

National Offshore Petroleum Titles Administrator

## **NOPTA Forms Guidance – Greenhouse Gas**

NOPTA has prepared this document to assist applicants and titleholders in making valid applications, notifications and nominations relating to titles administration, under the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006* (the <u>OPGGS Act</u>) and the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Resource Management and Administration)* Regulations 2011 (the RMA Regulations).

For an application to be considered validly made, and processing to begin, NOPTA requires:

- the application to be accompanied by any information or documents required by the form and submitted within any prescribed timeframes
- a correctly executed approved application form to be lodged
- the fee to be paid (if an application fee is required).

This document has been developed as a general guide only. It is subject to and does not replace or amend the requirements of the OPGGS Act and associated regulations, which should be read in conjunction with this guidance.

Before relying on this material, users should carefully evaluate the accuracy, currency, completeness and relevance of the information, and obtain independent legal or other professional advice relevant to their particular circumstances. This document will be reviewed and updated as required.

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## **General Application Guidance – Greenhouse Gas**

## Submission details

For details on how to submit your application please refer to http://www.nopta.gov.au/forms/index.html

Applicants will receive confirmation of receipt from NOPTA informing them of the date that all the application requirements were met, which will be the date that the application is validly made.

### Approved manner and form

The OPGGS Act and RMA Regulations require applications to be made in the manner and form that is approved by the Titles Administrator and published on <u>NOPTA's website</u>.

Please refer to <u>NOPTA's website</u> for the approved manner and form to be used when making applications.

## Signatures

For guidance on how to sign NOPTA forms, please refer to the:

Signatures—Execution of NOPTA forms by companies

### **Privacy statement**

For information about how NOPTA collects, uses and discloses personal information, please refer to <a href="https://www.nopta.gov.au/privacy.html">https://www.nopta.gov.au/privacy.html</a>

### FIRB

The Australian Government welcomes foreign investment for the significant benefits it provides, while recognising the need to ensure investments are not contrary to the national interest. Foreign investment has helped build Australia's economy, and it will continue to enhance the wellbeing of Australians by supporting economic growth and innovation into the future. Without foreign investment, production, employment, and income would all be lower.

The foreign investment review framework is set by the Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Act 1975 (**FATA**) and requires foreign investors to notify the Treasurer of proposed foreign investments that meet certain criteria. Foreign investors should familiarise themselves with Australia's foreign investment framework and ensure they comply with the law. Failure to do so may result in the imposition of penalties.

The OPGGS Act operates independently to the FATA. In providing advice to the relevant decision maker under the OPGGS Act, NOPTA does not assess whether foreign investment approvals are required under the FATA.

The decision as to whether an application is required is ultimately up to the foreign investor, after considering the guidance on the Australian Foreign Investment Review Board (**FIRB**) website and making an assessment of their own particular circumstances. Proposals for foreign investment in Australia should be submitted to the FIRB.

If a foreign investor submits an application yet considers its proposed transaction may not be subject to Australia's foreign investment review framework, they may provide reasons for this contention in their application. If FIRB then considers that the foreign investor did not need to make an application, the foreign investor will receive a refund of the fee.



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If a foreign investor does not submit an application for a planned transaction that does require notification to the Treasurer, penalties may apply. In this instance, the foreign investor will bear the risk of a prohibition or disposal order.

If NOPTA is made aware of a pending application under the FATA, for administrative efficiency, NOPTA will advise to the relevant decision maker to wait for the FIRB decision prior to a decision under the OPGGS Act.

Evidence of a foreign investment decision should be provided to NOPTA with the submission of an applicable OPGGS Act application. If it is not available at the time of submission, it will need to be provided separately before a decision is made on a relevant OPGGS Act application.

Further information on Australia's foreign investment policy including guidance on the foreign investment review framework can be found on the FIRB site at <a href="https://www.firb.gov.au">www.firb.gov.au</a> (link is external)

General enquiries firbenquieires@treasury.gov.au.

## **Application and submission queries**

Please phone (08) 6424 5317 or email ghg@nopta.gov.au if you have any queries.



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## Notifications, Nominations and Declarations – Forms 2-10 for greenhouse gas titles

## Submission details

For a notification, nominations and declarations to be considered validly made, the correctly completed form must be submitted to NOPTA and the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA) (as applicable).

For Forms 2, 3 and 10, please refer to the NOPSEMA and NOPTA Approval of Form and Manner (https://www.nopta.gov.au/forms/index.html) for submission details.

Forms 4 and 5 are to be submitted to NOPSEMA:

- 1. by email to submissions@nopsema.gov.au
- 2. by post to GPO Box 2568, PERTH WA 6001

Forms 4, 5, 6 and 7 are to be submitted to NOPTA:

- by accessing an account in the NEATS Secure Portal (the Portal) on the website of https://secure.neats.nopta.gov.au/SignIn, and: Downloading and completing the notification from the NOPTA website and uploading the signed form and accompanying documents into the Portal.
- 2. by email to legislativeforms@nopta.gov.au
- 3. by email to: ghg@nopta.gov.au
- 4. by post to Perth office: GPO Box 7871, PERTH WA 6850
- 5. by post to Melbourne Office: GPO Box 4634, MELBOURNE VIC 3001
- 6. by leaving the document at an office occupied by the Titles Administrator

Forms 8 and 9 are to be submitted to NOPTA:

- 1. by email to legislativeforms@nopta.gov.au
- 2. by email to: ghg@nopta.gov.au
- 3. by post to **Perth office:** GPO Box 7871, PERTH WA 6850
- 4. by post to Melbourne Office: GPO Box 4634, MELBOURNE VIC 3001
- 5. by leaving the document at an office occupied by the Titles Administrator

### Notification of becoming a registered titleholder (Form 2)

In making a notification under subsection 452A(2) of the OPGGS Act, please note the following:

- Titleholder to complete the information and give NOPTA and NOPSEMA the completed form within 30 days of becoming a titleholder. Failure to provide this notice is an offence see subsection 452A(7) of the OPGGS Act.
- In the case of multiple titleholders, each titleholder is required to complete a separate form upon becoming a titleholder.
- A <u>separate form</u> is required for each title held by the titleholder.



