Presentation format

• NOPSEMA, roles and responsibilities
• Environmental management function
• Recent regulatory amendments
• Consultation provisions
• Outcomes
• NOPSEMA environmental management function established 1 Jan 2012
• Out of Montara Commission of Inquiry
• Australian Government response to establish single national regulator
• Objectives-based regime – flexibility and continual improvement
Commonwealth Waters
NOPSEMA

State Waters
Relevant State/NT Minister
unless
powers are conferred to NOPSEMA *

* Currently no conferrals for Environment
• Assessment only on submission
• Challenge titleholder to demonstrate all impacts & risks managed to acceptable and ALARP levels
• Request further information and/or provide opportunity to modify and re-submit
• Substantial internal expertise across a range of disciplines
• Seek external advice, independently test titleholders information
Consultation key component to identify risk/impact of activity

Engagement prior to any public notification on NOPSEMA website

Ongoing consultation to inform any changes

Revision and resubmission obligations if risks/impacts change
Environmental Management

• OPGGS Act and Environment Regulations
• Recent changes to strengthen environmental management
  – Environment Regulations review and amendments
  – EPBC Act streamlining
  – OPGGS Act amendments
• Commitments to review and further strengthen where necessary
Regulatory streamlining

- Part of broader Government agenda to reduce regulatory burden
- Strategic assessment under EPBC Act conducted with NOPSEMA’s environmental authorisation regulatory process endorsed
- Key objectives met:
  - Reduced duplication and overlap in regulatory approvals processes
  - Increased clarity and certainty in decision-making processes
  - Retaining strong environmental safeguards
Key regulatory amendments

• Clarification of titleholder obligations
  • Titleholder responsible for all aspects of EP compliance

• EP content requirements clarified + strengthened
  • Oil Pollution Emergency Plan contents + testing
  • Monitoring over life of activity & during pollution incident

• Transparency of assessment
  • Titleholder and activity information published on submission of EP
  • EP summary must contain response to consultation

• Strengthening environmental requirements
  • No planned activities within a World Heritage property
  • Submission of Offshore Project Proposal
• **Strengthening of requirements relating to:**
  – Polluter pays principle via financial assurance amendments to OPGGS Act
  • Potential for subsequent regulatory amendments to further clarify requirements
  – Compliance measures amendments to OPGGS Act
  • single class of NOPSEMA inspector, increased and enhanced range of tools available to secure compliance
Consultation requirements

• Consultation required to be undertaken by titleholder
  • EP preparation
  • Ongoing during activity

• Titleholder must
  • provide sufficient information to evaluate potential impacts
  • provide sufficient time
  • demonstrate mechanism to close-out concerns raised
  • clearly outline adaptive management processes to dealing with new, relevant information
Environmental outcomes

• Improved preparedness to respond to, and monitor oil pollution incidents
• Duties and responsibilities of titleholders - clarified and strengthened
• Removed duplication in environmental regulation, strong environmental safeguards remain
• Improved transparency in decision making
• Strengthened requirements for engagement with effected parties (relevant persons)
QUESTIONS

- NOPSEMA
- streamlining
- consultation