International regulatory trends

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2018–19 OFFSHORE ACTIVITY

**LEGEND**

- FLOATING FACILITY
- MANNED PLATFORM
- UNMANNED PLATFORM
- SUBSEA INFRASTRUCTURE
- PIPELINE
- SEISMIC ACTIVITY

**AUSTRALIA WIDE**

- **7 MOBILE OFFSHORE DRILLING UNITS**
  May have conducted more than one activity in NOPSEMA’s jurisdiction and may have been in more than one state/NT adjacent area.

- **14 VESSELS**
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- **910 WELLS**
  Covered under well operations management plans.

* Represents an activity adjacent to more than one state or territory.
• Safety performance generally sound with continued improvement
• 13.3 million hours worked offshore
• 386 reports of occupational health and safety incidents
Industry performance 2018/19

- 529 investigations
- 180 inspections, up almost 20% on previous year
- Issued 29 enforcement actions to address breaches of the legislation
- Late life assets a key focus
NOPSEMA represents Australia in the:

- International Regulators Forum (and Management Committee)
- International Offshore Petroleum Environmental Regulators Group
- International Upstream Forum (with NOPTA)
- Global Offshore Wind Regulators Forum (GOWRF)
• NOPSEMA also:
  o presents at international forums that will support regulatory outcomes in Australia
  o shares information with fellow regulatory bodies
  o undertakes exchanges/secondments with other regulators globally
  o cooperates with other regulators on international actions where appropriate
  o supports developing nations

• Intelligence gathered from international interaction is shared with industry and others
• Changing risks with sale of late life assets to smaller operators (issues often related to transition)

• Important role for international standards in safety outcomes

• Trend towards increasing hydrocarbon releases
International similarities

- Pressure on the industry social licence to operate
- Rising community expectations for transparency, consultation and scrutiny
- Opposition from fishers and environmental NGOs to seismic activity
- Incidents involving contractors
• Industry capacity expansion in Australia
• Little improvement internationally on fatalities during recent years
• Perpetual liability for offshore facilities
International differences

• No time limit in Australia for offshore wells to be plugged and abandoned

• Offshore wind regulation and developments often established