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## Notification of change of contact details (Form 3)

In making a notification under subsection 452A(5) of the OPGGS Act, please note the following:

- This form is for each titleholder who have previously lodged form 1 or 2 and whose contact details have changed.
- Titleholder to give completed notice of change of contact details to NOPTA and NOPSEMA within 30 days of change of contact details. Failure to provide this notice is an offence see subsection 452A(7) of the OPGGS Act.
- A completed Form 3 is to be provided to NOPTA and NOPSEMA.

## Multiple titleholders nomination of single titleholder for service of documents (Form 4)

In making a nomination under sub regulation 11A.05(2) of the RMA Regulations, please note the following:

- This form is to be executed jointly by all titleholders.
- A separate form is required for each title.
- The giving of this notice is optional; however, titleholders are encouraged to give the notice as it will simplify communication by regulators with titleholder groups.
- The completed form is to be provided to NOPTA and NOPSEMA

## Revocation of nomination of single titleholder for service of documents (Form 5)

In making a revocation under sub regulation 11.05(5) of the RMA Regulations, please note the following:

- A separate form is required for each title
- The completed form is to be provided to NOPTA and NOPSEMA

## Multiple titleholders nomination of single titleholder for eligible voluntary action (Form 6)

In making a nomination under subsection 775C(2) or 775CA(2) (as applicable) of the OPGGS Act, please refer note the following:

- This form is to be executed jointly by all titleholders.
- The nomination must be given prior to taking eligible voluntary action.
- A <u>separate form</u> is required for each title.
- The giving of this notice is optional.
- The completed form is to be provided to NOPTA.

An 'eligible voluntary action' is defined under section 775A of the OPGGS Act as:

- making an application
- giving a nomination (other than nominations given under section 775C or 775CA or RMA regulation 11A.05)
- making a request
- giving a notice
- giving a plan
- giving an objection

to the Joint Authority, Cross-boundary Authority, Titles Administrator, the responsible Commonwealth Minister or NOPSEMA where the making of an application, request etc, is permitted but not required under the OPGGS Act or associated regulation i.e., 'voluntary'. For example, applying for renewal of an greenhouse gas assessment permit is an 'eligible voluntary action'.



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If there are two or more registered holders of a greenhouse gas title, titleholders can take eligible voluntary action in two ways:

- 1. Jointly, signed by all titleholders, or
- 2. If a nomination is in place under subsection 775C(2) or 775CA(2) (as applicable) of the OPGGS Act, the nominee can then sign an action on behalf of the registered holders for the title.

It is no longer compulsory to make a nomination. Also, titleholders may now elect to take actions jointly, even when a nomination is in place.

An eligible voluntary action nomination is given by written notice to the Titles Administrator: subsection 775C(2) or 775CA(2) (as applicable) of the OPGGS Act. The OPGGS Act does not provide for conditional nominations to be made, i.e., with reference to a timeframe or activity. The nomination must be made in the approved manner only: subsection 775C(3) or 775CA(3) (as applicable), Form 6.

If the registered holders for the title change it is suggested a new nomination signed by all the current registered holders is submitted.

## Multiple titleholders revocation of nomination of single titleholder for eligible voluntary action (Form 7)

An eligible voluntary action nomination will remain in place until it is revoked. Any registered holder for the title may revoke the nomination: subsection 775C(6) or 775CA(6) (as applicable) of the OPGGS Act, Form 7.

If a titleholder revokes a nomination, they must give written notice of the revocation to the other titleholders as soon as practicable: subsection 775C(6A) or 775CA(7) (as applicable) the OPGGS Act.

Any eligible voluntary actions taken by a nominee before the nomination is revoked will remain valid: subsection 775C(7A) or 775CA(9) (as applicable). For example, an application submitted prior to a revocation of nomination will be considered a valid application even if the nomination is revoked prior to a decision by the Joint Authority.

Please note a <u>separate form</u> is required for each title.

The completed form is to be provided to NOPTA.

## Declaration of experience and disclosures (Form 8 and 9)

The OPGGS Act states the decision-maker must consider the matters in section 695YB and other matters considered relevant for the grant of certain titles (for example initial grants of greenhouse gas assessment permits, infrastructure licences, pipeline licences), transfer of titles, and approval of a change in control of a registered holder.

In determining whether an applicant or other person (as relevant) is suitable, the decision-maker will consider a range of factors including (but not limited to): financial resources, technical experience, and advice available, history of compliance, corporate governance arrangements and any previous liquidation or bankruptcy events. The decision-maker has the discretion to request additional information where needed to assist and inform its consideration of an application.



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Each applicant or other person (as relevant) is required to make the relevant declarations to NOPTA:

- for a person, including an officer of a body corporate, a Form 8 Natural Person Declaration form disclosures and experience is required
- for a body corporate, a Form 9 Body Corporate (Company) Declaration form disclosures and experience is required

As part of the declaration the applicant should include statements around their experience and for a body corporate, this attachment should include details of its project management experience and corporate governance arrangements.

Completed forms are to be provided to NOPTA.

If a Form 8 or 9 has previously been made, and a change of circumstances has not occurred, the previous Form 8 or 9 can be referenced. If a Form 10: Declaration of change of circumstances of a registered titleholder or applicant (section 695YC) has been submitted, the Form 10 may be referenced in the application.

For further guidance, please refer to the

- <u>Guideline: Applicant suitability</u>
- Factsheet: Declaration of experience and disclosures
- Frequently asked questions: Declaration of experience and disclosures
- <u>Financial Resources</u>

## Declaration of change of circumstances of a registered titleholder or applicant - Section 695YC (Form 10)

Section 695YC of the OPGGS Act requires that NOPTA and NOPSEMA are notified of events (changes of circumstance).

NOPTA and NOPSEMA must be made aware of any change of circumstance in line with section 695YC of the OPGGS Act as soon as practicable after the event occurs, including where an application is still under consideration.

A change of circumstance declaration (Form 10 Declaration of change of circumstances of a registered titleholder or applicant (section 695YC)) is required by:

- an applicant for the grant, renewal, or approval of a transfer of a relevant title
- a registered holder of a relevant title
- if the person referred above is a body corporate—a person who is an officer (within the meaning of the Corporations Act 2001) of the body corporate.

if affected by a change of circumstance.

