the wellheads to remain permanently (in perpetuity) on the seafloor.</p>



Decision:	Accepted
Decision date:	31/07/2018
Decision made by:	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.

¹ 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).

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