

MEETING 30: Notes from Project Assessment Plan (Burrup Hub Projects) meeting – 23 May 2024**ATTENDEES**

Australian Government Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW); Nature Positive Regulation Division:

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) (Director North WA Assessments), s. 22(1)(a)(ii) (Assistant Director North WA Assessments – chairperson), s. 22(1)(a)(ii) (Senior Assessment Officer North WA Assessments), s. 22(1)(a)(ii) (Senior Assessment Officer North WA Assessments)

Woodside:

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) (Browse Environment Lead - Browse), s. 22(1)(a)(ii) (North West Shelf Extension Approvals Lead), s. 22(1)(a)(ii) (Corporate Affairs Manager Australian Developments).

National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA):

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) (A/g Director Strategic Advice and CCS).

Western Australian Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) / Environmental Protection Authority (EPA): Apology

Previous actions:			
Number	Item Description	Action by	Status
28.1	Woodside (Browse to NWS) to update DCCEEW on any changes to management plans arising from State assessment processes.	Woodside	Ongoing
28.2	DCCEEW to provide an update to Woodside on the NWS project reconsideration process, when possible.	DCCEEW	Ongoing
28.3	DCCEEW to discuss the blue whale conservation advice and Anthropogenic Underwater Noise Guidelines with internal line areas to understand what stage the development of the guidelines is at.	DCCEEW	Ongoing

North West Shelf (NWS) Project Extension (EPBC 2018/8335) – update and next steps

- Woodside sought an update for when the reconsideration of the referral decision would be made.
- DCCEEW advised that on 16 May 2024 the Federal Court dismissed two reconsideration decision appeals. DCCEEW advised that information is being obtained internally on how these findings affect the reconsideration process for NWS and DCCEEW and will subsequently update Woodside.
- Woodside advised that a WA Appeals committee was established in April 2024 and that the appeals assessment process has recommenced. The committee has not provided an indicative timeframe for the appeals process. Woodside consider that the timeframe is within the order of months.

Browse project (EPBC 2018/8319) – update and next steps

- Woodside are seeking to provide further information on the Browse project. These include the likelihood of oil blow-outs, impacts from subsidence, and impacts to turtles and blue whale foraging. This is likely to be in the form of updates to the management plans.

- Woodside requested to meet with the DCCEEW assessment team in late July to discuss the further information and discuss proposed mitigation, and then potentially hold a second meeting with subject matter experts to receive technical feedback.
- Woodside would like to ensure that the updates to the pygmy blue whale management plan meet DCCEEW requirements - for managing impacts to the pygmy blue whale and the department requirements of EMPs.

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- Woodside advised that they expect to submit a referral for a CCS project in mid-2024.
- Woodside advised that they are having ongoing discussions with the Sea Dumping Branch.

Consultation on listing and conservation actions for the Dusky Sea Snake

- Woodside would like to seek an opportunity to discuss the proposed conservation advice for the Dusky Sea Snake with DCCEEW.
- DCCEEW will provide a departmental contact for possible consultation.

New actions:			
Number	Item Description	Action by	Status
30.1	DCCEEW to advise Woodside on their availability to meet in July regarding the Browse project.	DCCEEW	Ongoing
30.2	DCCEEW to advise Woodside on what information can be accepted at the assessment stage.	DCCEEW	Ongoing
30.3	DCCEEW to provide a contact within the department on the Dusky Sea Snake.	DCCEEW	Ongoing
30.4	DCCEEW to consider and advise Woodside on the potential/precedence for technical reference groups for large projects.	DCCEEW	Ongoing

Next meeting 10am AWST 22 August 2024