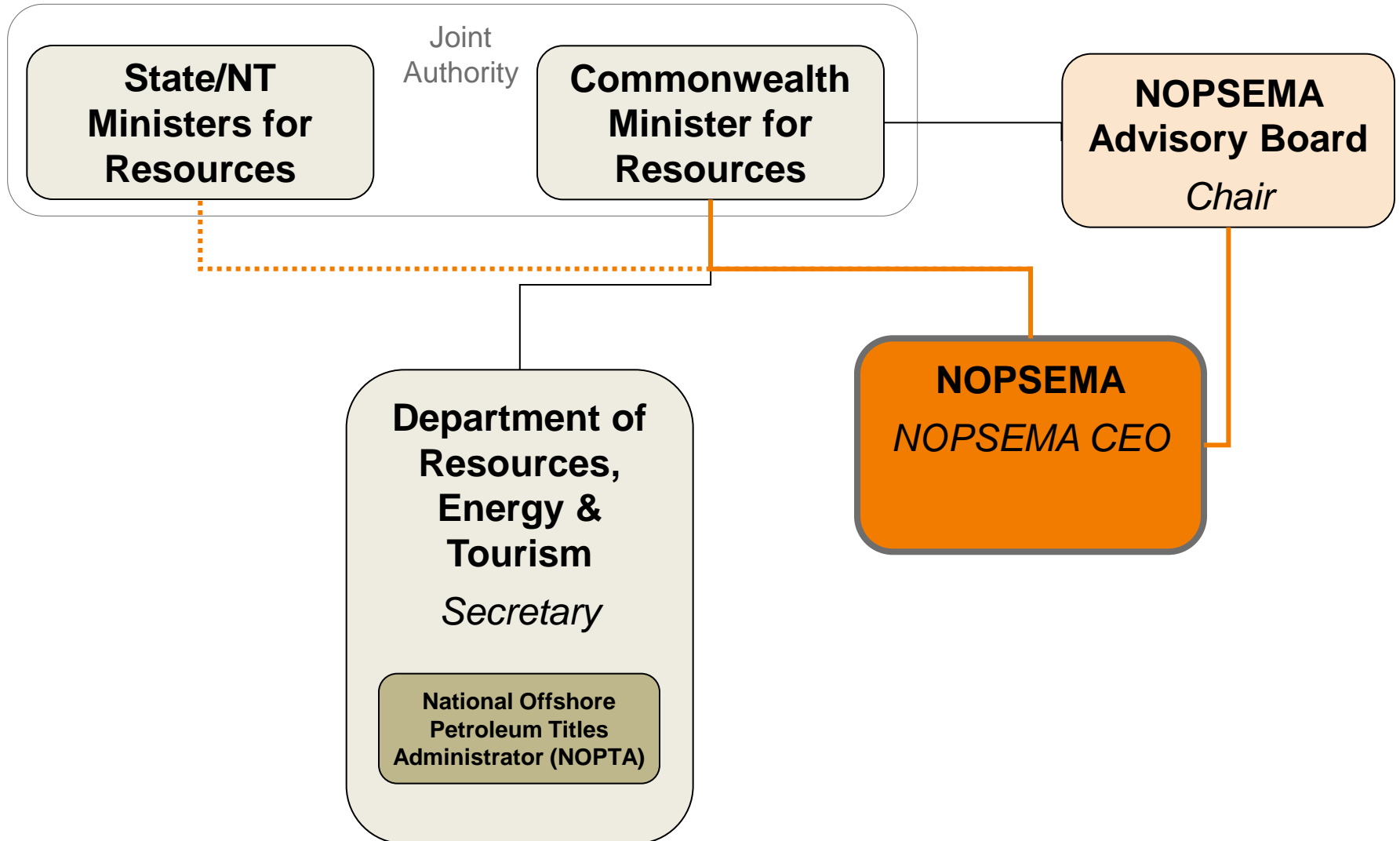


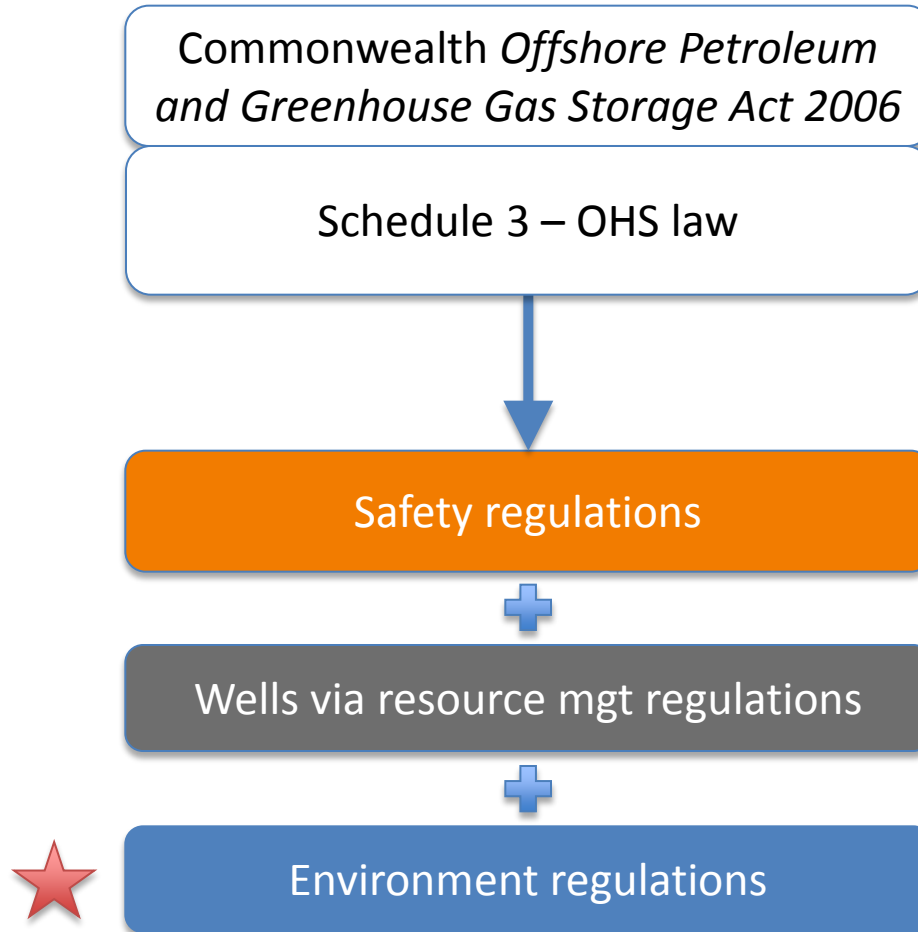
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Legislation