



WA-28-P Drilling 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

Titleholder¹:	Woodside Energy Ltd
Environment plan:	WA-28-P Drilling Environment Plan, revision 1, document number DC0000UD1400863026
Petroleum title(s)/Application number(s):	WA-28-P
Date submitted to NOPSEMA:	14/12/2018
Activities type(s)²:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drilling
Activity overview: <i>As described on the NOPSEMA website.</i>	<p>Woodside is preparing an Environment Plan (EP) to undertake drilling activities within the permit WA-28-P. The EP proposes to undertake drilling of up to six wells (exploration and appraisal wells), including the Achernar exploration well. The proposed Petroleum Activities Program is located in Commonwealth waters on the continental slope, approximately 127 km north-west of Dampier. The closest landfall to the permit area are the islands of the Dampier Archipelago, which are approximately 85 km south south-east at the closest point. Water depths within the permit area range between from 100 m to 129 m.</p> <p>The proposed Petroleum Activities Program is scheduled to commence in Q2 2019.</p>
Decision:	Not reasonably satisfied
Decision date:	11/01/2019
Resubmission due date³:	10/02/2019
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. 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; and
- (e) includes an appropriate implementation strategy and monitoring, recording and reporting arrangements.

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.

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

³ 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.