Report on proposals approved, approved with conditions, withdrawn or varied under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) for Australia's World Heritage properties

For the period 1 September to 30 November 2023, one proposal was approved. One further proposal was issued with a variation of direction, amending the conditions previously approved.

Approved

World Heritage Property:	Ningaloo Coast
NOPSEMA Number:	7121
Title:	TPA03 Well Intervention
Industry Type:	Offshore Oil and Gas

On 28 November 2023, the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA) gave regulatory approval for the proposal from Woodside Energy Ltd to conduct well intervention activities at the TPA03 well, which is located approximately 138 kilometres north-west of Dampier, Western Australia.

The project will remediate the functioning of the well and restore production from the lower reservoir zone. Once the intervention is completed, the well will be operated under the ongoing Operations Environment Plan.

The project area is approximately 254 kilometres north-east of the Ningaloo Coast World Heritage Area.

Further information on this proposal is available at:
https://info.nopsema.gov.au/environment_plans/606/show_public

Variation of direction

World Heritage Property:	Ningaloo Coast
NOPSEMA Number:	6880
Title:	Enfield Subsea Infrastructure Decommissioning (WA-28-L)
Industry Type:	Offshore Oil and Gass

The project relates to the decommissioning of the Nganhurra Riser Turret Mooring (the RTM), located approximately 25 kilometres north-east of the Ningaloo Coast World Heritage Area, which was part of the Greater Enfield Project, initially approved on 29 March 2004. The project was decommissioned on 18 October 2023.

On 29 September 2023, NOPSEMA issued a General Direction under the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gass Storage Act 2006* to ensure there is certainty to allow the removal of the RTM. The Direction requires all wells be plugged or closed off by no later than 30 June 2024, the removal of the RTM by no later than 1 April 2024, the removal of all remaining property by no later than 31 December 2024, and that any damage to the seabed or subsoil be made good by no later than 31 December 2025.

The RTM is planned to be removed using a heavy lift vessel to lift the structure in one piece onto a barge for transport onshore. The removal activities are planned for between October 2023 and February 2024. Timing of the activities will be dependent on weather conditions, engineering and vessel availability.

For more information on this project, go to the NOPSEMA website at the link: https://info.nopsema.gov.au/activities/80/show_public