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decommissioning



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The National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA) is Australia's independent expert regulator for health and safety, environmental management, structural and well integrity for offshore petroleum and greenhouse gas storage activities in Commonwealth waters.

Under the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006*, offshore petroleum and greenhouse storage activities cannot begin before NOPSEMA has assessed and accepted the required permissioning documents demonstrating how the activity will be managed to ensure the associated risks to the health and safety of the workforce are as low as reasonably practicable (ALARP) and risks and impacts to the environment are ALARP and are acceptable.

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Fatal incident at the North Rankin facility

The recent fatal incident involving a person working on the North Rankin facility has provided a tragic reminder of the risks of work involving the rigging, manipulation, and movement of loads, including people and equipment.

I want to extend our deepest sympathies to the family of the worker and all those present at the facility when the incident occurred.

Following the incident, we published a safety bulletin on our website as a reminder of the need to identify risks and apply effective controls to always protect the safety of personnel.

Message from the Chief Executive Sue McCarrey

As I settle into the role and come up to speed with the offshore energy industry, I have been working on further strengthening our existing relationships with all stakeholders, including industry participants and its workforce, other government agencies, and the many communities that interact with the industry.

To that end, the APPEA 2023 Conference and Exhibition was a great opportunity to engage with the industry we regulate and the government agencies we collaborate with.

Seeing the array of new technology available was particularly interesting to me as it can shape the future of the industry, especially with regards to improving safety.

As new technology is adopted across the industry, what is considered as low as reasonably practicable (ALARP) changes and therefore it is important we all monitor development here in Australia and internationally.

However, it's not just about the technology we have, but also how we use it and the information we can share with industry and other government agencies.

For example, our Acting Manager for Platforms, Pipelines and Diving, Percy Dhanbhoora, recently delivered a presentation to a full house of global industry leaders in cranes and lifting entitled "A fresh approach to an old problem" at the International Crane and Lifting Conference, in Stavanger, Norway.

Another key contributor to the wellbeing of the offshore workforce is to ensure everyone is able to work in a safe and respectful environment, free from bullying and harassment.

NOPSEMA recently began working with a group of the largest duty holders to better understand the management systems they have in place to deter, detect and respond to sexual harassment and indications of the prevalence of sexual harassment offshore.

As the article in this edition explains, the program aims to form a baseline of current industry performance in relation to sexual harassment, and from that have some understanding of the next steps industry should be taking.

As ever, while we work to ensure the safety of offshore workers, we are also focussed on protecting the marine environment in which they work.

We recently collaborated with Parks Australia to ensure that Australian Marine Parks (AMPs) are well protected by publishing information to help titleholders understand their obligations in managing risks and impacts.

It has been a busy three months for NOPSEMA with much more on the horizon and my confidence in the agency and our people only continues to grow.

Sue McCarrey
Chief Executive Officer





Detecting, deterring, and responding to sexual harassment

Health and safety inspections are a major part of what NOPSEMA does to ensure the wellbeing of the offshore workforce.

With the increasing awareness being given to the importance of mental health, it is more important than ever that we work to ensure everyone is able to enjoy a safe and respectful workplace, free from bullying and harassment in any form.

In response to Minister Madeleine King's Statement of Expectations to NOPSEMA, and taking lessons learned from the Respect@Work findings and recommendations, NOPSEMA has begun an inspection of a group of the largest duty holders to better understand the management systems they have in place to deter, detect and respond to sexual harassment as well as indications of the prevalence of sexual harassment offshore.

NOPSEMA's Projects Manager Chris Bourne is working on the program with Joelle Mitchell, Global Head of Psychological Health and Safety at People Diagnostix.

"We've heard a lot about the levels of sexual harassment experienced by many women in the mining industry, so it's about developing an understanding of whether working in an offshore industry presents similar risks," Joelle said.

"We're aiming to have a baseline of current industry performance in relation to workplace sexual harassment, and from that have some understanding of what the next steps are that industry should be taking.

"We have a standard inspection checklist that we're using, so we're exploring the same themes and topics with each duty holder."

Joelle said the inspections also look at the maturity of duty holders' existing approaches and procedures.

