

Environmental consultation undertaken for offshore petroleum activities

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- **Session 1** – objective, background, and features of success for good practice consultation (60min)
- **Session 2** – Current Basin-specific consultation issues (30min)
- **Session 3** – Summary, and next step for NOPSEMA, question and answers (30min)

- Increased focus by stakeholders since streamlining
- NOPSEMA feedback on consultation practices:
 - Via direct engagement with potentially affected persons (e.g. relevant persons)
 - From compliance activities including environment plan assessments and inspections of petroleum activities
- The workshops aims to provide a forum to discuss this feedback and raise awareness, and;
- To provide insights on good practice consultation through industries experiences.



AS/NZS ISO 31000 – Risk management process



AS/NZS ISO 14001 – Environmental management system model

- **What:**
Treating consultation with stakeholders in a genuine manner
- **How:**
 - Establish relationships and contact on a more personal level, and at an early stage
 - Understanding stakeholders needs
 - Avoid misrepresenting titleholders' rights and obligations
- **NOPSEMA considerations**
- **Round table discussion on experiences of challenges, successes, tips and techniques**

- **What:**
Undertaking consultation in a transparent manner
- **How:**
 - Informing stakeholders from the outset about the consultation process
 - Giving due consideration to issues and providing timely responses
 - Provision of sufficient information to make an informed assessment
- **NOPSEMA considerations**
- **Round table discussion on experiences of challenges, successes, tips and techniques**

- **What:**
Ongoing consultation in a communicative manner
- **How:**
 - Keeping stakeholders fully informed by providing appropriately tailored responses
 - Two way dialogue
 - Implementing robust plans for ongoing consultation with stakeholders
- **NOPSEMA considerations**
- **Round table discussion on experiences of challenges, successes, tips and techniques**

- **What:**
Reducing consultation burden
- **How:**
 - Establish joint consultation mechanisms where there are multiple activities/longer term presence
 - Avoid over-reliance on others that do not have the same long term goals without suitable oversight and controls
 - Consider the development of long term arrangements such as MOUs and stakeholder reference groups
- **NOPSEMA considerations**
- **Round table discussion on experiences of challenges, successes, tips and techniques**

Promotion and advice

- Respond to advice provided
- Ongoing engagement with titleholders and potentially affected persons, for example:
 - Workshops
 - Regulator articles
 - Strategic liaison meetings
- Website enhancements
- Ongoing engagement with other government authorities

Compliance activities

Focus on: Planning-stage consultation

Assessment

- a) Consultation with relevant persons with the provision of sufficient information (reg 11A)
- b) Consultation report containing and assessment of the merits and titleholders' response or proposed response (reg 16)
- c) Summary of an accepted environment plan (reg 11(4))

Inspection

- a) Closing the loop e.g. provided 'proposed responses' to relevant persons

Compliance activities

Focus on: Ongoing consultation

Assessment

- a) Appropriate plan for ongoing consultation (reg 14(9))
- b) Presence of controls measures arising from consultation (reg 13(5))

Inspection

- a) Implementation of the controls arising from consultation
- b) Implementation of ongoing consultation arrangements e.g. how is information from stakeholders managed?

Any questions?