

Wandoo Field Exploration Drilling Environment Plan

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1. Purpose of this report

NOPSEMA has accepted the Wandoo Field Exploration Drilling Environment Plan (the EP) submitted by Vermilion Oil & Gas Australia Pty Ltd ('VOGA') (the titleholder) for an exploration drilling activity in Commonwealth waters in the Wandoo field (WA-14-L), Northern Carnarvon Basin, off the northwest coast of Western Australia, located approximately 80 km northwest of Dampier and 110 km northeast of Barrow Island. The activity is scheduled to be completed between 2026 and 2030.

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 15 September 2025 and 15 October 2025. There was one public comment received during the public comment period. After this period, VOGA took into account the public comment 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 20 October 2025 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 22 September 2026.

This report summarises how NOPSEMA took the public comment into account in making its decision.

This report references the accepted Wandoo Field Exploration Drilling Environment Plan (Document No. AUPD24001-VOG-1100-YH-0015, Revision 2, dated 2 September 2026) submitted by VOGA, which is available on the NOPSEMA website and should be referred to for further information.

1.1. Matters that NOPSEMA took into account

During its assessment of the EP, NOPSEMA considered the public comment received during the public comment period³. The comment raised irrelevant matters that were not taken into account in NOPSEMA determining that it was reasonably satisfied that the EP met the criteria for acceptance⁴.

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);

¹ Titleholder report on public comments - Wandoo Field Exploration Drilling Environment Plan, dated: 15/10/2025

² Environment Regulations, Regulation 34

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

⁴ Environment Regulations, Regulation 34

- the Wandoo Field Exploration Drilling Environment Plan (Document No. AUPD24001-VOG-1100-YH-0015, Revision 2, dated 2 September 2026), and the titleholder's Oil Pollution Emergency Plan (Document No. AUPD24001-VOG-1100-YH-0016, Revision 2, dated 2 September 2026);
- the information provided and objections or claims raised by relevant persons through the relevant persons consultation process;
- 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 exploration drilling 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 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 Wandoo Field Exploration Drilling activity.

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