"We're using the same concept framing as the [Respect@Work](#) publication – exploring governance as a starting point to look at it from the board and executive perspective," Joelle said.

"Do they have the right reporting structures and mechanisms in place so that they actually have an understanding of the risk factors and how those are being managed? That's really where it starts.

"From there, it's about how the knowledge of sexual harassment is being disseminated through the organisation, but not just looking at sexual harassment as a problem behaviour and how we respond to that, but also what are the risk factors that create an environment where sexual harassment can occur."

Joelle said one recognised risk factor is the disproportionate number of male to female workers, typically leading to a power imbalance, particularly regarding leadership roles.

"Another one – which is probably more of an issue for mining but can be a concern for offshore facilities – is the influx of short-term workers where the culture of desired behavioural expectations and standards haven't been established," Joelle said.

"They're there for a short time, largely anonymous, and may feel they can get away with more by not having to face the consequences."

As well as assessing the extent of harassment and bullying, NOPSEMA is also looking to understand how well duty holders recognise these risks and whether they are taking steps to try to manage or reduce them.

The agency will be looking at the processes for reporting, how duty holders support people who have made a report, what the investigation processes look like, and the outcomes for complainants following an investigation.

"It's really a start to finish look at how these incidents occur and what the end result is for people who experience sexual harassment."

NOPSEMA will issue a report to duty holders in the coming months and a summary of the process will be made public in due course.

Fatality highlights the dangers of offshore work

A message from Derrick O'Keeffe Head of Safety and Integrity

On 2 June 2023 a fatal incident involving a person working on an offshore facility has provided a tragic reminder of the risks of work involving the rigging, manipulation and movement of loads, including people and equipment.

NOPSEMA immediately mobilised a team of experienced investigators to attend the scene and commence the investigation.

We are also working with other relevant authorities as appropriate.

Without commenting on the causes of this incident, a concerning trend has been observed in industry where an increasing number of incidents can be linked back to insufficient assessment of risks such as stored energy, exclusion zones, line-of-fire and incorrect equipment selection or improper use.

These risks significantly increase when circumstances change during the execution of the job and no, or insufficient, risk re-assessment is done.

Since the incident NOPSEMA has published a safety bulletin as a reminder of the need to identify risks and apply effective controls to always protect the safety of personnel, which you can read on our website.

While it will take time before the root causes of incidents are established in the bulletin we set out several general principles that should be revisited by industry, and which may improve the identification of risks and the implementation of effective controls for these kinds of activities.

Additionally, the generalised process that can lead to the safety of personnel may be described as:

- hazard identification
- supporting safety studies
- risk assessment
- demonstration of risk as low as reasonably practicable (ALARP)
- control measures and performance standards

Each facility operator may have their own specific approach or tools within this generalised process to meet the types of risks of the activity.

Regardless of the specific methods used, a key component of the process relates to how the workforce is exposed to the residual risks resulting from those controls.

We expect that whichever method of hazard identification through to effective risk controls is chosen, the process will be overseen by executives at the top of the respective organisation.

Including using audits and verification to ensure the effectiveness of the process that will result in safe work in all activities.

The concept of a hierarchy of controls for management of all risks is well known across industry and NOPSEMA expects this approach or one equally as effective is applied to all activities undertaken at a facility.

The hierarchy of controls include elimination, engineering controls, administration controls, and personal protective equipment (PPE).



Going beyond feedback in consultation

A message from Cameron Grebe Head of Environment, Renewables and Decommissioning

Consultation isn't just about getting feedback – it's about giving people who may be affected an opportunity to provide an informed perspective.

Effective consultation with relevant persons is to ensure titleholders have all the information required to evaluate the impacts and risks by giving relevant persons a chance to provide information the titleholder may not otherwise have.

This ensures all environmental impacts and risks of offshore petroleum activities are identified and appropriate measures are taken to manage those impacts and risks so that they are acceptable and as low as reasonably practicable (ALARP).

If a relevant person identifies that an activity may have an impact on them, titleholders should then offer them an opportunity to be consulted and to provide their input into how that impact could be best managed.

The sudden increase in the breadth of consultation required with relevant persons following the recent Federal Court decision has presented a risk that the true purpose of consultation may be lost in a titleholder's effort to complete the process.

