

Pluto 4D Monitor 3 Marine Seismic Survey Environment Plan

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1. Purpose of this report

NOPSEMA has accepted the Pluto 4D Monitor 3 Marine Seismic Survey Environment Plan (the EP) submitted by Woodside Burrup Pty. Ltd. (the titleholder) for a seismic survey activity in the North Carnarvon Basin located approximately 28 km north-west of the Montebello Islands and 150 km north-west of Dampier. The activity is scheduled to be completed by end of February 2028.

As required by the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Environment) Regulations 2023 (the Environment Regulations), the public was provided with an opportunity to comment on the EP between 3 February 2026 and 5 March 2026. There were six public comments received during the public comment period. After this period, the titleholder took into account public comments and prepared a Report on Public Comment which is published on NOPSEMA's website¹.

Following the public comment period, the titleholder submitted the EP to NOPSEMA on 24 March 2026 for assessment. NOPSEMA has since completed its assessment of the EP and determined that it is reasonably satisfied that the EP meets the criteria for acceptance². NOPSEMA made this decision on 20 August 2026.

This report summarises how NOPSEMA took public comments into account in making its decision. Where comments were received outside of the public comment period, these comments were not considered by NOPSEMA in its assessment of the EP³.

This report references the accepted Pluto 4D Monitor 3 Marine Seismic Survey Environment Plan (Revision 3) submitted by the titleholder, which is available on the NOPSEMA website and should be referred to for further information.

1.1. Key matters that NOPSEMA took into account

During its assessment of the EP, NOPSEMA considered each public comment received during the public comment period⁴ and identified the following relevant key matters:

- Impacts associated with underwater noise emissions;
- Impacts associated with light emissions;
- Risks associated with physical presence and vessel collision; and
- Cumulative impacts.

NOPSEMA took into account these public comments and relevant key matters, and also the Titleholder's Report on Public Comment⁵ during the EP assessment process (in accordance with relevant NOPSEMA

¹ Titleholder Report on Public Comment: Pluto 4D M3 Marine Seismic Survey Environment Plan, March 2026

² Environment Regulations, Regulation 34

³ Environment Regulations, Regulation 30(6)(b)

⁴ Environment Regulations, Regulation 30(6)(a)

⁵ Titleholder Report on Public Comment: Pluto 4D M3 Marine Seismic Survey Environment Plan, March 2026

policies and procedures), in determining that it was reasonably satisfied that the EP met the criteria for acceptance⁶.

In relation to the key matters listed above, NOPSEMA concluded that the EP demonstrated that environmental impacts and risks of the activity will be reduced to as low as reasonably practicable (ALARP) and to an acceptable level. This is because, the EP demonstrated that:

- the costs of implementing any further control measures would be grossly disproportionate to the benefits to the environment that could be gained; and
- the defined acceptable levels of impact and risk were well informed (based on reasonable internal and external context, legislative and industry standards) and would be met for the duration of the activity.

1.2. Information relevant to NOPSEMA's decision:

In making the decision to accept this EP, NOPSEMA took into account:

- the Environment Regulations;
- NOPSEMA Assessment Policy (PL0050), Environment Plan Assessment Policy (PL1347), Environment Plan Decision Making Guidelines (GL1721), Environment Plan Content Requirement Guidance Note (GN1344) and Consultation in the course of preparing an Environment Plan Guideline (GL2086);
- the Pluto 4D Monitor 3 Marine Seismic Survey Environment Plan;
- the information provided and objections or claims raised by relevant persons through the relevant persons consultation process;
- the comments raised during the public comment period;
- relevant plans of management and threatened species recovery plans developed under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) and relevant guidance published by the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW); and
- relevant legislative requirements that apply to the activity and are relevant to the environmental management of the activity.

2. Next steps

Responsibility for the ongoing environmental performance of the Pluto 4D Monitor 3 Marine Seismic Survey activity remains, at all times, with the titleholder.

NOPSEMA has legislated responsibilities to inspect and investigate offshore petroleum and greenhouse gas storage activities, and to enforce compliance with environmental law. These functions will be applied to this activity in accordance with NOPSEMA's policies.

3. Sensitive Information

Sensitive information received during the public comment period, such as the names and contact details of commenters and specific information identified by the commenter or relevant person as 'sensitive', is not

⁶ Environment Regulations, Regulation 34

published in this report. Sensitive information is contained in a sensitive information part of the EP which has been considered by NOPSEMA during its assessment process.

4. Further information

If you would like further information about the activity, please contact the titleholder's nominated liaison person specified in the EP and on NOPSEMA's webpage for the Pluto 4D Monitor 3 Marine Seismic Survey.

If you would like to be notified of regulatory information on the activity, such as start and end dates and enforcement actions (if any), please subscribe to updates from the [Underway Offshore page](#) on NOPSEMA's website.