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Kark, [REDACTED]

Discussed some tweaks with [REDACTED]

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Hi Karl

As a starting point for discussion with Stuart/[REDACTED].

Have taken some key elements from the statement as well as our draft ToR for the program review with a view to a relatively tight scope that delivers both outcomes.

Welcome any feedback.

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Policy statement – *A re-elected Liberal National government will commission an independent audit of NOPSEMA's current consideration of exploration in the Great Australian Bight.* (full release attached)

Recommendations:

- The EPBC Program review and independent audit of NOPSEMA's consideration of exploration in the GAB be combined in a single review to be delivered by late August 2019
- The review to be led by the chief scientist with input from relevant experts

- The scope of the review to include;
 - NOPSEMA’s assessment and decision making process to ensure that all environmental considerations, including matters protected under the EPBC Act are thoroughly taken into account under the EPBC Program and that sufficient transparency is provided to the community under the existing regulatory framework.
 - NOPSEMA’s inspection, investigation and enforcement processes including whether these consider matters protected under the EPBC Act and that sufficient transparency is provided to the community.
 - The appropriateness environmental outcome reporting requirements on petroleum titleholders and the transparency of these requirements.
 - The degree to which community and stakeholder views on offshore petroleum are taken into account Opportunities for the community to have a say on offshore exploration and development in commonwealth waters and whether these are sufficient for community concerns to be appropriately taken into account in assessment and decision making in the context of the current regulatory and legislative framework.

Background:

Independent Audit of NOPSEMA’s consideration of exploration in the GAB:

- Government recognises community concern surrounding the GAB and acknowledges community groups are seeking further assurance of environmental protection
- An independent audit will be conducted by the chief scientist to provide this level of assurance to the community
- Audit to be jointly commissioned by Minister for resources and Minister for environment
- The chief scientist will be asked to work with NOPSEMA to assure all environmental considerations are thoroughly considered as part of the assessment process and decision making of the independent regulator
- The audit will be conducted in tandem with the assessment process.

EPBC Program review:

- The EPBC program review is due to be undertaken by February 2020 (within every 5 years after the first review period which ended February 2015)
- This review reports findings to both the Minister for Resources and The Minister for the Environment
- The purpose of the Program review is to assess the performance of the program against its objectives including ensuring that impacts to matters protected are not unacceptable.



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