



NOPSEMA's involvement in environmental management collaborative networks

About this document

This document has been prepared to detail NOPSEMA's involvement in environmental collaborative networks. It has been done to communicate one of the ways in which NOPSEMA works with stakeholders in addressing environmental management issues and challenges associated with offshore petroleum exploration and development.

What are collaborative networks?

Collaborative networks provide a means of dealing with complex challenges that don't fit neatly within the boundaries of a single organisation. They can involve formal and informal structures, composed of representatives from governmental and non-governmental organisations working together to tackle a particular problem.

There are different types of networks including information diffusion which have a primary focus of sharing information across organisations, and problem solving networks focusing on solving existing complex problems. One may lead to creation of the other.

Improving environmental management outcomes through engagement with stakeholders

NOPSEMA is committed to ensuring a safe and environmental responsible offshore petroleum industry by maintaining a high standard of engagement with its stakeholders. NOPSEMA will continue to investigate opportunities to contribute to collaborative networks where applicable to its interests.

Any questions or need for further information?

If you require any further information or have any questions please direct your enquiry to information@nopsema.gov.au.

Marine pollution collaborative networks

Network	Type	Purpose	Focal	Frequency
National Plan Strategic Coordination Committee (NPSCC)	Information diffusion	This forum provides strategic coordination of the National Plan for Maritime Environmental Emergencies in Australian waters. NOPSEMA contributes with the provision of information to assist in meeting this objective.	Head of Division	Biannually
Australian Government National Plan Committee (AGNPC)	Information diffusion	This network provides coordination for the Australian Government arrangements under the National Plan for Maritime Environmental Emergencies. NOPSEMA contributes with the provision of information to assist in meeting this objective.	Spill Risks	Biannually
Marine Pollution Preparedness and Response Technical Groups (MPPRTG)	Problem solving	Provides a means for development of operational policy with respect to the prevention, preparedness and response, and recovery for marine pollution incidents, in accordance with the National Plan for Maritime Environmental Emergencies. NOPSEMA contributes with the provision of expertise and advice.	Spill Risks	Biannually
AMSA Environment and Scientific Coordinators Workshop	Problem solving	This workshop provides an avenue for information exchange and knowledge building on environmental aspects of oil spill response planning and decision-making.	Environmental Effects	Annually
Western Australia	Problem solving	Provides a forum for maintaining and discussing existing arrangements for offshore petroleum under the National Plan for Maritime Environmental Emergencies, State and Industry arrangements in Western Australian and adjacent Commonwealth waters.	Spill Risks	Biannually with attendance based on agenda
South Australia	Information diffusion	Provides a forum for maintaining and discussing existing arrangements for offshore petroleum under the National Plan for Maritime Environmental Emergencies, State and Industry arrangements in South Australian and adjacent Commonwealth waters.	Spill Risks	Ongoing on invitation
Victoria	Information diffusion	Provides a forum for maintaining and discussing existing arrangements for offshore petroleum under the National Plan for Maritime Environmental Emergencies, State and Industry arrangements in Victorian and adjacent Commonwealth waters.	Spill Risks	Biannually with attendance based on agenda
North West Cape Cooperative Forum	Problem solving	A network developed to improve effectiveness and efficiency of oil spill preparedness and response in the North West Cape region of Western Australian. NOPSEMA contributes with the provision of expertise and advice.	Spill Risks	Quarterly

Petroleum industry collaborative networks

Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association (APPEA) Environment Affairs Committee	Information diffusion	A forum to facilitate high level feedback and input on environmental compliance and NOPSEMA regulatory activities to petroleum industry representatives.	Contributor	Ongoing on an as needs basis
Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association (APPEA) Various Working Groups	Information diffusion or Problem solving	A network developed on an as needs basis for strategic environmental management projects relevant to the offshore petroleum industry. NOPSEMA contributes on an as needs basis.	Contributor	Ongoing on an as needs basis

Marine science collaborative networks

National Environmental Science Program (NESP)	Information diffusion	This network provides end-user perspectives on research priorities and proposals made under the National Science Program. NOPSEMA contributes by providing its perspective on research needs and priorities.	Environmental Effects	Quarterly in addition to research workshops and engagement with researchers
Western Australian Marine Science Institution (WAMSI) – Effects of Decommissioning Offshore Infrastructure	Problem solving	Steering committee in place to allow engagement between stakeholders relevant to decommissioning of offshore infrastructure. Provides a forum to ensure project meets objectives in relation to decommissioning of offshore infrastructure.	Environmental Effects	Monthly-quarterly
Western Australian Premier's Roundtable for Marine Science	Information diffusion	Network developed with relevant sectoral leaders to identify mandate for, and direction of change in marine science in Western Australia. NOPSEMA contributes on an as needs basis.	Assessment & Inspection	Ongoing on an as needs basis
Western Australian Marine Science Institution (WAMSI) Blueprint for Marine Science Initiative Implementation Strategy	Problem solving	Provides a foundation for a long-term collaboration between all sectors operating in the marine environment. NOPSEMA contributes by providing its perspective on this topic on an as needs basis.	Environmental Effects	Ongoing on an as needs basis

Biosecurity collaborative networks

Commonwealth Biosecurity Networks Organised by Department of Agriculture	Problem solving	Network developed to facilitate stakeholder input on proposed changes to marine biosecurity arrangements in Australia. NOPSEMA contributes with the provision of expertise and advice,	Environmental Effects	Annual plenary meeting with ongoing communication on an as needs basis
Western Australian Marine Biosecurity Workshop	Problem solving	Network that has been developed to facilitate stakeholder input on successes, challenges and developments in marine biosecurity management in Western Australia. NOPSEMA contributes by providing its perspective in this regard.	Environmental Effects	Annual plenary meeting with ongoing communication on an as needs basis