

## **Quarantine Expert Panel Terms of Reference**

These Quarantine Expert Panel Terms of Reference have been prepared in accordance with Condition 9.4 of Ministerial Statements No. 800 and No. 769 issued by the Western Australian Minister for Environment pursuant to the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (WA). Each of the following elements collectively forms the Terms of Reference (TOR).

### *Preamble*

Minister Statement No. 800 requires the Proponent (Chevron Australia Pty Ltd) to establish a Quarantine Expert Panel to provide advice to the Minister for Environment (the Minister) and to Chevron relating to terrestrial and marine quarantine matters for the Gorgon Gas Development. Minister Statement No. 769 also requires the Proponent to establish a Quarantine Expert Panel to provide advice to the Minister for Environment and the Proponent relating to terrestrial and marine quarantine matters for the Jansz Feed Gas Pipeline. Commonwealth Ministerial approval made under Section 133 of the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Commonwealth) (EPBC Reference: 2008/4178) requires the Quarantine Expert Panel to be consulted in relation to various conditions of that approval.

### *Objective*

Provide advice so as to assist the successful planning and execution of the Gorgon Gas Development's construction and operational activities such that the introduction of non-indigenous species is prevented or appropriately managed in the event of an incursion.

### *Establishment of the QEP*

The Quarantine Expert Panel has been established in accordance with Condition 9.3 of Ministerial Statements No. 800 and No. 769. The appointment of Panel Members, as specified in Attachment 1 of the TOR, formalises the establishment of the Quarantine Expert Panel.

### *Role of the QEP*

In accordance with Condition 9.2 of Ministerial Statements No. 800 and No. 769, and Schedule 4 of Statement No. 800, the role of the Quarantine Expert Panel is to provide advice to the Proponent and Minister on Proposal related terrestrial and marine quarantine matters including:

1. Development and implementation of the Terrestrial and Marine Quarantine Management System (QMS) as required by Condition 10;
2. Preventing the introduction of Non-indigenous Terrestrial Species and Marine Pests to Barrow Island through all Proposal attributable introduction pathways;
3. Detecting the presence of Non-indigenous Terrestrial Species and Marine Pests and detecting environmental change caused by the presence of Non-indigenous Terrestrial Species and Marine Pests;
4. Control and eradication measures in the event that a Non-indigenous Terrestrial Species or Marine Pest is detected;
5. Improvements to effectiveness of the QMS;
6. Biological baselines and surveys conducted for quarantine management;
7. Sources of Non-indigenous Terrestrial Species and Marine Pests;
8. Auditing the effectiveness of the QMS;
9. Review and recommend quarantine studies; and
10. Any other Proposal-related quarantine matters as requested by the Proponent or the Minister.

### *Governance*

The Quarantine Expert Panel activities and conduct will be undertaken in accordance with the roles and responsibilities defined in Ministerial Statements No. 800 and No. 769, EPBC Reference: 2008/4178, and the Expert Panel Operating Guidelines (Doc Id: G1-NT-GDLX0000101).



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