

Marine Turtle Expert Panel Terms of Reference

These Marine Turtle Expert Panel Terms of Reference have been prepared in accordance with Condition 15.4 of Ministerial Statement No. 800 issued by the Western Australian Minister for Environment pursuant to the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (WA). Each of the following elements collectively forms the Terms of Reference (TOR).

Preamble

Ministerial Statement No. 800 requires the Proponent (Chevron Australia Pty Ltd) to establish a Marine Turtle Expert Panel to provide advice to the Minister for Environment (the Minister) and to Chevron Australia on matters relating to Marine Turtle Monitoring and Management for the Gorgon Gas Development. Commonwealth Ministerial approval made under Section 133 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Commonwealth) (EPBC Reference: 2008/4178) requires the Marine Turtle Expert Panel to be consulted in relation to various conditions of that approval.

Objective

Provide advice so as to assist the successful planning and execution of the Gorgon Gas Development's construction and operational activities and associated marine turtle management requirements.

Establishment of the MTEP

The Marine Turtle Expert Panel has been established in accordance with Condition 15.3 of Ministerial Statement No. 800. The appointment of Panel Members formalises the establishment of the Marine Turtle Expert Panel.

Role of the MTEP

In accordance with Condition 15.2 of Ministerial Statement No. 800, and other Conditions of that approval, the Marine Turtle Expert Panel will provide advice to the Minister and Chevron on the:

1. Development and implementation of the Long Term Marine Turtle Management Plan as required by Condition 16.1;
2. Proposal-specific turtle studies as required by Condition 16.4;
3. Monitoring program design and methodology as required by Condition 16.4;
4. Additional management measures as required by Condition 16.4;
and
5. Any other marine turtle management matters as requested by the Proponent or the Minister.

Other Requirements

The Marine Turtle Expert Panel shall be consulted on and where stipulated provide advice with regard to the:

1. Long-Term Marine Turtle Management Plan as required by Condition 12 of EPBC Reference: 2008/4178;
2. Dredge and Spoil Disposal Management and Monitoring Plan as required by Condition 20.2 of Ministerial Statement No. 800, and Condition 14.2 and 14.4 of EPBC Reference: 2008/4178; and
3. Coastal Stability Management and Monitoring Plan as required by Condition 25.2 and 25.7 of Ministerial Statement No. 800, and Condition 18.2, 18.6 and 18.7 of EPBC Reference: 2008/4178.

Governance

The Marine Turtle Expert Panel activities and conduct will be undertaken in accordance with the roles and responsibilities defined in Ministerial Statement No. 800, EPBC Reference: 2008/4178, and the Expert Panel Operating Guidelines (Doc Id: G1-NT-GDLX0000101).



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