


## Acceptance decision

### AC/P54 and AC/RL7 Exploration and Appraisal 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) to accept an environment plan.

### Submission information

<b>Titleholder<sup>1</sup>:</b>	PTTEP Australasia (Ashmore Cartier) Pty Ltd
<b>Environment plan:</b>	AC/P54 and AC/RL7 Exploration and Appraisal Drilling environment plan (Document No. CORP-HSE-D41-870243), Revision 1
<b>Petroleum title(s)/Application number(s):</b>	AC/P54 AC/RL7
<b>Date first submitted to NOPSEMA:</b>	24/04/2018
<b>Activities type(s)<sup>2</sup>:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drilling</li> </ul>
<b>Activity overview:</b> <i>As described in the accepted environment plan.</i>	<p>This EP applies to exploration and appraisal well drilling and abandonment activities in petroleum title areas AC/P54 and AC/RL7 (water depth 115m - 230m) over a period of five years. It is expected that up to five wells will be drilled during that period. The EP applies to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planned activities within the EADA; and</li> <li>• Activities which may be undertaken in response to unplanned events (e.g. oil spill response). The boundary of the area of potential impact due to an oil spill is defined as the environment which may be affected (EMBA).</li> </ul> <p>The scope of activities addressed by this Plan is described in Section 4 of the EP, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• pre-drilling survey;</li> <li>• drilling;</li> <li>• well evaluation;</li> <li>• well plugging and abandonment; and</li> <li>•  support operations for people, equipment and materials transfer.</li> </ul>
<b>Decision:</b>	Accepted
<b>Decision date:</b>	16/08/2018
<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. 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