While consultation requires titleholders to provide information and seek feedback from relevant persons, there are additional requirements that also must be met.

It must be clear to relevant persons why they are being asked to be consulted on an activity.

The information provided to relevant persons must also be sufficient for them to make an informed assessment about whether an activity may have any impact on them.

The Environment Regulations have constructs beyond normal consultation such as a public comment process.

Titleholders must demonstrate how the information provided by relevant person has informed the description of the environment and propose measures to address any objections or claims raised by relevant persons.

The Federal Court decision highlighted that this is particularly important in protecting the cultural heritage, and traditional connections to Sea Country, of First Nations Peoples.

Through consultation, First Nations Peoples must be given an opportunity to provide information about their cultural heritage and traditional connections, any impact an activity might have on them, and how those impacts can best be managed.

Going beyond feedback to ensure a genuine exchange and understanding of information and perspective is the best way to achieve the true purpose of consultation, meet the requirements, and protect our marine environment.



Decommissioning work on the horizon

Decommissioning – removing offshore petroleum infrastructure at the end of the production phase – is occupying the attention of executives and governments on an ever-increasing basis, with the challenges and opportunities clear for all to see.

In 2020, Wood MacKenzie assessed the total cost of decommissioning offshore petroleum facilities in Australia is estimated to be more than AU\$50 billion.

As the regulator for this work, NOPSEMA is at the forefront of ensuring titleholders meet their decommissioning obligations.

NOPSEMA's Decommissioning Manager David Christensen said there has been some good progress from titleholders working on well plug and abandon (P&A) programs throughout Australia and the completion of some recent campaigns to remove mooring systems.

However, more needs to be done.

"A lot of problems titleholders are experiencing now could have been prevented, or certainly mitigated, through better planning, collaboration and engagement with relevant stakeholders during the operational phase of petroleum activities," David said.

"Having said that, we want to highlight that while we're seeing challenges it's not all doom and gloom, as titleholders are making progress in several areas.

"Lessons learned indicate there's still some room for improvement going forward, particularly with the increasing scale, volume and complexity of these activities."

Identifying and addressing issues well in advance plays a major role in effective, safe and environmentally responsible decommissioning, which include:

- availability of rigs and other specialist services in an increasingly competitive market
- handling of hazardous material and waste including community expectations for reuse and recycling
- managing risk ownership, transfer, and accountability between multiple parties involved in the completion of decommissioning activities.

"Effective leadership, planning, engagement with the community and stakeholders, and collaboration with relevant parties all contribute to addressing these issues," David said.

"It's important leaders think beyond the near term to consider implications of their decisions to future generations with the ever-changing societal expectations of industry, when planning and considering the decommissioning of assets."

David said it's all about meeting the objectives set out in our Decommissioning Compliance Strategy and Plan – a playbook for both NOPSEMA and industry.

"We want to see strong leadership, that decommissioning activities are well planned, resourced and financed, and that planning for decommissioning matures as the operations mature."

It's about embedding a philosophy and culture within organisations about planning for decommissioning throughout the lifecycle of operations.

"We have taken a range of actions and we're now starting to see companies safely execute decommissioning activities," David said.

"Our compliance actions and strategies to ensure the targets are met include engagement with a range of stakeholders, and preparing policy and guidance, which raise awareness and understanding of the requirements.

"From there, we start issuing directions, conduct inspections, and our request for revisions to permissioning documents."

In July, the Centre of Decommissioning Australia (CODA) – an independent initiative working with industry, government and the community to create a collaborative and sustainable approach to decommissioning Australia's aging oil and gas infrastructure – is hosting the first of a new "Introduction to Decommissioning" course.

Our Decommissioning Manager David will be presenting on the topic of Regulatory Requirements – more information is available on CODA's [website](#).





A fresh approach to crane and lifting incidents

Ensuring the safety of a workforce in any hazardous environment often comes down to ensuring compliance with the rules and regulations that are in place.

However, is compliance with standards enough to make things safe, or do we need to think beyond compliance?

In going beyond compliance, we try to influence industry to proactively think about continually making improvements towards safer operations and activities, continually redefining the model for 'as low as reasonably practicable' (ALARP) as more innovations and technologies become available.

