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Subject: RE: Updated management plan query [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi [REDACTED]

Apologies on the delay in getting back to you. I don't work on Mondays, and I forgot to put my out of office notice on.

Please find below an update on the Burrup projects.

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Browse Carbon Capture and Storage Project (EPBC 2024/10028)

- On 22 October 2024, Woodside submitted a referral for carbon capture and storage near the Browse to NWS development envelope.
- The department received a substantial volume of public comments (over 3000).
- A decision is expected early-mid March 2025 (statutory decision was due 31 January).

Let me know if you have any further questions.

Kind regards,

[Redacted]

[Redacted] or

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Hi [Redacted]

Hope you had a good weekend.

As you're probably aware, Senate estimates is on again in Canberra this week and our CEO and Deputy CEO have asked for a briefing to update them on NOPSEMA's role and status of work we are assisting DCCEEW with via the Deed of Standing Offer (including the Browse to NWS assessment).

I was hoping you may also be able to provide any updates on the information provided by [REDACTED] below that I could include in that briefing so that they can be aware of the bigger picture with the NWS project approvals and Browse?

Best Regards,

[REDACTED]

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Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for the email. I was going to send through an update on where we're up to this afternoon. Just tried to give you a buzz but I realise it is lunchtime in the west.

For your (and broader NOPSEMA's) information, there has been a flurry of requests from Woodside to meet with ministers etc. We understand Woodside CEO, Meg O'Neil, is currently in Canberra. Woodside is meeting with our Secretary tomorrow and then with Minister Bowen and the PM on Thursday. They met with our dep sec last week also. For context, this was and will mostly be focussed around NWS and approval timeframes, particularly in the light of the WA approval at the end of last year. Browse was not mentioned, and we do not expect it to be mentioned in the meetings on Thursday.

I am not sure whether I mentioned this previously however the CCS project has also been submitted to the department as a referral. This was published for public comment on 2 January and the information can be found [here](#). It has attracted a large number of comments, and the public comment period was extended by 10 business days until 31 January 2025 to ensure the public had adequate consultation period.

We are chatting with [REDACTED] this afternoon again (mostly around CCS) and will discuss the meeting again. Nothing has been set up at this stage for a discussion with them, however when it is we will ensure you are invited, and we will talk prior around putting in place a structure, purpose and process for discussion of the project. Is NOPSEMA available for the first week of February if that is decided upon?

Woodside mentioned that they will provide the finalised survey information (mentioned in the email trail below) at the end of January to the department and this can be considered by ourselves and NOPSEMA. Woodside would be keen to discuss this with us and yourselves (if necessary), once provided to us. As stated previously we also can not consider information that has not formally been submitted and which will sit for formal consideration with the Minister or delegate.

I also wanted to let you know that Woodside plan to submit a variation to the department toward the end of this month. They are meeting with the state soon to submit this and then plan to submit to us also. Our understanding is that this is for a well centre move – the well within the state waters.

We are considering the emissions as part of the assessment however are still awaiting information from exec about the direction we take this in and how we want to consider it – Safeguard mechanism, Paris agreement etc... I will follow this up and let you know what we can share.

Please let me know if you want to chat more.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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Hi [REDACTED]

Hope all's going well. I thought I'd get in touch to see how you went in your discussion with [REDACTED] last week that you mention below?

The team here are progressing with the advice and no other requests at this stage.

I also wanted to re-visit the matter of meeting with Woodside. I certainly didn't mean to come across as being unhelpful, its just not something that forms part of our assessment process for the reasons outlined. Of course, we'd be happy to support DCCEEW in a meeting with Woodside if its something that fits within your assessment process. Alternatively, we could support you in a meeting once our advice is submitted and DCCEEW has provided Woodside with a response in relation to the information provided.

Being mindful of the potential probity issues and impartiality of the assessment and NOPSEMA's advice, if we were to attend a meeting with Woodside in support of DCCEEW, it would be worth setting a clear purpose of the meeting and process for ensuring that any new information introduced (either in the form of material presented by Woodside, such as presentations, or verbally, through discussions at the meeting).

On another note, I was hoping you might be able to provide us with an update on the assessment of the GHG and climate change aspects of the Browse project, including scope 3 emissions. While it's not directly related to our provision of advice under the current scope, I understand that in the past throughout the provision of advice on Browse by NOPSEMA, there has been an undertaking to stay informed on how this was progressing to assist in providing consistency in these assessment areas (more broadly than the Browse project) .

Happy to discuss on the phone if required.

Best Regards,
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - Strategic Environmental Advice
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Hi [REDACTED]

Please see the response below from [REDACTED] I will have an interim chat with [REDACTED] tomorrow about it and see how we go. It might mean quite an extension to timeframes for review for all parties.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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Good Morning [REDACTED]

The interim report below reported results from an extensive data set and as referenced, was a draft report covering the first six months (interim period) of data from Woodside's Scott Reef whale monitoring program. We have now received a draft report that covers the full year of data. The draft is

undergoing final reviews including to ensure presentation of data in a manner that can be interpreted by a broad audience. We are expecting this to be finalised by the end of January.

As this report is the culmination of an extensive body of work and is obviously quite important to our understanding of PBW activity at Scott Reef, I was hoping it would be possible that we could request until the end of Jan and we will be able to issue a full year data report rather than issuing the draft interim report. We would be happy to set up a session to discuss the results of the six months that provided us early insights and that were referenced in Woodside's correspondence regarding the State component of the proposal.

I believe we have a meeting set up for tomorrow, so if required I would be happy to discuss in further detail then. Please note, I'll be on leave from the 9th to 19th.

Thank you.



Browse Development



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Hi [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Just wondering if there was a possibility that your team could send through the below document for our consideration or whether Woodside does not see a need for this to be considered as it is interim?
Thanks.

Kowarski, K. A., C.C. Wilson, and C.R. McPherson. 2024. Scott Reef and North-West Cape Pygmy Blue Whale Interim Acoustic Monitoring Report: Data Set 1 (April to September 2023). Document 03300, Version 1.0 DRAFT. Technical report by JASCO Applied Sciences for Woodside Energy Limited.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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Subject: Updated management plan query

Hi [REDACTED]

In a bid to save time and fast track the review of the EMPs – the department was wondering if Woodside had copies of tracked changed versions of the Turtle and Whale Management Plans submitted to the WA EPA on 27 September 2024? For your information, under section 136(2)(e) of the EPBC Act, the Minister, or their delegate, is required to consider these as they relate to impacts to relevant MNES.

The department was wondering if the new information within the updated management plans is just that which is highlighted yellow in the documents or was there information in the plans which was removed? Could you please clarify and (if possible) provide copies of tracked changed versions.

Thanks very much and hope you have a great holiday period and enjoy your leave.

Kind regards,

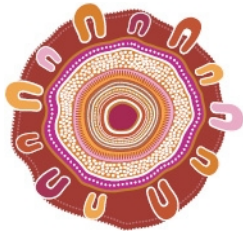
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