NOPSEMA’s responsibilities and the Great Australian Bight

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Activities in the GAB have been occurring for more than 50 years:
- Multiple seismic surveys
- 13 exploration wells
- Most recent well Gnarlyknots 1 (2003)

NOPSEMA’s involvement in the GAB is relatively recent
Recent decisions and activities

• NOPSEMA doesn’t have any activities currently under assessment in the GAB

• NOPSEMA recently provided conditional approval for a seismic survey proposal in the GAB, submitted by PGS Australia
• NOPSEMA remains supportive of greater transparency within the regulatory regime
• The regime allows for community involvement and feedback
• People need to understand how to participate so they can have their say
• NOPSEMA has engaged extensively with communities and organisations in SA
• Titleholders must consult “relevant persons” and demonstrate how “relevant issues” will be addressed
• NOPSEMA will consider all the relevant issues, facts, research and latest technologies in determining approval
• NOPSEMA rarely approves an environment plan without amendment
• If approval is granted, NOPSEMA will then regulate compliance with the relevant plan
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