Percy Dhanbhoora, NOPSEMA's Acting Manager for Platforms, Pipelines and Diving, says compliance complacency is a dangerous mindset to slip into, adding that "safety never sleeps."

Percy recently delivered a presentation entitled "A fresh approach to an old problem" at the International Crane and Lifting Conference, to a full house of global industry leaders in cranes and lifting in Stavanger, Norway.

Speaking on the international stage about NOPSEMA's progress and achievements in regulating crane and lifting safety, he said issues are both old and recognised.

"The whole world knows about them – there are fatalities every year related to cranes and lifting, so we need to find a fresh approach to an old problem."

Percy said a key message of his presentation, as well as the workshop hosted by NOPSEMA in July 2021 and the discussion paper that informed it, was urging duty-holders to go beyond what is required in the regulations and standards – to go beyond compliance.

"There are several questions we should be asking ourselves: what are the new developments, how can we make it safer, how does technology improve safety, and how can we apply it?"

"It's about always following the path of continuous improvement and not just resting on our laurels."

"The Dutch regulator really took to the idea of going beyond compliance – they are interested in working with us on how they can emulate these ideas.

"We also know there is plenty more we can also learn from our international counterparts," Percy said.

NOPSEMA's crane safety workshop and discussion paper in 2021 attracted a lot of international attention and we were keen to share these insights on a bigger stage.

"In the couple of years prior to our workshop, we found cranes and lifting were becoming a problem and we were getting too many serious occurrences," Percy said.

"As the saying goes, prevention is better than a cure."

The three deliverables to come out of the workshop were competency of operators, maintainers, crane inspectors, and wire-rope inspectors; compliance with standards and uniformity of compliance; and the sharing of information, data and serious occurrences and notifications.

"The workshop went well, and everyone agreed that these problems can actually be resolved."

"Now it's down to industry to deliver these safety improvements.

After delivering his presentation, Percy said an Australian industry leader at the conference was receptive to the messages and agreed that industry needed to get the ball rolling.

Percy said he believed his presentation was very well received but stressed it wasn't just about patting ourselves on the back.

"We've done this work and it's not been recognised internationally, so we wanted to share the outcomes."

"However, at the same time it was equally important for us to learn about what other regulators are doing – the new technologies, what's available in industry, what the rest of the world is doing and follow their lead as well.

"There are so many positives in this, and we can push so much harder now because we know even more.

"The acknowledgment is there that we can do better – we all should pledge to do more."

You can see Percy's presentation, along with the crane safety discussion paper, on the [NOPSEMA website](#).



NOPSEMA's Acting Manager for Platforms, Pipelines and Diving, Percy Dhanbhoora

What's news with offshore renewables?

Australia's emerging offshore renewables industry continues to advance and is expected to play a pivotal role in Australia's energy transition. The Australian Government's recently announced \$20 billion Rewiring the Nation plan saw \$1.5 billion pledged to accelerate the development of offshore wind farms.

The Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) continues to progress development of regulations needed to fully operationalise the *Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Act 2021* (OEI Act) Framework and support the Minister for Climate Change and Energy with area identification and declaration work.

In May, Melbourne played host to the Australian Wind Industry Summit with more than 600 delegates attending the event to hear from industry and government leaders on the key challenges facing the offshore and onshore wind sectors.

With the addition of an offshore wind stream for the first time, our Head of Environment, Renewables and Decommissioning Cameron Grebe delivered a presentation highlighting the importance of information sharing and collaboration to support offshore renewables approvals.

"Addressing research needs and priorities collaboratively, especially where regional scale research effort is needed, will deliver benefits for risk and impact management to regulators and industry that would otherwise be challenging and costly to achieve when tackled by individual companies," Cameron said.

In other developments, the Minister for Climate Change and Energy has initiated a public consultation process on a new offshore wind zone in the Southern Ocean Region. The region extends from Warrnambool in Victoria to Port MacDonnell, South Australia. The Minister will consider public submissions to help inform their decision as to whether the proposed area is suitable for offshore renewable energy developments.

For more information or to participate in the consultation process visit: dcceew.gov.au.