The completed form is to be provided to NOPTA and NOPSEMA

For further guidance, please refer to the

- Guideline: Applicant suitability
- Factsheet: Declaration of experience and disclosures
- Frequently asked questions: Declaration of experience and disclosures
- <u>Financial Resources</u>



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# Greenhouse gas assessment permit related applications

## Work-bid greenhouse gas assessment permit

In making an application under section 296 of the OPGGS Act, please refer to following guidance.

#### Overview:

Legislation	Part 3.2 of the OPGGS Act	
Regulations	N/A	
Guidelines	Guideline: Offshore Greenhouse Gas Assessment Permits – Work-bid (Work-bid Guideline)	
	<u>Guideline: Applicant Suitability</u> (Suitability Guideline)	
Factsheets	Signatures - Execution of NOPTA forms by companies (Signatures Factsheet)	
	Financial Resources (Financial Resources Factsheet)	
	Declaration of experience and disclosures (Declaration Factsheet)	
FAQs	Declaration of experience and disclosures	
Application form	Work-bid greenhouse gas assessment permit	
Application fee	Yes (section 427 of the OPGGS Act)	
Other	Please also refer to the:	
	• Relevant Australian Government Gazette Notice of Invitation for Work-Bid Program Greenhouse Gas Assessment Permit Application; and	
	Australian Offshore Greenhouse Gas Storage Acreage Release website.	
	Form 8 Natural Person Declaration form – disclosures and experience	
	Form 9 Body Corporate (Company) Declaration form – disclosures and experience	
	Form 10 Declaration of change of circumstances of a registered titleholder or applicant (section 695YC)	

#### Required information:

Checklist	Description	Provided
1	A correctly completed application form executed in accordance with the Signatures Factsheet.	

Checklist	Description	Provided
1	The application should be sealed and clearly marked as ' <i>Application for area [release area number]</i> ' ' <i>Commercial-in-Confidence</i> '.	
2	Provide details/a list of the person(s) to provide declarations (Forms 8 and 9) in conjunction with this application (refer to <u>Declaration Factsheet</u> ).	



Checklist	Description	Provided
3	In relation to <b>each</b> applicant, complete the relevant declaration of experience and disclosures ( <b>Form 8 and 9</b> ) relating to past conduct and suitability of the applicant and its officers.	
	If a Form 8 or 9 has previously been made, the previous Form 8 or 9 can be referenced.	
	Refer to the Suitability Guideline and Declaration Factsheet.	
4	In relation to <b>each</b> applicant, provide details of technical advice that is or will be available to the applicant(s).	
5	In relation to <b>each</b> applicant, provide details of financial resources that are or will be available to the applicant(s). The details must include one of the following:	
	• a copy of (or link to) the applicant(s) current annual report including financial statements, or	
	a copy of the most recent financial statements for each applicant.	
	<b>Note:</b> If providing a related entity's annual report or financial statements, a description of the relationship between the applicant and the related entity is also required to be provided	
6	Where the technical and/or financial information has been provided previously and no material change has occurred.	
	Provide sufficient details to identify the previously submitted information.	
	Example text: Please refer to the Application submitted to NOPTA on [insert date] (NEATS ref: [insert NEATS reference]) for the documents in support of the requirements of the Applicant Suitability guidelines and fact sheets. Forms 8 and Form 9 Disclosures and Experience declarations and supporting data along with the Financial Self-Assessment tables provided on [insert date] are considered to be still valid as no material change has occurred.	
	Note: previously submitted information must have been submitted for that applicant entity.	
	Refer to the paragraph 1.6 of the Financial Resources Factsheet.	
7	Where the required technical and/or financial information provided is that of a related entity	
	Provide sufficient details to identify the relationship between the applicant and the related entity.	
	Example text: [insert Applicant name] is relying on its related entity [define relationship for example parent entity and/or ultimate holding entity] [insert name of entity(s)] for its financial and/or technical information (for example [insert reference to relevant documents i.e. current annual report, financial statements and/or summary of technical advice]).	
8	A statement of any other matters that the applicant wishes to be considered (section 428 of the OPGGS Act).	
9	Figures in the text should be legible, and should also be provided as separate files in an attached appendix at a resolution of at least 300 dpi. If applicable, seismic sections should be included with and without interpretation.	
10	<b>If applicable,</b> provide confirmation of FIRB approval. If confirmation is not available at the time of submission, it may be provided separately once received. Applicants should be aware that the Responsible Commonwealth Minister will not make a decision on the application or offer award of acreage whilst a FIRB decision is pending.	



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## Consolidated work-bid greenhouse gas assessment permit

In making an application under section 302A of the OPGGS Act, please refer to following guidance.

Overview:	
Legislation	Part 3.2 of the OPGGS Act
Regulations	N/A
Guidelines	Offshore Greenhouse Gas Guideline for Consolidated Work-bid and Cross-boundary Greenhouse GasAssessment Permits(Consolidated Cross-boundary Guideline)Guideline: Applicant Suitability(Suitability Guideline)
Factsheets	<u>Signatures - Execution of NOPTA forms by companies</u> (Signatures Factsheet) <u>Financial Resources</u> (Financial Resources Factsheet)
Application form	Consolidated work-bid greenhouse gas assessment permit
Application fee	Yes (section 427 of the OPGGS Act)
Other	<ul> <li>Please also refer to the:</li> <li>Title instruments</li> <li>A cross-boundary greenhouse gas (GHG) assessment permit means a GHG permit arising from the unification of an existing GHG granted under Part 3.2 of the OPGGS Act and an existing and an adjacent State (Victoria) GHG assessment title granted over blocks in the coastal waters of a State (Victoria).</li> </ul>

#### Required information:

Checklist	Description	Provided
1	A correctly completed application form executed in accordance with the Signatures Factsheet.	

