

Notifiable incident

Incident ID [6471](#)

Duty holder: Shell Australia Pty Ltd
Facility/Activity: Prelude FLNG
Facility type: Floating liquefied natural gas facility

Incident details	
Division	Occupational Health and Safety
Notification type	Information Provided
Incident date	14/04/2020 12:00 AM (WST)
Notification date	12/04/2020 11:58 AM (WST)
NOPSEMA response date	14/04/2020 01:23 PM (WST)
Received by	[REDACTED]
Nearest state	WA
Initial category type <i>(based on notification)</i>	Other
Initial category <i>(based on notification)</i>	Information provided to NOPSEMA
3 Day report received	
Final report received	
All required data received	
Final category type <i>(based on final report)</i>	Other
Final category <i>(based on final report)</i>	Information provided to NOPSEMA
Brief description	OHS-INFO-Gym use on facility
Location	Accommodation and amenities
Subtype/s	Other
Summary <i>(at notification)</i>	<p>I would really like to remain anonymous in regards to this matter. I myself don't work for this company or any of the companies on board this vessel but do believe this is a health and safety risk.</p> <p>The Shell Prelude is a vessel that is moored some 200km off the Western Australian Coast. It is mainly inhabited by fly-in-fly-out workers who transit from Perth to Broome and are then flown via helicopter to this vessel. This vessel is in my eyes in breach of Federal and State regulations with regards to the Coronavirus.</p> <p>It was stated that Indoor Gyms were to be closed by Scott Morrison on a 22 March 2020. On 31 March 2020 Premier Mark McGowan of Western Australia also put into place restrictions to Outside Gyms "All playgrounds, skate parks and outside gyms in public places are closed." Last week I believe this vessel closed their indoor gym down, but continued to operate their outside gym, but it (3) people were allowed out – 2 people doing workout and the gym instructor. However by Wednesday, 8 March 2020 I am advised that the indoor gym was reopened, and limited to 7 people at a time.</p> <p>Is this in breach of current Federal and State policy's Is this really how health and safety on board this vessel is being handled? Does Shell not have to follow Federal/State policy's in regard's to Covid-19? I am aware that most staff are told to self isolate before attending the vessel, but in all honesty no one knows if someone is just a carrier (Asymptomatic) and could pass it onto others on board and show no real signs of the virus.</p>

Details <i>(from final report)</i>	<p>I would really like to remain anonymous in regards to this matter. I myself don't work for this company or any of the companies on board this vessel but do believe this is a health and safety risk.</p> <p>The Shell Prelude is a vessel that is moored some 200km off the Western Australian Coast. It is mainly inhabited by fly-in-fly-out workers who transit from Perth to Broome and are then flow via helicopter to this vessel.</p> <p>This vessel is in my eyes in breach of Federal and State regulations with regards to the Coranavirus.</p> <p>It was stated that Indoor Gyms were to be closed by Scott Morrison on a 22 March 2020. On 31 March 2020 Premier Mark McGowan of Western Australia also put into place restrictions to Outside Gyms "All playgrounds, skate parks and outside gyms in public places are closed." Last week I believe this vessel closed their indoor gym down, but continued to operate their outside gym, be it (3) people were allowed out – 2 people doing workout and the gym instructor. However by Wednesday, 8 March 2020 I am advised that the indoor gym was reopened, and limited to 7 people at a time.</p> <p>Is this in breach of current Federal and State policy's Is this really how health and safety on board this vessel is being handled? Does Shell not have to follow Federal/State policy's in regard's to Covid-19? I am aware that most staff are told to self isolate before attending the vessel, but in all honesty no one knows if someone is just a carrier (Asymptomatic) and could pass it onto others on board and show no real signs of the virus.</p>
Immediate cause/s	N/a
Root cause/s	
Root cause description	

Duty inspector recommendation

Date	14/04/2020
Duty inspector	██████████
Recommendation	Do not conduct Major Investigation
Reasoning	Not applicable
Supporting considerations	

Major investigation decision

Date	14/04/2020
Decision	Do not conduct Major Investigation
Reasoning	Not applicable
Supporting considerations	

Non-major investigation review and recommendation

Date	20/04/2020
Inspector	██████████
Risk gap	
Type of standard	
Initial strategy	

Recommended follow up strategy

Recommended strategy	Inclusion in annual report stats / data analysis
Supporting considerations	This has been provided as "information supplied to NOPSEMA". The issue raised is in relation to the use of the gym and potential transmission of COVID-19. The risk gap is assessed to be Nil/Nominal using the NOPSEMA SOP for non-major investigations, therefore the recommended strategy has been classified as "Inclusion in annual report status / data analysis". However, there have been multiple submissions to NOPSEMA referencing concerns in relation to the management of COVID-19 issues. This and other related concerns will be included for discussion in the upcoming COVID-19 consequence inspection with Shell on 1 May 2020 (Ref. Inspection 2220).

Non-major investigation decision	
Date	21/04/2020
RoN	[REDACTED]
RoN review result	Disagree with recommendation
Strategy decision	Investigate
Supporting considerations	To be included for discussion in the upcoming COVID-19 consequence inspection with Shell on 1 May 2020 (Ref. Inspection 2220)

Associated inspection	
Inspection ID	2220