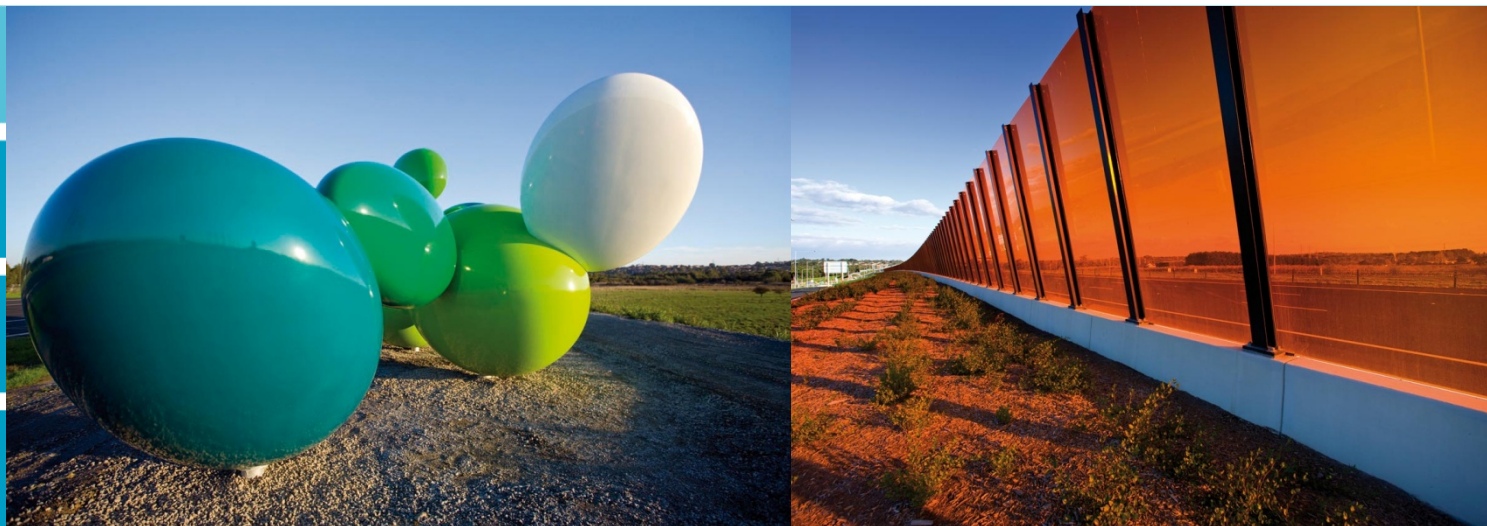


Marine Pollution Response Arrangements in Victoria – An Industry Perspective

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The Australian System for Marine Pollution Response

National Plan to Combat Pollution of the Sea by Oil and Other Noxious and Hazardous Substances (NATPLAN)



State/Territory Oil Spill Contingency Plans (VICPLAN)



Regional Contingency Plans



Local/Port Contingency Plans

Victorian Arrangements

The Department of Transport, Security and Emergency Management Division (SEMD) is the **Statutory Authority** and **Control Agency** for marine pollution incidents that occur in Victorian State Waters.

Functions of the SEMD include:

- Manage Victoria's obligations to the IGA and NATPLAN
- Review, update, coordinate and administer VICPLAN
- Maintain State response and preparedness functions