Checklist	Description	Provided
1	A statement of any other matters that the applicant wishes to be considered (section 428 of the OPGGS Act).	
2	Figures in the text should be legible and should also be provided as separate files in an attached appendix at a resolution of at least 300 dpi. If applicable, seismic sections should be included with and without interpretation.	
3	<b>If applicable,</b> provide confirmation of FIRB approval. If confirmation is not available at the time of submission, it may be provided separately once received. Applicants should be aware that the Responsible Commonwealth Minister will not make a decision on the application or offer award of acreage whilst a FIRB decision is pending.	
4	In relation to <b>each</b> titleholder, provide details of technical advice that is or will be available to the titleholder(s). Where technical information has been provided to the Titles Administrator recently, and there has been no material change, the information does not need to be provided again. This must be stated in the application and a reference to the relevant documentation should be provided.	



Checklist	Description	Provided
5	In relation to <b>each</b> titleholder, provide details of financial resources that are or will be available to the titleholder(s). The details must include one of the following:	
	• a copy of (or link to) the titleholder(s) current annual report including financial statements, or	
	a copy of the most recent financial statements for each titleholder.	
	Where financial information has been provided to the Titles Administrator recently, and there has been no material change, the information does not need to be provided again. This must be stated in the application and a reference to the relevant documentation should be provided.	
	<b>Note:</b> If providing a related entity's annual report or financial statements, a description of the relationship between the titleholder and the related entity is also required to be provided	
6	Where the required technical and/or financial information has been provided previously and no material change has occurred.	
	Provide sufficient details to identify the previously submitted information.	
	Example text: Please refer to the Application submitted to NOPTA on [insert date] (NEATS ref: [insert NEATS reference]) for the documents in support of the requirements of the Applicant Suitability guidelines and fact sheets. The supporting data along with the Financial Self- Assessment tables provided on [insert date] are considered to be still valid as no material change has occurred.	
	Note: previously submitted information must have been submitted for that applicant entity.	
	Refer to the paragraph 1.6 of the Financial Resources Factsheet.	
7	Where the required technical and/or financial information provided is that of a related entity	
	Provide sufficient details to identify the relationship between the applicant and the related entity.	
	<b>Example text:</b> [insert Applicant name] is relying on its related entity [define relationship for example parent entity and/or ultimate holding entity] [insert name of entity(s)] for its financial and/or technical information (for example [insert reference to relevant documents i.e. current annual report, financial statements and/or summary of technical advice]).	



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## Variation and/or suspension and/or suspension and extension — greenhouse gas assessment permit

In making an application under section 436 or 439A of the OPGGS Act, please refer to following guidance.

#### Overview:

Legislation	Part 3.9 of the OPGGS Act
Regulations	N/A
Guidelines	Guideline: Offshore Greenhouse Gas Assessment Permits – Work-bid       (Work-bid Guideline)         Offshore Greenhouse Gas Guideline for Consolidated Work-bid and Cross-boundary Greenhouse Gas         Assessment Permits       (Consolidated Cross-boundary Guideline)         Guideline: Applicant Suitability (Suitability Guideline)
Factsheets	Signatures - Execution of NOPTA forms by companies (Signatures Factsheet) Financial Resources (Financial Resources Factsheet)
Application forms	Variation of condition(s) of title - greenhouse gas assessment permitSuspension or suspension and extension – greenhouse gas assessment permitVariation and suspension or suspension and extension – greenhouse gas assessment permit
Application fee	Yes (section 695L of the OPGGS Act)
Other	Please also refer to the: <ul> <li>Title instrument</li> </ul>

#### Required information:

Checklist	Description	Provided
1	A correctly completed application form executed in accordance with the Signatures Factsheet.	

Checklist	Description	Provided
1	Description of the variation and suspension or suspension and extension of conditions requested.	
2	Reason(s) and technical justification for the application, a Gantt chart and supporting documentary evidence. Please refer to the <u>Work-bid Guideline</u> or the <u>Consolidated Cross-</u> <u>boundary Guideline</u> for further information on documentary evidence in support of the application.	
3	Confirmation of the work completed to date in the relevant combined primary term or permit year.	
4	Details of each of the remaining guaranteed minimum work program activities and their estimated value (A\$)	
5	In relation to <b>each</b> titleholder, provide details of technical advice that is or will be available to the titleholder(s).	
	Where technical information has been provided to the Titles Administrator recently, and there has been no material change, the information does not need to be provided again. This must be stated in the application and a reference to the relevant documentation should be provided.	



Checklist	Description	Provided
6	In relation to <b>each</b> titleholder, provide details of financial resources that are or will be available to the titleholder(s). The details must include one of the following:	
	<ul> <li>a copy of (or link to) the titleholder(s) current annual report including financial statements, or</li> <li>a copy of the most recent financial statements for each titleholder.</li> </ul>	
	Where financial information has been provided to the Titles Administrator recently, and there has been no material change, the information does not need to be provided again. This must be stated in the application and a reference to the relevant documentation should be provided.	
	<b>Note:</b> If providing a related entity's annual report or financial statements, a description of the relationship between the titleholder and the related entity is also required to be provided	
7	Where the required technical and/or financial information has been provided previously and no material change has occurred.	
	Provide sufficient details to identify the previously submitted information.	
	Example text: Please refer to the Application submitted to NOPTA on [insert date] (NEATS ref: [insert NEATS reference]) for the documents in support of the requirements of the Applicant Suitability guidelines and fact sheets. The supporting data along with the Financial Self- Assessment tables provided on [insert date] are considered to be still valid as no material change has occurred.	
	Note: previously submitted information must have been submitted for that applicant entity.	
	Refer to the paragraph 1.6 of the Financial Resources Factsheet.	
8	Where the required technical and/or financial information provided is that of a related entity	
	Provide sufficient details to identify the relationship between the applicant and the related entity.	
	<b>Example text:</b> [insert Applicant name] is relying on its related entity [define relationship for example parent entity and/or ultimate holding entity] [insert name of entity(s)] for its financial and/or technical information (for example [insert reference to relevant documents i.e. current annual report, financial statements and/or summary of technical advice]).	
9	A statement of any other matters that the applicant wishes to be considered.	
10	Figures in the text should be legible, and should also be provided as separate files in an attached appendix at a resolution of at least 300 dpi. If applicable, seismic sections should be included with and without interpretation.	