administered by NOPSEMA



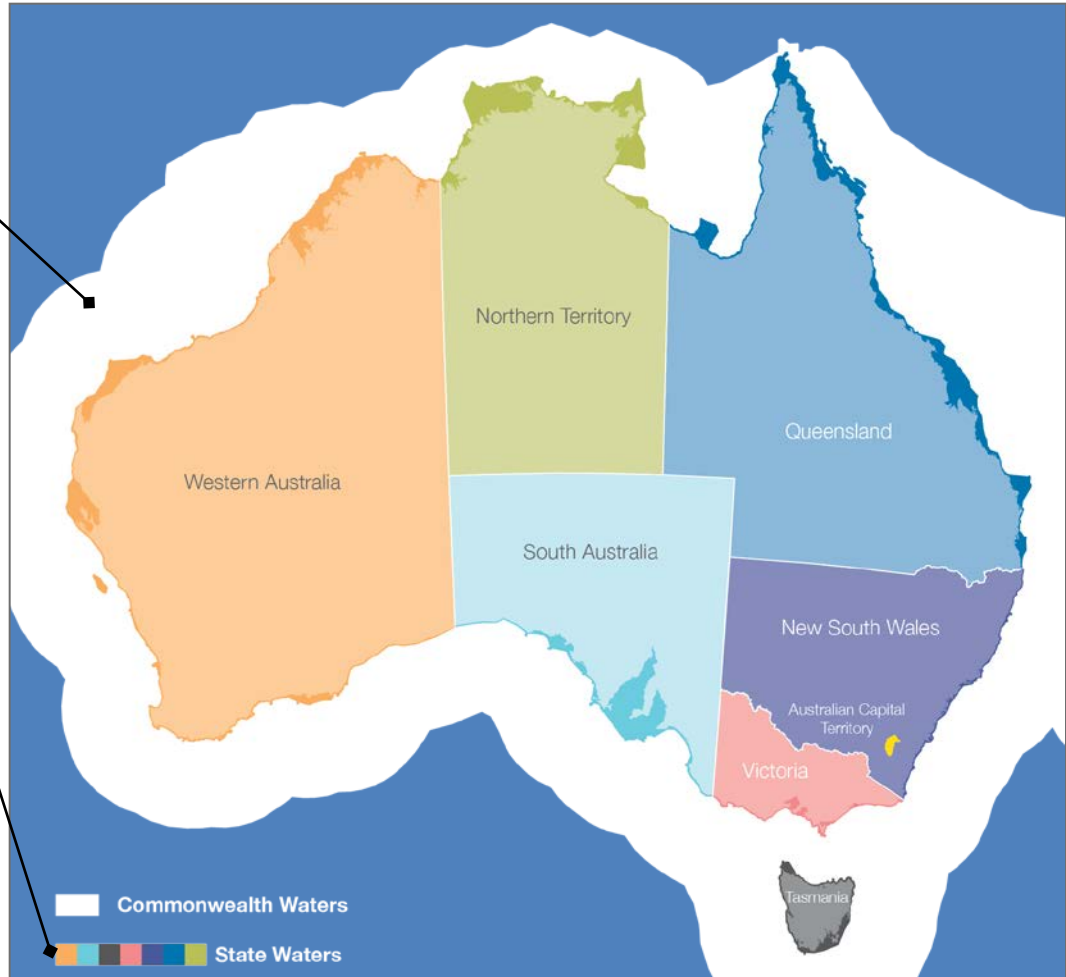
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Relevant State/NT
Minister