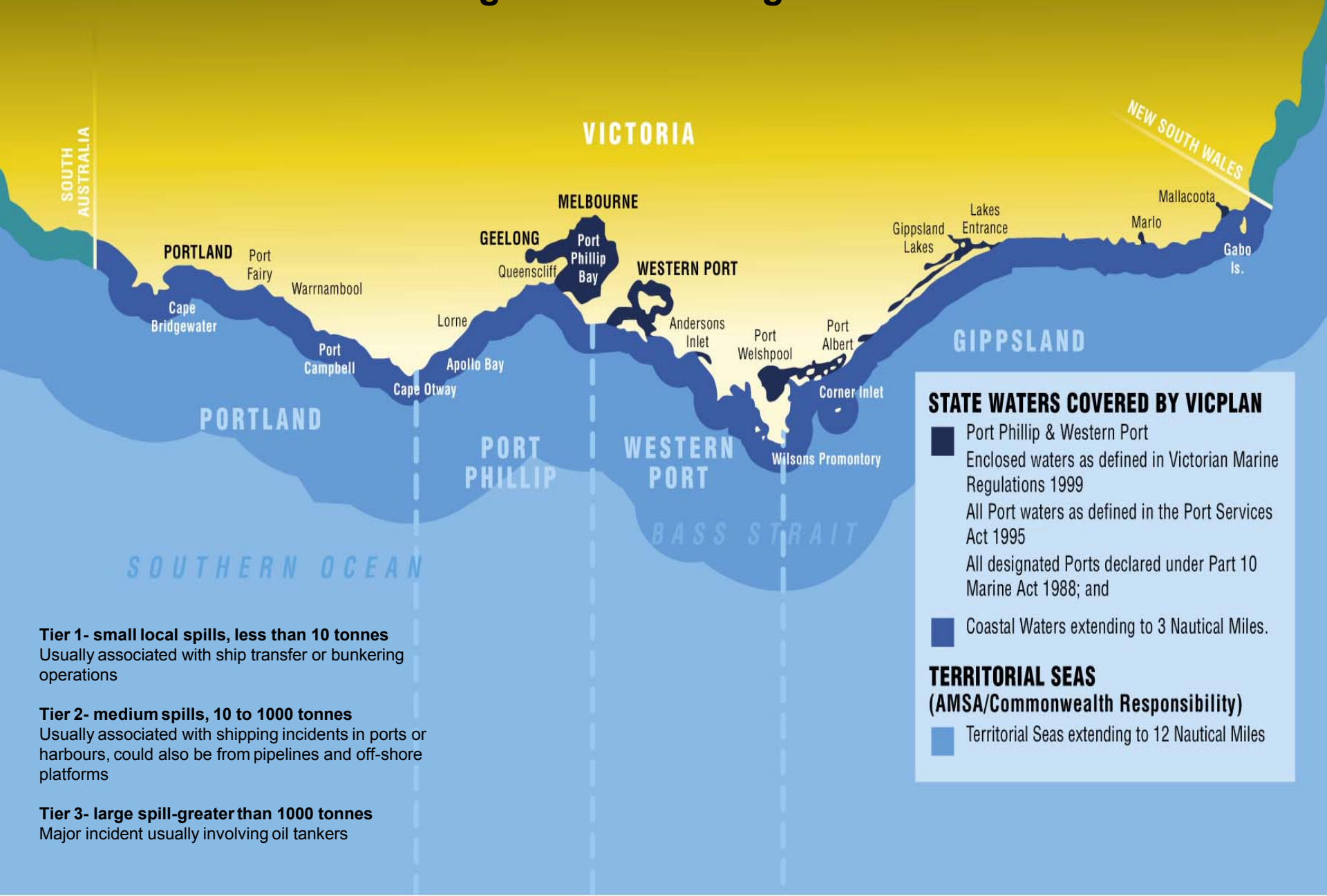


The Victorian Marine Pollution Contingency Plan

VICPLAN

- Describes Victoria's 'response' to National Plan arrangements
- Describes Victoria's requirements under the Inter Governmental Agreement on marine pollution
- Prescribed by state legislation, the *Marine Act 1988*
- VICPLAN is administered by DOT, SEMD and applies in State Coastal Waters up to **3 nautical miles** offshore
- It aims to provide a COORDINATED approach to marine pollution response in the State

Regional Control Agencies



Tier 1- small local spills, less than 10 tonnes
 Usually associated with ship transfer or bunkering operations

Tier 2- medium spills, 10 to 1000 tonnes
 Usually associated with shipping incidents in ports or harbours, could also be from pipelines and off-shore platforms

Tier 3- large spill-greater than 1000 tonnes
 Major incident usually involving oil tankers

STATE WATERS COVERED BY VICPLAN

- Port Phillip & Western Port
- Enclosed waters as defined in Victorian Marine Regulations 1999
- All Port waters as defined in the Port Services Act 1995
- All designated Ports declared under Part 10 Marine Act 1988; and
- Coastal Waters extending to 3 Nautical Miles.

TERRITORIAL SEAS (AMSA/Commonwealth Responsibility)

- Territorial Seas extending to 12 Nautical Miles

State Resources

An understanding of the State's marine pollution response capability may assist in developing your OSCP.

- State Response Team (SRT)
 - Whole of Gov approach to oil spill response
 - 150 personnel over next 3yrs to respond to incidents across State
 - CBT in Operational and Incident Management roles
- Equipment stockpiles
 - Stockpiles in Melbourne & 8 regional areas
 - Regions provide first strike (supported by central stockpile)
 - State and National resources stored under one roof
- State is a conduit to State and National resources
 - NATPLAN arrangements (e.g NRT resources)
 - State emergency management arrangements – the landscape is changing!