Elsewhere, the Offshore Infrastructure Regulator (OIR) has updated its guidance on authorisations for offshore infrastructure activities following a public consultation process.

The guidance provides advice to stakeholders on compliance with the requirements of the OEI Act, ensuring offshore infrastructure activities are appropriately authorised and approved.

The guidance is intended for use by OEI Act licence holders and other stakeholders who are considering conducting activities which may involve the construction, installation, commissioning, operation, maintenance or decommissioning of offshore renewable energy infrastructure or offshore electricity transmission infrastructure in the Commonwealth offshore area.

The OIR has also released a new brochure on "Offshore renewables and interactions with fisheries", which provides information on key aspects of the OEI Act framework relevant to commercial and recreational fishers, as well as highlighting where the views of fishers and other stakeholders can be accounted for across the framework.

Unless early engagement on commercial-scale projects is requested, project developers are encouraged not to undertake project-specific consultation with stakeholders or commence detailed works on a proposed offshore renewables project until they have been granted a feasibility licence under the OEI Act.

Commercial and recreational fishers through peak bodies are also encouraged to publish their expectations for genuine, effective, and meaningful consultation, enabling project developers to tailor their engagement with fisheries stakeholders accordingly.

Collaboration across sectors and government on issues of common interest will be key to the long-term success and sustainability of offshore industries in Australia.



Promoting and advising at APPEA 2023

Networking and engaging with stakeholders is a crucial part of any modern organisation but it is especially important for NOPSEMA as the regulator of the offshore energy industry.

One of our core roles is to work to improve industry performance and an essential part of how we address this is through promoting and advising on best practice regarding health and safety, structural and well integrity, and environmental management matters.

The Australian Petroleum Production & Exploration Association's annual conference – held in May 2023 in Adelaide – presented an excellent opportunity for NOPSEMA's new CEO Sue McCarrey to meet with some of our industry stakeholders.

“As an agency, we work hard to continually engage with our stakeholders across industry through a variety of channels, such as information sessions, presentations, and forums.”

“It's undeniable that exhibitions and conferences such as APPEA are an invaluable talking forum where relationships can be forged and reinforced for the benefit of safety and environmental outcomes,” Sue said.

This year at the exhibition, NOPSEMA shared a small stand with Geoscience Australia and the National Offshore Petroleum Titles Authority (NOPTA).

Derrick O'Keeffe, NOPSEMA's Head of Safety and Integrity, also gave a presentation entitled “Bridging the Gap: Improving Integration between Duty Holders involved in Well Operations.”

A panel session followed where the challenges were discussed, along with pathways to better safety, well integrity and environmental outcomes.

Another opportunity for broader stakeholder engagement will take place later this year – the International Regulators Forum (IRF) Offshore Safety Conference.

As the current chair of the IRF, NOPSEMA is hosting the 2023 IRF Offshore Safety Conference in Perth on 3 and 4 October.





Safeguarding Australian Marine Parks

Around the Australian coastline the Commonwealth, state and territory governments have established marine parks which cover around 4.3 million square kilometres – or around 48 per cent – of our oceans.

Of these, around 3.8 million square kilometres have been designated as Australian Marine Parks (AMPs) - regions established in Commonwealth waters and managed by the Director of National Parks (DNP), supported by Parks Australia.

These AMPs conserve marine habitats and species that live within them and provide places for people to go nature watching, diving, boating, snorkelling and fishing. They create jobs in industries like fishing, tourism, and provide us with food and energy.

To ensure AMPs are protected and can provide for sustainable use of park resources, NOPSEMA and Parks Australia have recently updated a guidance note to assist petroleum titleholders to understand their obligations in managing risks and impacts to AMPs and to also support consultation with Parks Australia during the preparation of Environment Plans.

NOPSEMA Environment Specialist Dr Janelle Eagle played a pivotal role in developing the guidance note and said it was designed to facilitate coregulation of AMPs by NOPSEMA and Parks Australia.

“One of the core ideas of producing the new document is to assist titleholders when they’re developing an environment plan,” Janelle said.

“This is because the plan needs to include appropriate management to ensure that activities proposed to occur in and nearby to AMPs will be consistent with the requirements of the AMP management plans and will not have unacceptable levels of impact to marine park values.

