Titleholder report on public comment

Form

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Instructions

This form prescribes the format for a titleholder report on public comment, which is to be submitted with all seismic and exploratory drilling environment plans (EPs) after the public comment process has been completed and if public comments are made. The titleholder report on public comment will be published on NOPSEMA’s website along with the EP for assessment, in accordance with the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Environment) Regulations 2009 (Environment Regulations)[[1]](#footnote-1).

To facilitate an efficient and consistent approach, titleholders are requested to:

* Use the table format provided below to develop their response to public comments received on an EP
* Add a brief cover sheet identifying the EP, public comment period and titleholder contact details
* Provide the document in editable PDF for publication on the NOPSEMA website, and in word format to assist NOPSEMA in developing NOPSEMA’s report on public comment in the event the EP is accepted.

NOTE: Sensitive information received during the public comment period, such as the names and contact details of commenters, must not be published in this report. Commenters may also identify information within their submission that is sensitive, which also must not be published in this report.

Alternative approaches should not be pursued without prior agreement from NOPSEMA and may result in delays to the commencement of the EP assessment (refer to NOPSEMA’s EP Assessment Policy PL1347).

Template

Note: Pre-populated text has been provided in this table as a guide to completing the report. Please delete orange text once it has been considered and replaced.

Instructions: Copy and paste this table into a document to develop a report on public comment. You may add a cover sheet and company letterhead to identify the report.

| # | Comments received (in general terms)  | Titleholder response (if any changes were made, please underline sections of the EP that have been modified in response to comments) |
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| 1 | *Matter:* [Outline of matter raised by commenters, which may be:* assertions made about environmental impacts or risks of the activity;
* concerns raised for an environmental value, species or area;
* suggestions for improved control measures or implementation strategies;
* new information provided that should be considered in the environmental assessment;
* broad objections or comments not related to EP content.

*Claim:* [Outline of more specific claim(s) made by commenters relating to the matter if necessary] Note: Do not include sensitive information received during public comment (defined in Regulation 4 of the Environment Regulations)] | [Summarise your response, which may include:* how you took new information into account in the impact and risk evaluation, design of control measures or implementation strategy in the EP
* an outline of changes you made to the EP (if any)
* your response to assertions about environmental impacts or risks, or concerns for environmental values, species or areas, etc.
* a brief statement that the comments were not relevant to EP content (if applicable)]
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1. Environment Regulations, Regulation 11B(3) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)