or

**NOPSEMA
where powers
conferred***

* Currently no conferrals for
environment



**Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response
and Cooperation, 1990 (OPRC90)**

International

Australia

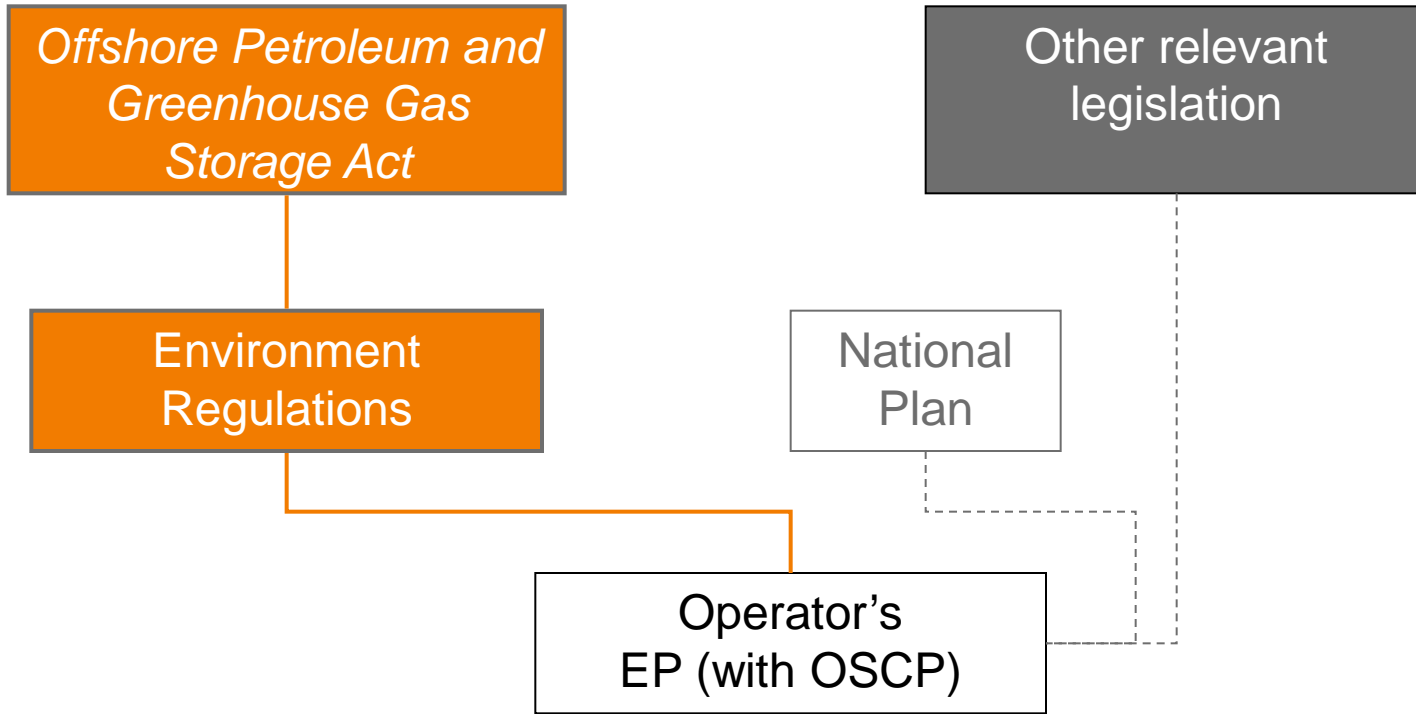
*Offshore Petroleum and
Greenhouse Gas
Storage Act*

Other relevant
legislation

Environment
Regulations

National
Plan

Operator's
EP (with OSCP)



Responsibilities under National Plan

- Statutory agency for oil spill incidents from offshore petroleum activities
- NOT a combat agency (no legislated functions)
- Combat agency = Operator
- State Statutory combat agency = DoT
 - Aware of trans-boundary issues
 - Partially addressed through stakeholder consultation process

NOPSEMA's approach to oil spill preparedness and response

- Focus is on pre-planning by Operator
- Operator must demonstrate preparedness in EP/OSCP
- Acceptance of EP provides prior approval of oil spill response strategies (e.g. dispersant application)
- In the event of a spill, NOPSEMA will monitor and enforce compliance with EP/OSCP
- NOPSEMA has powers to direct a titleholder to respond to an offshore petroleum incident, where required
- NOPSEMA may investigate accidents/occurrences involving deficiencies in environmental management.

- NOPSEMA has/is developing advice to assist operators prepare robust OSCPs and meet the requirements of the OPGGS(E) Regulations
- OSCP Guidance has been published on the website
- Explanatory Note: Oil Spill Preparedness and Response Arrangements for Offshore Petroleum Activities in Commonwealth Waters
- OSMP Guidance is in prep to meet recommendation 90 of Montara Commission of Inquiry

Questions?