“The document also provides a clear step-by-step guide to the requirements for consultation with Parks Australia to hopefully make the approvals process quicker and more efficient for titleholders, Parks Australia and NOPSEMA assessment teams.”

AMP management plans set out the DNP’s approach to managing the parks. They identify the activities that are allowed, allowable subject to assessment and not allowed for each specific marine park zones.

Undertaking an activity within an AMP without the necessary authorisation from the DNP (or via NOPSEMA’s approvals process when acting under a class approval provided by the DNP), is a violation of the EPBC Act and can result in heavy fines and/or imprisonment.

Parks Australia Division Head, Jason Mundy, said: “Our Australian Marine Parks support a wide variety of industries which provide multiple benefits to regional communities and the Australian economy, while protecting the natural, cultural and heritage values of these special places.”

“The updated guidance note provides titleholders with the information they need to support consultation with Parks Australia and to ensure that through this consultation, the values of the marine parks are understood and protected.”

The guidance document has been published on NOPSEMA’s [website](#).

Work Health and Safety Representatives refresher training

As the offshore energy industry continues to evolve, safety should always remain a top priority for offshore companies.

Ensuring that Health and Safety Representatives (HSRs) are trained and refreshed is an essential part of keeping workers safe.

To this end, an HSR Forum was organised in December 2022 in Melbourne by the tripartite group of industry peak body APPEA, worker group's ACTU and its affiliates, and NOPSEMA.

One of the main focuses of the Forum was how mental health, mental well-being, and psychosocial work hazards could have long-lasting effects on employees, and how real-life work practices play a big part in the outcomes of worker well-being, productivity and retention.

This shows how incredibly important the work of HSRs is and why it is vital for their knowledge and skills specific to the industry to be kept up to date as the industry and best practices change.

Safer Together's Tom Pettit, himself a former HSR, said continuous learning was vital.

"The HSR Forum was an excellent refresher for those serving their workmates for longer than one term. To hear the latest changes in safety legislation, and network with other HSRs is at the heart of the course. The sharing of challenges, successes and solutions between HSRs are invaluable," Tom said.

Alongside the HSR Forum was a one-day HSR refresher course, accredited by NOPSEMA and provided by WHS Foundation.

Training Quality Leader Adam Parsons said: "We've designed a course that meets the specific needs of the industry to ensure HSR working offshore and in oil and gas have the knowledge and skills that they require to deliver their roles effectively."

"Our trainers have extensive industry experience, allowing them to deliver this training in the most effective way possible," Adam said.

A previous student of the refresher course, Neil Toms, said, "The WHS Foundation delivered topical and relevant HSR refresher training. Adam is a very knowledgeable and experienced health and safety professional that created an inclusive training environment that promotes the sharing of knowledge and experiences."

By investing in the training and ongoing education of HSRs, offshore companies can demonstrate their commitment to the well-being of their workers.

This can lead to increased trust and confidence among stakeholders and the public, which ultimately translates to a culture of safety where workers are empowered to prioritize safety in their daily work.

If you're interested in attending the next HSR Forum, email communications@nopsema.gov.au



What's happening offshore?

During Q1 2023, there were 42 fixed facilities, five mobile offshore drilling units (MODUs), nine vessels, 94 pipelines, six sets of subsea infrastructure and one seismic activity within NOPSEMA's jurisdiction.

The number of hours worked offshore was (2,662,080) slightly down from the previous quarter, but slightly above the average of all four quarters in 2022.

Of the total number of facilities under NOPSEMA's regulatory oversight, ten fixed facilities, six sets of subsea infrastructure, and 17 pipelines have ceased operations permanently and require timely decommissioning.

During Q1 2023, NOPSEMA undertook 23 inspections and recorded 16 injuries offshore.

None of the recorded injuries this quarter were of a serious nature, with the majority of these cases being alternate duties injuries.