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## Exemption from condition(s) of title — greenhouse gas assessment permit

In making an application under section 436 or 439A of the OPGGS Act, please refer to following guidance.

Overview:	
Legislation	Part 3.9 of the OPGGS Act
Regulations	N/A
Guidelines	Guideline: Offshore Greenhouse Gas Assessment Permits – Work-bid (Work-bid Guideline)         Offshore Greenhouse Gas Guideline for Consolidated Work-bid and Cross-boundary Greenhouse Gas         Assessment Permits (Consolidated Cross-boundary Guideline)         Guideline: Applicant Suitability (Suitability Guideline)
Factsheets	<u>Signatures - Execution of NOPTA forms by companies (Signatures Factsheet)</u> <u>Financial Resources (Financial Resources Factsheet)</u>
Application form	Exemption form condition(s) of title – greenhouse gas assessment permit
Application fee	Yes (section 695L of the OPGGS Act)
Other	Please also refer to the: • Title instrument

#### Required information:

Checklist	Description	Provided
1	A correctly completed application form executed in accordance with the Signatures Factsheet.	

Checklist	Description	Provided
1	<ul> <li>Details of the exemption:</li> <li>the permit year(s) or activity for which the exemption is sought</li> <li>documentary evidence demonstrating the circumstances and that the objective of the assessment work program commitment has been met (section 5.55 of the Work-bid Guideline or section 3.48 of the Consolidated Cross-boundary Guideline (as applicable)).</li> <li>where applicable, outline the effect on any subsequent years.</li> </ul>	
2	Reason(s) for the application and supporting documentary evidence. Please refer to the <u>Work-bid</u> <u>Guideline</u> or the <u>Consolidated Cross-boundary Guideline</u> (as applicable) for further information on exemption requirements.	
3	Confirmation of the work completed to date in the relevant combined primary term or permit year.	
4	Details of each of the remaining guaranteed minimum work program activities and their estimated value (A\$)	
5	In relation to <b>each</b> titleholder, provide details of technical advice that is or will be available to the titleholder(s). Where technical information has been provided to the Titles Administrator recently, and there has been no material change, the information does not need to be provided again. This must be stated in the application and a reference to the relevant documentation should be provided.	



Checklist	Description	Provided
6	In relation to <b>each</b> titleholder, provide details of financial resources that are or will be available to the titleholder(s). The details must include one of the following:	
	<ul> <li>a copy of (or link to) the titleholder(s) current annual report including financial statements, or</li> <li>a copy of the most recent financial statements for each titleholder.</li> </ul>	
	Where financial information has been provided to the Titles Administrator recently, and there has been no material change, the information does not need to be provided again. This must be stated in the application and a reference to the relevant documentation should be provided.	
	<b>Note:</b> If providing a related entity's annual report or financial statements, a description of the relationship between the titleholder and the related entity is also required to be provided	
7	Where the required technical and/or financial information has been provided previously and no material change has occurred.	
	Provide sufficient details to identify the previously submitted information.	
	Example text: Please refer to the Application submitted to NOPTA on [insert date] (NEATS ref: [insert NEATS reference]) for the documents in support of the requirements of the Applicant Suitability guidelines and fact sheets. The supporting data along with the Financial Self- Assessment tables provided on [insert date] are considered to be still valid as no material change has occurred.	
	Note: previously submitted information must have been submitted for that applicant entity.	
	Refer to the paragraph 1.6 of the Financial Resources Factsheet.	
8	Where the required technical and/or financial information provided is that of a related entity	
	Provide sufficient details to identify the relationship between the applicant and the related entity.	
	<b>Example text:</b> [insert Applicant name] is relying on its related entity [define relationship for example parent entity and/or ultimate holding entity] [insert name of entity(s)] for its financial and/or technical information (for example [insert reference to relevant documents i.e. current annual report, financial statements and/or summary of technical advice]).	
9	A statement of any other matters the applicant wishes to be considered.	
10	Figures in the text should be legible and should also be provided as separate files in an attached appendix at a resolution of at least 300 dpi. If applicable, seismic sections should be included with and without interpretation.	



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## Credit of work program conditions – greenhouse gas assessment permit

In making an application for work program credit of greenhouse gas assessment permit conditions , please refer to following guidance.

#### Overview:

Legislation	Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006
Regulations	N/A
Guidelines	Guideline: Offshore Greenhouse Gas Assessment Permits – Work-bid (Work-bid Guideline)
	Offshore Greenhouse Gas Guideline for Consolidated Work-bid and Cross-boundary Greenhouse Gas Assessment Permits (Consolidated Cross-boundary Guideline)
Factsheets	Signatures - Execution of NOPTA forms by companies (Signatures Factsheet)
Application form	Credit of work program conditions – greenhouse gas assessment permit
Application fee	N/A
Other	Please also refer to the:
	Title instrument

#### Required information:

Checklist	Description	Provided
1	A correctly completed application form executed in accordance with the Signatures Factsheet.	

Checklist	Description	Provided
1	Details of the credit requested and reasons for the application, including:	
	• full details of the work	
	• the permit year in which the work was/is to be undertaken	
	• the permit year(s) the work is to be credited towards	
	• where applicable, outline the effect on any subsequent years.	
2	A statement of any other matters the applicant wishes to be considered.	



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## Renewal of a greenhouse gas assessment permit

In making an application under sections 308 or 311A of the OPGGS Act, please refer to following guidance.

