



# **Acceptance decision**

# **Griffin Development Cessation 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**

Titleholder <sup>1</sup> :	BHP Billiton Petroleum (Australia) Pty Ltd
Environment plan:	Griffin Development Cessation Environment Plan, GV-HSE-E-0001, Rev 7
Petroleum title(s)/Application number(s):	WA-10-L
Date first submitted to NOPSEMA:	19/02/2018
Activities type(s) <sup>2</sup> :	<ul> <li>Any other petroleum-related operations or works carried out under an instrument, authority or consent granted or issued under the OPGGSA</li> </ul>
Activity overview: As described in the accepted environment plan.	BHP Billiton Petroleum (Australia) Pty Ltd (BHP) proposes to continue ongoing Cessation activities Permit WA-10-L (Griffin Field), located approximately 68 km northwest of Onslow, Western Australia (WA).
	The cessation phase commenced when production ceased with the departure of the Griffin Venture (GV FPSO) in September 2009 and includes:
	<ul> <li>The physical presence of remaining development infrastructure in the Griffin Field and the Griffin 7.75" Export Pipeline (Licence No. WA-3-PL Commonwealth) extending from the pipeline end manifold (PLEM) approximately 32.5 km to the Commonwealth/West Australian state waters boundary,</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Subsea inspections/interventions of infrastructure in the Griffin Field,</li> <li>Vessel operations directly associated with Cessation activities in the Griffin Field.</li> </ul>
	The activities take place approximately 68 km offshore in water depths of approximately 130 m. The surrounding area includes Barrow Island and Dampier, 80 km and 235 km northeast, respectively, and Onslow is approximately 70 km to the east.
	It is clearly stated that this is not a field decommissioning EP.
Decision:	Accepted
Decision date:	17/04/2018
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 <u>environment@nopsema.gov.au</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;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