The Consultation Process

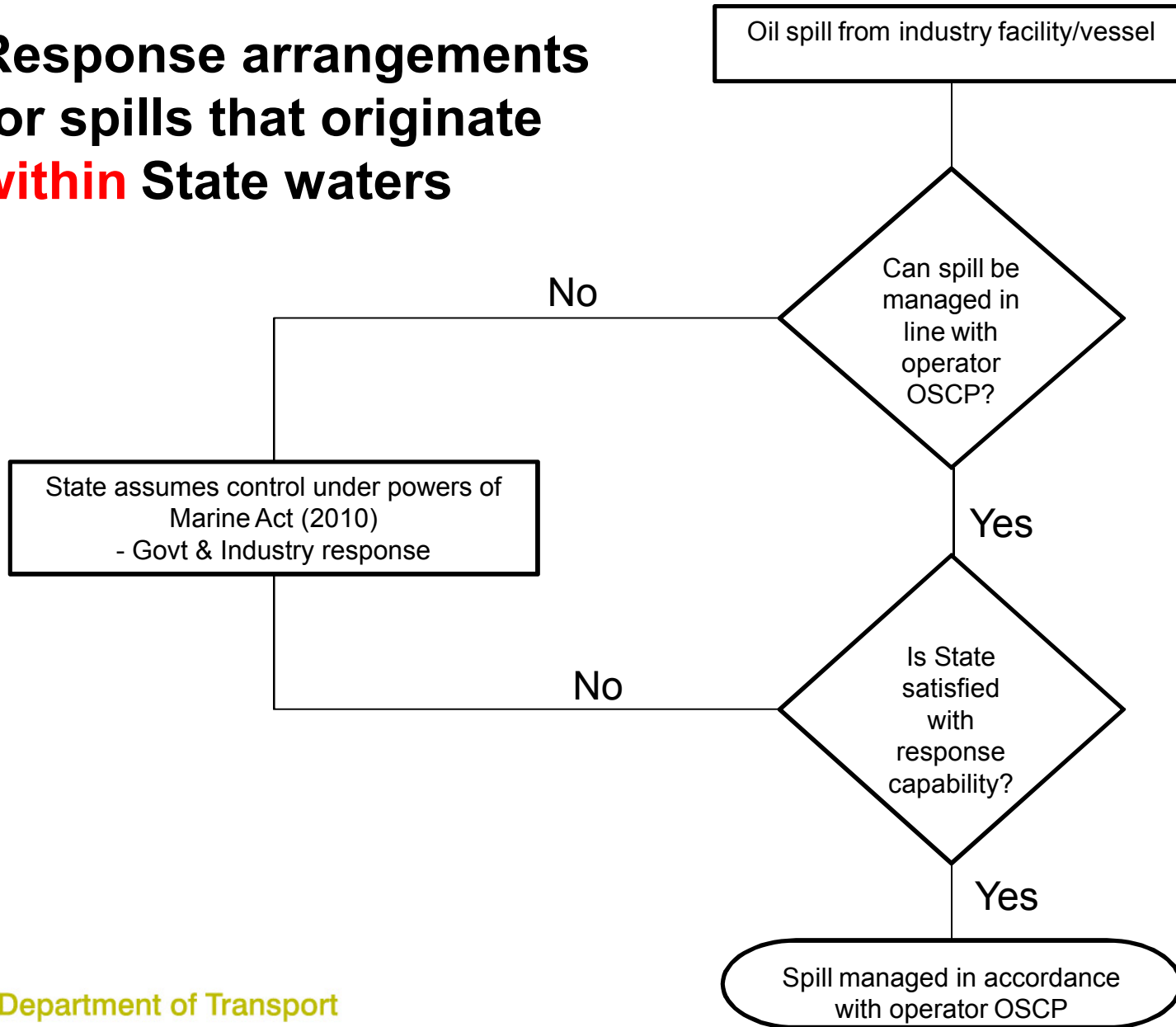
What does DOT want to know?