Overview:	
Legislation	Part 3.2 of the OPGGS Act
Regulations	N/A
Guidelines	Guideline: Offshore Greenhouse Gas Assessment Permits – Work-bid (Work-bid Guideline)         Offshore Greenhouse Gas Guideline for Consolidated Work-bid and Cross-boundary Greenhouse Gas         Assessment Permits (Consolidated Cross-boundary Guideline)         Guideline: Applicant Suitability (Suitability Guideline) (Suitability Guideline)
Factsheets	<u>Signatures - Execution of NOPTA forms by companies (</u> Signatures Factsheet) <u>Financial Resources</u> (Financial Resources Factsheet)
Application form	Renewal of a greenhouse gas assessment permit
Application fee	Yes (section 427 of the OPGGS Act)
Other	<ul> <li>Please also refer to the:</li> <li>Title instrument</li> <li>Unless a request for extension of time to lodge has been accepted by the Responsible Commonwealth Minister or Cross-boundary Authority (as applicable), an application to renew a greenhouse gas assessment permit should be made at least 180 days before the expiry date of the permit.</li> </ul>

#### Required information:

Ch	ecklist	Description	Provided	
	1	A correctly completed application form executed in accordance with the Signatures Factsheet.		1

Checklist	Description	Provided
1	Applicants should address the criteria and information outlined in section 6 of the <u>Work-bid</u> <u>Guideline</u> or section 4 of the <u>Consolidated Cross-boundary Guideline</u> (as applicable).	
2	An overview of compliance with the title conditions, chapters 3, 5, 5A, 6, Part 8.1 of the OPGGS Act (as applicable) and the regulations (sections 309 and 311B of the OPGGS Act). If applicable, provide details of sufficient grounds for non-compliance (subsections 309(3) and 311B(3) of the OPGGS Act).	
3	In relation to <b>each</b> titleholder, provide details of technical advice that is or will be available to the titleholder(s). Where technical information has been provided to the Titles Administrator recently, and there has been no material change, the information does not need to be provided again. This must be stated in the application and a reference to the relevant documentation should be provided.	



Checklist	Description	Provided
4	In relation to <b>each</b> titleholder, provide details of financial resources that are or will be available to the titleholder(s). The details must include one of the following:	
	<ul> <li>a copy of (or link to) the titleholder(s) current annual report including financial statements, or</li> <li>a copy of the most recent financial statements for each titleholder.</li> </ul>	
	Where financial information has been provided to the Titles Administrator recently, and there has been no material change, the information does not need to be provided again. This must be stated in the application and a reference to the relevant documentation should be provided.	
	<b>Note:</b> If providing a related entity's annual report or financial statements, a description of the relationship between the titleholder and the related entity is also required to be provided	
5	Where the required technical and/or financial information has been provided previously and no material change has occurred.	
	Provide sufficient details to identify the previously submitted information.	
	Example text: Please refer to the Application submitted to NOPTA on [insert date] (NEATS ref: [insert NEATS reference]) for the documents in support of the requirements of the Applicant Suitability guidelines and fact sheets. The supporting data along with the Financial Self- Assessment tables provided on [insert date] are considered to be still valid as no material change has occurred.	
	Note: previously submitted information must have been submitted for that applicant entity.	
	Refer to the paragraph 1.6 of the Financial Resources Factsheet.	
6	Where the required technical and/or financial information provided is that of a related entity	
	Provide sufficient details to identify the relationship between the applicant and the related entity.	
	<b>Example text:</b> [insert Applicant name] is relying on its related entity [define relationship for example parent entity and/or ultimate holding entity] [insert name of entity(s)] for its financial and/or technical information (for example [insert reference to relevant documents i.e. current annual report, financial statements and/or summary of technical advice]).	
7	A map listing of 1:1,000,000 map sheet block number(s) to which the renewal application applies. Any existing declaration of storage formation blocks should be identified.	
8	A statement of any other maters the applicant wishes to be considered.	
9	Figures in the text should be legible and should also be provided as separate files in an attached appendix at a resolution of at least 300 dpi. If applicable, seismic sections should be included with and without interpretation.	



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## Key greenhouse gas operations

## Approval for key greenhouse gas operation

In making an application under sections 292, 292A, 321 or 321A (as applicable) of the OPGGS Act, please refer to following guidance.

#### Overview:

Legislation	Part 3.2 and Part 3.3 of the OPGGS Act
Regulations	Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Greenhouse Gas Injection and Storage) Regulations 2023 (GHG Regulations)
Guidelines	N/A
Factsheets	Key GHG operations Factsheet (KGO Factsheet)
	Signatures - Execution of NOPTA forms by companies (Signatures Factsheet)
Application form	Approval for Key Greenhouse Gas Operation
Application fee	N/A
Other	Refer to section 7 of the OPGGS Act for the definition of a key GHG operation
Factsheets Application form Application fee	Key GHG operations Factsheet (KGO Factsheet)         Signatures - Execution of NOPTA forms by companies (Signatures Factsheet)         Approval for Key Greenhouse Gas Operation         N/A

#### Required information:

Che	ecklist	Description	Provided
	1	A correctly completed application form executed in accordance with the Signatures Factsheet.	

Checklist	Description	Provided
1	Objective of the proposed key GHG operation, including linkages to work program commitments and/or how the operation will assist in progressing the status of the project (e.g., towards a declaration of storage formation/injection licence/site plan)	
2	A detailed submission against each of the relevant legislative criteria relevant to the application assessment and decision making, e.g., subsection 292(4), (7) and (8) and subsection 27(5) of the OPGGS Act. Where an applicant submits there will be an adverse impact under subsection 27(5) of the OPGGS Act, then the applicant must, in addition to the above, provide the information referred to in regulation 9 of the GHG Regulations.	
3	An estimate of the proposed timeline and duration of the operation	
4	Evidence of, and outcomes from, consultation with relevant petroleum titleholders on whether titleholders are of the view that any of the criteria would be met under subsection 27(5) of the OPGGS Act in relation to the operation.	



