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Dear all,

Please find attached the minutes from the last Burrup Hub PAP meeting held on 28 November 2024.

The agenda for next week's PAP – Meeting 33 – is below. Meeting to be held 20 March 2025, 9am (AWST) on MS Teams.

#	Item
1	Acknowledgement of Country – DCCEEW
2	Quick overview of agenda and any final additions – all parties
3	Past minutes and action items – DCCEEW
4	Updates generally, on the Browse project and the North West Shelf Project Extension <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Woodside• DCCEEW• EPA/DWER
5	Summing up and action items – DCCEEW
6	Any other business – all parties
7	Timing of next meeting – DCCEEW

Please let me know if there are any items you would like included on the agenda.

Please note that [REDACTED] has left the department, and [REDACTED] is on leave until the end of the year. Correspondence on the Burrup Hub Commonwealth environmental assessments should be sent through to myself or [REDACTED].

Kind regards,
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Acknowledgement of Country

Our department recognises the First Peoples of this nation and their ongoing connection to culture and country. We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples as the Traditional Owners, Custodians and Lore Keepers of the world's oldest living culture and pay respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

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MEETING 32: Notes from Project Assessment Plan (Burrup Hub Projects) meeting – 28 November 2024

ATTENDEES

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

s 22 - irrelevant matter

Woodside:

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

Western Australian Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) / Environmental Protection Authority (EPA):

Previous actions:			
Number	Item Description	Action by	Status
28.1	Woodside (Browse to NWS) to update DCCEEW on any changes to management plans arising from State assessment processes.	Woodside	Closed
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
30.1	DCCEEW to advise Woodside on their availability to meet in July regarding the Browse project.	DCCEEW	Closed
30.2	DCCEEW to advise Woodside on what information can be accepted at the assessment stage.	DCCEEW	Closed
30.3	DCCEEW to provide a contact within the department on the Dusky Sea Snake.	DCCEEW	Ongoing
30.4	DCCEEW to consider and advise Woodside on the potential/precedence for technical reference groups for large projects.	DCCEEW	Closed
31.1	To provide agenda for August workshops	Woodside	Closed
31.2	To provide clarification on emissions request.	Woodside	Closed

31.3	To provide chance to discuss Dusky Sea Snake queries.	DCCEEW	Ongoing
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North West Shelf (NWS) Project Extension (EPBC 2018/8335) – update and next steps

- Woodside stated that the appeals process closed on 26 November 2024, and that Woodside have until 10 December 2024 to comment on the conditions.
- DCCEEW stated that the reconsideration decision is being handled by another section of the department, and that the assessment team will continue to keep Woodside updated on timeframes. DCCEEW advised that no further information from Woodside is needed at this stage in relation to the reconsideration process.
- DCCEEW confirmed that the department’s policy is to make a reconsideration decision prior to the final decision. Receipt of the Ministerial Statement re-commences the final decision clock, and until the reconsideration decision is made, extension of timeframes on the final decision are to be expected.
- Woodside requested clarification on the impacts (if any) of the decision process for the project during the federal government caretaker period.
- DCCEEW to clarify the rules during the federal government caretaker period in relation to the different decision stages and types, i.e. referral, reconsideration of referral decision and final decisions.

Browse project (EPBC 2018/8319) – update and next steps

- DCCEEW confirmed that the final decision clock will recommence when the Ministerial Statement for the North West Shelf Project Extension proposal is received subject to any further requests for information. DCCEEW will keep Woodside updated on the final decision timeframes.
- DCCEEW stated that the Dusky Sea Snake can be considered under the controlling provision Commonwealth marine area (sections 23 and 24A) and not under the controlling provision listed threatened species and ecological communities (sections 18 and 18A).
- Woodside requested a departmental contact on the conservation advice for the Dusky Sea Snake and is seeking to understand how climate change is impacting the species.
- DCCEEW had no update on the status of the Anthropogenic Underwater Noise Guidelines. DCCEEW noted that the Blue Whale CMP will not sunset. It will remain in force until a new version of the Blue Whale CMP is approved.

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- Woodside referred the CCS project to DCCEEW and are correcting administrative matters and anticipate finalising these matters by the end of the week.

EPA and NOPSEMA

- EPA noted that they are preparing background briefing material on the Browse project to the new EPA Board members.
- EPA noted that a section 43(a) change is proposed for the Browse project.

- DCCEEW and EPA agreed that mitigation proposals, as part of the section 43(a) for the Browse project to be first submitted to the State for assessment, followed by a submission to the Commonwealth.
- DCCEEW noted that they are continuing to work with and review information from NOPSEMA and that no further information from Woodside is required at this stage.

New actions:			
Number	Item Description	Action by	Status
32.1	To provide context on conservation advice and Dusky Sea Snake in relation to climate change impacts.	DCCEEW	Ongoing
32.2	Provide clarity on which decisions can be made under the federal caretaker period.	DCCEEW	Ongoing
32.3	To determine if a variation under the EPBC Act is required for the Browse project after the State Section 43(a) decision	DCCEEW	Ongoing

Next meeting 9am AWST 20 March 2025.