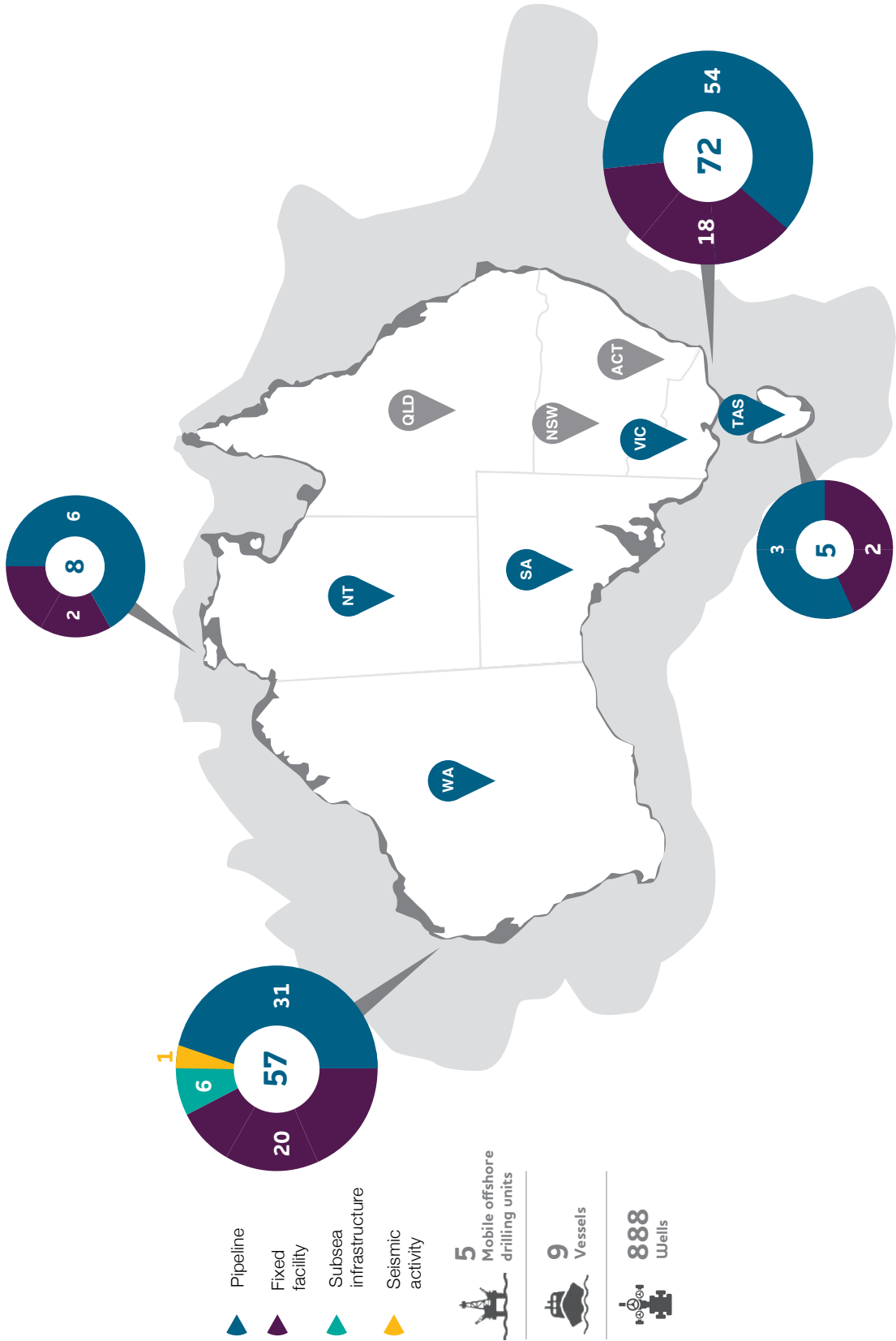
We commenced 30 assessments of key permissioning documents, comprising 3 new submissions and 27 revisions.

NOPSEMA issued two enforcement actions. An OHS improvement notice was issued in relation to deficiencies in the control of work system, and a general direction was issued for environmental management relating to the identification of underwater Indigenous cultural heritage places.

A three-month feedback period was opened on NOPSEMA's revised Research Strategy, which closed for comment and has now been published on the NOPSEMA website.

Two guidelines closed for comment after being published on the NOPSEMA Consultation Hub in December 2022: 'Consultation in the course of preparing an Environment Plan' (which has now been published), and 'Environment Plan decision making'.

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