- The potential risks to State waters from your activity
- Your capability and capacity to respond to these risks
- Procedures detailing an escalation of response and transfer of control
- A list of stakeholders being consulted within Victoria

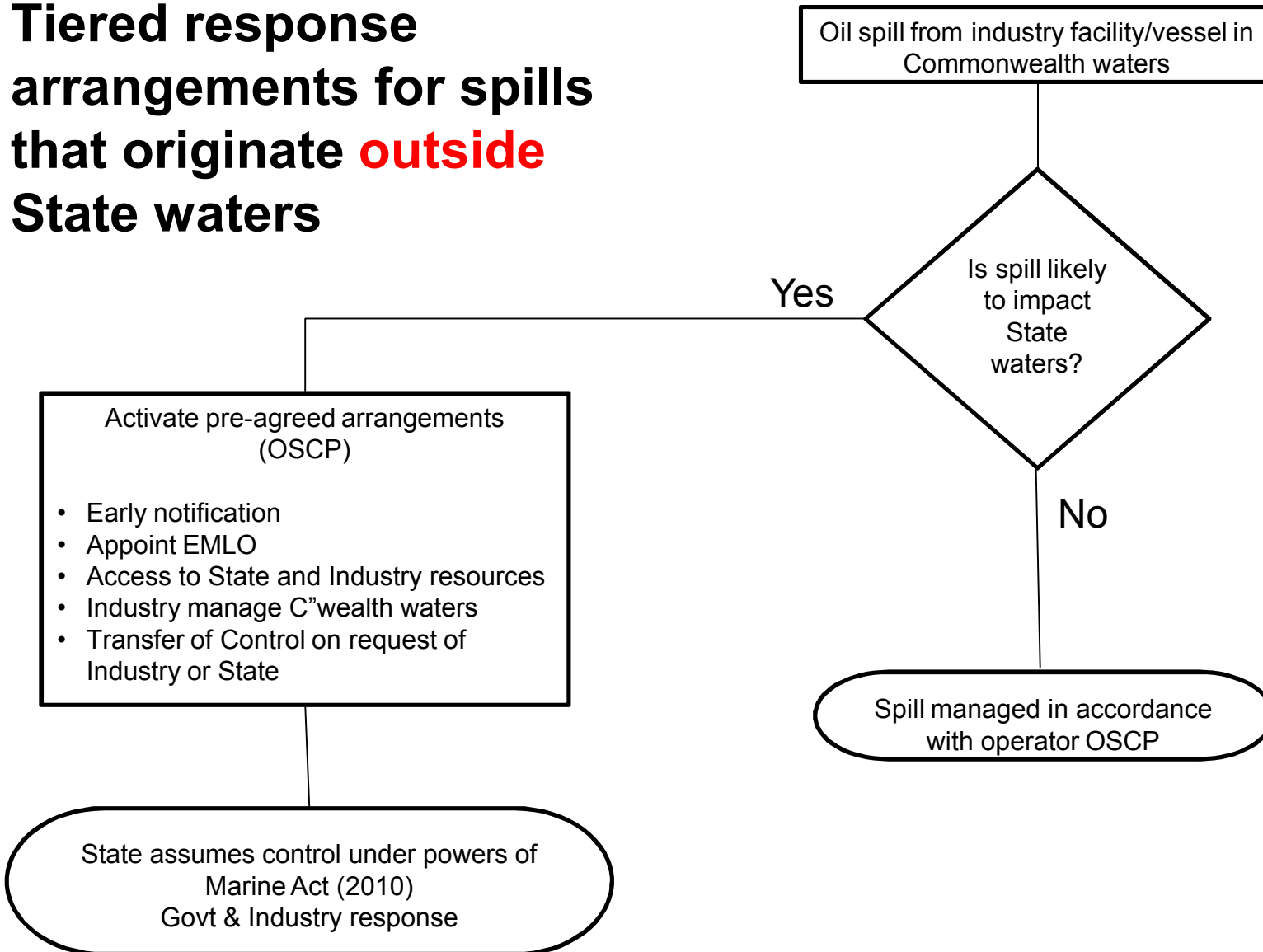
What we currently don't want to know:

- Fine detail – NOPSEMA will review this
- Shipping movements related to activity – this is already addressed under existing arrangements (VicPlan)

Response arrangements for spills that originate **within** State waters



Tiered response arrangements for spills that originate **outside** State waters



Examples of pre-agreed arrangements within OSCP

Notifications

- Early notification to State provides situational awareness
- Appointment of State and industry Emergency Management Liaison Officers (EMLO)

Use of State resources

- Operator and IMT-trained personnel (C'wealth and State waters)
- State and National equipment
- Access to whole of Gov resources through State Emergency Management Team

Transfer of Control

- On Operator or State's request

Exercises

- Need to test all of the above – consider State participation during exercises

QUESTIONS?