Checklist	Description	Provided
5	<ul> <li>Drilling Operations Only:</li> <li>operational details for any drilling – location of well (exact co-ordinates and well path if deviated), estimated of number of drilling days and expected operational window, operational footprint (in terms of rig type, anchor placement, support vessels, etc.)</li> <li>map showing the well details and operational footprint outlined above and including graticular blocks, petroleum and GHG titles, and any infrastructure in the area</li> <li>geological information in support of selection of the well location, target depth/ formation, summary of any proposed injection tests (substance, indicative depth, and volumes), information about any coring (including side-wall cores) etc</li> <li>an assessment of the likelihood of encountering/ entering hydrocarbon bearing formations during drilling; if this occurs, the submission should address any risks of damage to a formation(s) and how would those risks be mitigated/managed.</li> </ul>	
6	<ul> <li>Seismic Acquisition Only:</li> <li>operational details for any seismic acquisition – location of survey (exact co-ordinates including information about acquisition and operational areas), estimated of number of operational days, expected operational window, type of vessel, streamer length, support vessels, etc</li> <li>map showing the survey details outlined above and including graticular blocks, petroleum and GHG titles, and any infrastructure in the area.</li> </ul>	
7	<ul> <li>Site Surveys, Baseline Investigations or Monitoring Only:</li> <li>operational details for the activity – location of activity (exact co-ordinates of operational area), estimated of number of operational days, expected operational window, details of each component of the activity, types of sampling, the substance/s being monitored and monitoring method/s, support vessels, etc</li> <li>map showing the details outlined above and including graticular blocks, petroleum and GHG titles, and any infrastructure in the area</li> <li>geological information in support of selection of the location of the site survey/baseline investigation or monitoring, target depth/formation (if relevant).</li> </ul>	



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# Declaration of identified greenhouse gas storage formation related applications

## Declaration of identified greenhouse gas storage formation

In making an application under section 312 or 312A of the OPGGS Act, please refer to following guidance.

#### Overview:

Legislation	Part 3.2 of the OPGGS Act		
Regulations	Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Greenhouse Gas Injection and Storage) Regulations 2023 (GHG Regulations)		
Guidelines	Offshore Greenhouse Gas Guideline for Declaration of Identified Greenhouse Gas Storage Formation (DOSF Guideline)		
Factsheets	Signatures - Execution of NOPTA forms by companies (Signatures Factsheet)		
Application form	Declaration of identified greenhouse gas storage formation		
Application fee	Yes (section 695L of the OPGGS Act)		
Other	Applications should allow at least six (6) months for the responsible Commonwealth Minister to make a decision on the identified GHG storage formation application once all relevant material is submitted (including any additional information that may be requested by NOPTA or the responsible Commonwealth Minister)		

#### Required information:

Checklist	Description	Provided
1	A correctly completed application form executed in accordance with the Signatures Factsheet.	
2	An application must set out the following (sub section 312(3) or 312A(3) (as applicable) of the OPGGS Act):	
	• the applicant's reasons for believing that the part referred to in paragraph312(1)(b) or 321A(1)(b) of the OPGGS Act is an eligible greenhouse gas storage formation	
	<ul> <li>assuming that the part referred to in paragraph 312(1)(b) or 321A(1)(b) of the OPGGS Act is an eligible greenhouse gas storage formation:</li> <li>an estimate of the spatial extent of the eligible greenhouse gas storage formation (a short</li> </ul>	
	description required on the application form – more detail can be provided via the supporting documents)	
	<ul> <li>the fundamental suitability determinants of the eligible greenhouse gas storage formation (this only needs to be a brief description on the application form – more detail can be provided via the supporting documentation.</li> </ul>	
	• such other information (if any) as is specified in the Part 3, regulation 14 of the GHG Regulations.	

Checklist	Description	Provided
1	A map showing the outline of the formation(s) within the block(s) nominated to be declared as an identified storage formation, at basin (regional) and permit (detailed) scales.	
2	Applicants should address the requirements outlined in section 4, Appendix A and B of the <u>DOSF</u> <u>Guideline</u> .	



Checklist	Description	Provided
3	ESRI Shapefile, Geodatabase file or a spreadsheet with the coordinate listings (latitude, longitude and datum) of formation.	
4	A statement of any other matters that the applicant wishes to be considered (section 428 of the OPGGS Act).	



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## Variation of declaration of identified greenhouse gas storage formation

In making an application under section 313 of the OPGGS Act, please refer to following guidance.

Overview:	
Legislation	Part 3.2 of the OPGGS Act
Regulations	Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Greenhouse Gas Injection and Storage) Regulations 2023 (GHG Regulations)
Guidelines	Offshore Greenhouse Gas Guideline for Declaration of Identified Greenhouse Gas Storage Formation (DOSF Guideline)
Factsheets	Signatures - Execution of NOPTA forms by companies (Signatures Factsheet)
Application form	Variation of declaration of identified GHG greenhouse gas storage formation
Application fee	Yes (section 695L of the OPGGS Act)
Other	Depending on the complexity of the application, applicants should allow at least six (6) months for the Responsible Commonwealth Minister to make a decision regarding a variation of declaration of identified GHG storage formation application once all relevant material is submitted (including any additional information that may be requested by NOPTA or the Responsible Commonwealth Minister).

#### Required information:

Checklist	Description	Provided
1	A correctly completed application form executed in accordance with the Signatures Factsheet.	
2	An application must (subsection 313(4) of the OPGGS Act):	
	set out the proposed variation	
	specify the reasons for the proposed variation.	

Checklist	Description	Provided
1	Any supporting information relevant to subsection 313(5) of the OPGGS Act.	
2	Applicants should address the requirements outlined in section 6 of the DOSF Guideline.	
3	(If applicable) A map showing the outline of the varied formation(s) within the block(s) nominated to be declared as an identified storage formation, at basin (regional) and permit (detailed) scales.	
4	ESRI Shapefile, Geodatabase file or a spreadsheet with the coordinate listings (latitude, longitude and datum) of varied formation.	
5	Figures in the text should be legible and should also be provided as separate files in an attached appendix at a resolution of at least 300 dpi. If applicable, seismic sections should be included with and without interpretation.	
6	A statement of any other matters that the applicant wishes to be considered (section 428 of the OPGGS Act).	



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## Extension of application period for a greenhouse gas holding lease

In making an application under section 324(8) or 329A(8) of the OPGGS Act, please refer to following guidance.

Overview:	
Legislation	Part 3.3 of the OPGGS Act
Regulations	Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Greenhouse Gas Injection and Storage) Regulations 2023 (GHG Regulations)
Guidelines	Offshore Greenhouse Gas Guideline for Declaration of Identified Greenhouse Gas Storage Formation (DOSF Guideline)
Factsheets	Signatures - Execution of NOPTA forms by companies (Signatures Factsheet)
Application form	Extension of application period for a greenhouse gas holding lease
Application fee	N/A
Other	A request to extend the application period should be made at least 60 days prior to the end of the initial 12 month period. An extension of the application period does not extend the term of the assessment permit.

