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)
Background and objectives

• 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.
Features of success

AS/NZS ISO 31000 – Risk management process

AS/NZS ISO 14001 – Environmental management system model
Features of success

• **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
Features of success

• **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**
Features of success

- **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**
Features of success

• **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**
NOPSEMA’s next steps

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
NOPSEMA’s next steps

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?