

## Petrel 3, Petrel 4 and Tern 2 Suspended Wells 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). In this instance, NOPSEMA is providing an opportunity to modify and resubmit the environment plan as it is not reasonably satisfied that the plans meets the acceptance criteria set out in the regulations.

### Submission information

<b>Titleholder<sup>1</sup>:</b>	Neptune Energy Bonaparte Pty Limited
<b>Environment plan:</b>	Petrel 3, Petrel 4 and Tern 2 Suspended Wells EP
<b>Petroleum title(s)/Application number(s):</b>	NT/RL-1 and WA-27-R
<b>Date submitted to NOPSEMA:</b>	02/07/2018
<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 on the NOPSEMA website.</i>	<p>The Petrel and Tern fields lie approximately 300 km WSW of Darwin, about 200 km offshore. Within NT/RL-1 and WA-27-R permits, three wells have been identified as suspended but not currently reported with an 'abandoned' status. Wellheads remain in-situ at all three wells.</p> <p>No new well activities are planned in either of these permit areas, and no work on the existing wells Petrel 3, Petrel 4 and Tern 2 is required or planned based on outcomes of previous site surveys. However, the presence of these wells during this 'suspended phase' is covered within the scope of this EP.</p> <p>To monitor that the status of these wells remains unchanged during this suspended phase, general video inspections (GVI) will be undertaken as part of the Well Operations Management Plan (WOMP). These inspections will be performed within the five-year WOMP "in force" period using suitable ROV deployed from contracted vessels.</p>
<b>Decision:</b>	Not reasonably satisfied
<b>Decision date:</b>	04/09/2018
<b>Resubmission due date<sup>3</sup>:</b>	04/10/2018
<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. On completion of assessment, NOPSEMA has decided that it is not reasonably satisfied that the environment plan meets the criteria below as set out in regulation 10A of the Environment Regulations:

- (a) is appropriate for the nature and scale of the activity
- (b) demonstrates that the environmental impacts and risks of the activity will be reduced to as low as reasonably practicable
- (e) includes an appropriate implementation strategy and monitoring, recording and reporting arrangements
- (g) demonstrates that:
  - (i) the titleholder has carried out the consultations required by Division 2.2A
  - (ii) the measures (if any) that the titleholder has adopted, or proposes to adopt, because of the consultations are appropriate

## Titleholder requirements

In accordance with regulation 10, the titleholder is required to modify and resubmit the environment plan. Upon resubmission of the plan, NOPSEMA will continue to assess the submission in accordance with its assessment policies and make a decision under regulation 10. After a titleholder has been provided with reasonable opportunity to modify and resubmit an environment plan, NOPSEMA will make a final decision on whether to accept or refuse to accept the 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

<sup>3</sup> NOPSEMA sets the proposed timeframe for resubmission; after which NOPSEMA may determine a reasonable opportunity has been given and NOPSEMA may refuse to accept the plan. Titleholders can request an extended timeframe.