

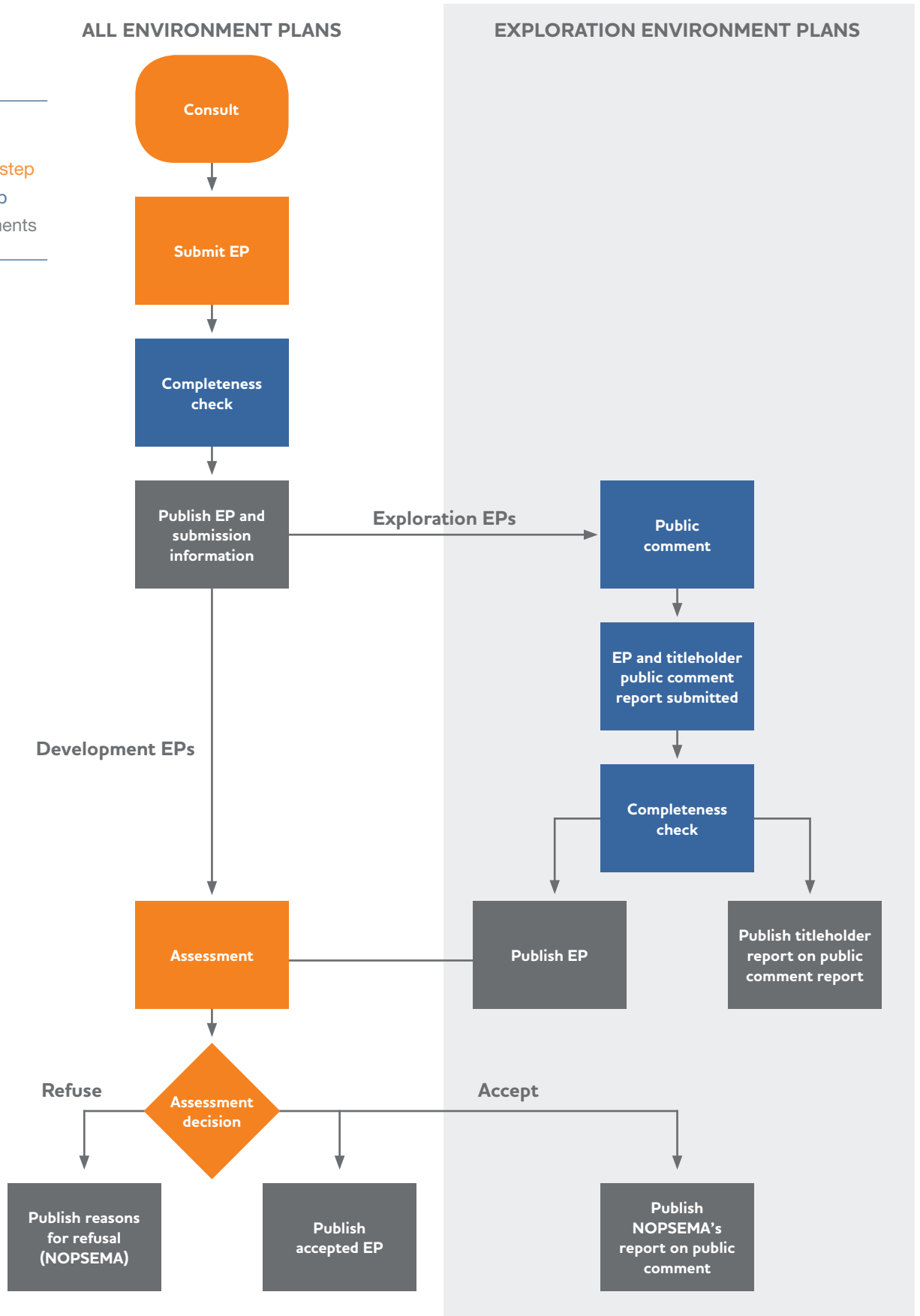
# Assessment process for environment plans

## Post transparency



### Legend

- Existing process step
- New process step
- Published documents





PROCESS STEP	ALL ENVIRONMENT PLANS	EPs FOR SEISMIC AND EXPLORATORY DRILLING	KEY POINTS
Consult with relevant persons	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Process remains unchanged, relevant persons must be consulted during the preparation of an EP.</li> </ul>
Submit EP for public comment		✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EPs for public comment must be submitted in a maximum of four parts<sup>1</sup>.</li> </ul>
Completeness check for public comment		✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Within five days of receiving the EP, NOPSEMA must undertake a completeness check against the EP content requirements</li> <li>This stage is not an assessment of the quality or adequacy of the EP.</li> </ul>
Publication of EP for public comment		✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EP for public comment published in full, except for sensitive information</li> <li>A summary of key information about the activity, a location map and contact person for the titleholder published on NOPSEMA's website.</li> </ul>
Public comment period		✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>30 day period</li> <li>Public comments must be considered by titleholder if they are relevant to the environmental management of the activity.</li> </ul>
Submit titleholder response to public comment		✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Titleholder must submit a report responding in general terms to the public comments received</li> <li>NOPSEMA will publish the public comment report along with the EP for assessment.</li> </ul>
Submit EP for assessment	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EPs for assessment must be submitted in a maximum of four parts</li> <li>All EP's must be resubmitted following the public comment process.</li> </ul>
Completeness check for assessment	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Within five days of receiving the EP, NOPSEMA must undertake a completeness check against the EP content requirements</li> <li>Includes all parts of the EP</li> <li>Not an assessment of the quality or adequacy of the environment plan.</li> </ul>
Publication of EP for assessment	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Published in full, except for sensitive information.</li> </ul>
Assessment by NOPSEMA	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Matters that relate to the inadequate consideration of public comment (if any) raised during assessment process</li> <li>Criteria for acceptance is unchanged.</li> </ul>
Publication of accepted EP/ reasons for refusal	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If accepted, the EP will be published in full, except for sensitive information</li> <li>If refused, reasons for refusal published.</li> </ul>
Publication of NOPSEMA report on public comment		✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For all exploration EPs that are accepted, NOPSEMA will publish a report on how information received during public comment was taken into account in NOPSEMA's decision making.</li> </ul>

1 Environment plans (EP's) must be submitted in a maximum of four parts:

- The EP with all appendices included (other than sensitive information part)
- Sensitive information part of the EP
- Oil pollution emergency plan (if separate)
- Operational and scientific monitoring program

