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Dear FOI Officer

The Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (**Department**) has received a request seeking access to documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth) (**FOI Act**). The applicant sought access to:

'...any notes or minutes from Burrup Hub PAP meetings held after 24 April 2025, plus any attachments to those notes or minutes...'

We are seeking your views on whether there are any issues or concerns with the release of any of the information contained in the **attached** documents in scope of the FOI request.

Please note that personal details about Departmental staff or Third Parties (including names and roles) have been redacted under s. 22(1)(a)(ii) (out of scope) of the FOI Act.

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If a response is not received within the timeframe requested, it will be deemed that you do not object to the release of the documents and the Department will make a decision on the release of the documents without the benefit of your views.

We request your response as soon as possible, or by no later than **COB Tuesday 29 July 2025**.

Kind regards

FOI Contact Officer

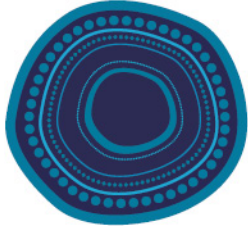
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MEETING 34: Notes from Project Assessment Plan (Burrup Hub Projects) meeting – 20 May 2025**ATTENDEES**

Australian Government Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW); Nature Positive Regulation Division:

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Woodside:

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA):

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Western Australian Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) / Environmental Protection Authority (EPA): s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Previous actions:			
Number	Item Description	Action by	Status
28.2	DCCEEW to provide an update to Woodside on the NWS project reconsideration process, when possible.	DCCEEW	Ongoing
28.3	DCCEEW to discuss the Blue Whale Conservation Management Plan and Anthropogenic Underwater Noise Guidelines with internal line areas to understand what stage the development of the guidelines is at.	DCCEEW	Ongoing
30.3	DCCEEW to provide a contact within the department on the Dusky Sea Snake.	DCCEEW	Ongoing
32.1	To provide context on conservation advice and Dusky Sea Snake in relation to climate change impacts.	DCCEEW	Ongoing
33.1	DCCEEW will amend the meeting time from three (3) months to monthly and reduced from one (1) hour to thirty (30) minutes.	DCCEEW	Done

North West Shelf (NWS) Project Extension (EPBC 2018/8335) – update and next steps

- DCCEEW have provided briefings to the Minister regarding the Proposed Decision Brief, Reconsideration Request and Validity Brief for North West Shelf Project Extension with an intension to make a decision by 31 May 2025.
- Woodside and DWER had a meeting regarding the MRAMP Report. DWER's intention by end of May is to release the MRAMP Report to the public.

Browse Carbon Capture and Storage Project (EPBC 2024/10028) – update and next steps

- DCCEEW is awaiting internal advice regarding Browse CCS.

Browse to North West Shelf Development (EPBC 2018/8319) – update and next steps

- DCCEEW have received advice from NOPSEMA regarding the Turtle Management Plan and Pygmy Blue Whale Management Plan.
- DCCEEW met with NOPSEMA regarding the advice received.
- DCCEEW will meet with Woodside in the future regarding the advice from NOPSEMA.

WA EPA and NOPSEMA

- EPA noted the Variation to Browse to North West Shelf Development is out for public comment and the public comment period will be closing on 10 June 2025.
- EPA noted they have received 30 comments to the Project so far and will be in contact with Woodside after the public comment period closes.
- NOPSEMA had no updates.

New actions:			
Number	Item Description	Action by	Status
33.1	DCCEEW will amend the meeting time from three (3) months to monthly and reduced from one (1) hour to thirty (30) minutes.	DCCEEW	Done
33.2	To meet with DCCEEW about the proposed variation for the Browse to North West Shelf Development proposal.	Woodside	Done
33.3	To provide clarity on nature of updates to Pygmy Blue Whale Management Plan.	Woodside	Ongoing
33.4	To provide an agenda and key points for a meeting on spill risk.	DCCEEW	Done

Next meeting 10am AWST 19 June 2025.

MEETING 35: Notes from Project Assessment Plan (Burrup Hub Projects) meeting – 19 June 2025**ATTENDEES**

Australian Government Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW); Nature Positive Regulation Division:

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Woodside:

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA):

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Western Australian Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) / Environmental Protection Authority (EPA): s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Previous actions:			
Number	Item Description	Action by	Status
28.2	DCCEEW to provide an update to Woodside on the NWS project reconsideration process, when possible.	DCCEEW	Done
28.3	DCCEEW to discuss the Blue Whale Conservation Management Plan and Anthropogenic Underwater Noise Guidelines with internal line areas to understand what stage the development of the guidelines is at.	DCCEEW	Ongoing
30.3	DCCEEW to provide a contact within the department on the Dusky Sea Snake.	DCCEEW	Ongoing
32.1	To provide context on conservation advice and Dusky Sea Snake in relation to climate change impacts.	DCCEEW	Ongoing
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33.3	To provide clarity on the nature of updates to Pygmy Blue Whale Management Plan	Woodside	Ongoing
33.4	To provide an agenda and key points for a meeting on spill risk.	DCCEEW	Done

North West Shelf (NWS) Project Extension (EPBC 2018/8335) – update and next steps

- Woodside and DCCEEW will continue to meet as part of the consultation process for the proposed decision.
- Woodside is preparing their formal submission on the proposed decision.

Browse Carbon Capture and Storage Project (EPBC 2024/10028) – update and next steps

- DCCEEW is awaiting internal advice and will follow up with Woodside once this advice is received.

Browse to North West Shelf Development (EPBC 2018/8319) – update and next steps

- DCCEEW have received draft advice from NOPSEMA regarding the Turtle Management Plan and Pygmy Blue Whale Management Plan and are continuing to work through the advice, and will let Woodside know if they have further information requests about the plans.
- DCCEEW will meet with Woodside regarding questions about the variation request.

NOPSEMA

- NOPSEMA had no updates.

New actions:			
Number	Item Description	Action by	Status
33.2	To meet with DCCEEW about the proposed variation for the Browse to North West Shelf Development proposal.	Woodside	Ongoing

Next meeting 10am AWST 17 July 2025.