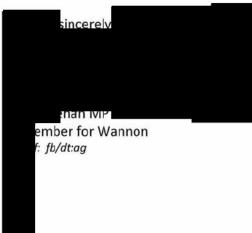


26 July 2023



NOPSEMA GPO Box 2568 PERTH WA 6001
Dear
I refer to the enclosed response from response to the concerns I have raised with office on behalf of several constituents in regard to investigations into Schlumberger 2019 2D seismic blasting in the Otway Basin raised in Senate Economics Committee on 16 February 2023.
The advises had referred my correspondence to your office to respond to the issues raised in my letter.
My records show that I am yet to receive a reply. I am enclosing for your easy reference a copy of my original correspondence along with the response.
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I would appreciate your early reply to assist in responding to my constituents.





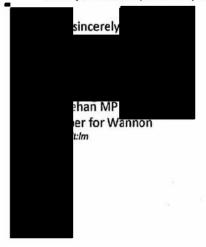
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Further to your correspondence of 20 March 2023, it has been brought to my attention through Senate Estimates that there is an investigation into Schlumberger 2019 2D seismic blasting in the Otway Basin.

Minister, if an applicant is under criminal investigation for previous work, how can NOPSEMA agree to allow the applicant to proceed with future seismic surveys?

Thank you in anticipation of your response.







The Hon Dan Tehan MP Member for Wannon Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dan.Tehan.MP@aph.gov.au

Dear Mr Tehan Dan

Thank you for your letter of 6 April 2023 regarding a proposed 2D seismic survey in the Otway Basin. I appreciate the time you have taken to bring this matter to my attention.

The Australian Government does not comment on ongoing confidential investigations undertaken by Australia's independent expert offshore regulator, the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA). I have referred your correspondence to NOPSEMA who are best placed to respond to the issues you raise in your letter.

Thank you for raising this matter with me.

Yours sincerely			
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