#### Required information:

Checklist	Description	Provided
1	A correctly completed application form executed in accordance with the Signatures Factsheet.	

Checklist	Description	Provided
1	Reasons and evidence supporting the request (e.g. detail why the applicant isn't ready to apply for a holding lease; and provide details of forward work plans to progress the formation towards a holding lease.	
2	A statement of any other matters that the applicant wishes to be considered.	



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## Greenhouse gas holding lease and related applications

## Greenhouse gas holding lease

In making an application under section 324, 329A, 330, 335A or 343 (as applicable) of the OPGGS Act, please refer to following guidance.

#### Overview:

Legislation	Part 3.3 of the OPGGS Act
Regulations	N/A
Guidelines	Guideline: Applicant Suitability (Suitability Guideline)
Factsheets	Signatures - Execution of NOPTA forms by companies (Signatures Factsheet)
	<u>Financial Resources</u> (Financial Resources Factsheet)
Application form	Greenhouse gas holding lease
Application fee	Yes (section 427 of the OPGGS Act)
Other	N/A
Application fee	Yes (section 427 of the OPGGS Act)

#### Required information:

(	Checklist	Description	Provided
	1	A correctly completed application form executed in accordance with the Signatures Factsheet.	

Checklist	Description	Provided
1	If the application is made under section 324 or 329A of the OPGGS Act, provide evidence that the applicant is not, at the time of the application, in a position to:	
	<ul> <li>inject a greenhouse gas substance into the identified greenhouse gas storage formation concerned; and</li> <li>permanently store the greenhouse gas substance in the identified greenhouse gas storage formation concerned.</li> </ul>	
2	If the application is made under section 330 or 335A of the OPGGS Act, provide evidence that the applicant is not, at the time of the application, in a position to:	
	<ul> <li>inject a greenhouse gas substance into the identified greenhouse gas storage formation, or at least one of the identified greenhouse gas storage formations, concerned; and</li> <li>permanently store the greenhouse gas substance in the identified greenhouse gas storage formation, or at least one of the identified greenhouse gas storage formations, concerned.</li> </ul>	



Checklist	Description	Provided
3	If the application is made under section 343 of the OPGGS Act in respect to a <i>single identified greenhouse gas storage formation</i> , provide evidence that:	
	<ul> <li>(a) a single identified greenhouse gas storage formation extends to:</li> <li>(i) only one block in the lease area; or</li> <li>(ii) 2 or more blocks in the lease area; and</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>(b) none of the following is in force over the block or blocks to which the identified greenhouse gas storage formation extends:</li> <li>(i) a greenhouse gas injection licence;</li> <li>(ii) a greenhouse gas holding lease;</li> <li>(iii) a greenhouse gas assessment permit.</li> </ul>	
4	If the application is made under section 343 of the OPGGS Act in respect to <i>multiple identified greenhouse gas storage formations</i> , provide evidence that:	
	<ul> <li>(a) 2 or more identified greenhouse gas storage formations, when considered together, extend to:</li> <li>(i) only one block in the lease area; or</li> <li>(ii) 2 or more blocks in the lease area; and</li> </ul>	
	(b) a vertical line would pass through a point in each of those identified greenhouse gas storage formations; and	
	<ul> <li>(c) none of the following is in force over the block or blocks to which the identified greenhouse gas storage formations, when considered together, extend:</li> <li>(i) a greenhouse gas injection licence;</li> <li>(ii) a greenhouse gas holding lease;</li> </ul>	
5	(iii) a greenhouse gas assessment permit. In relation to <b>each</b> titleholder, provide details of technical advice that is or will be available to the	
	titleholder(s). Where technical information has been provided to the Titles Administrator recently, and there has been no material change, the information does not need to be provided again. This must be stated in the application and a reference to the relevant documentation should be provided.	
6	In relation to <b>each</b> titleholder, provide details of financial resources that are or will be available to the titleholder(s). The details must include one of the following:	
	<ul> <li>a copy of (or link to) the titleholder(s) current annual report including financial statements, or</li> <li>a copy of the most recent financial statements for each titleholder.</li> </ul>	
	Where financial information has been provided to the Titles Administrator recently, and there has been no material change, the information does not need to be provided again. This must be stated in the application and a reference to the relevant documentation should be provided.	
	<b>Note:</b> If providing a related entity's annual report or financial statements, a description of the relationship between the titleholder and the related entity is also required to be provided	
7	Where the required technical and/or financial information has been provided previously and no material change has occurred.	
	Provide sufficient details to identify the previously submitted information.	
	Example text: Please refer to the Application submitted to NOPTA on [insert date] (NEATS ref: [insert NEATS reference]) for the documents in support of the requirements of the Applicant Suitability guidelines and fact sheets. The supporting data along with the Financial Self- Assessment tables provided on [insert date] are considered to be still valid as no material change has occurred.	
	Note: previously submitted information must have been submitted for that applicant entity.	
	Refer to the paragraph 1.6 of the Financial Resources Factsheet.	



Checklist	Description	Provided
8	Where the required technical and/or financial information provided is that of a related entity	
	Provide sufficient details to identify the relationship between the applicant and the related entity.	
	<b>Example text:</b> [insert Applicant name] is relying on its related entity [define relationship for example parent entity and/or ultimate holding entity] [insert name of entity(s)] for its financial and/or technical information (for example [insert reference to relevant documents i.e. current annual report, financial statements and/or summary of technical advice]).	
9	A statement of any other matters that the applicant wishes to be considered (section 428 of the OPGGS Act).	
10	ESRI Shapefile, Geodatabase file or a spreadsheet with the coordinate listings (latitude, longitude and datum) of field.	
11	Figures in the text should be legible and should also be provided as separate files in an attached appendix at a resolution of at least 300 dpi. If applicable, seismic sections should be included with and without interpretation.	



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## Variation of condition(s) of title — greenhouse gas holding lease

In making an application under sections 436 or 439A of the OPGGS Act, please refer to following guidance.

#### Overview: Legislation Part 3.9 of the OPGGS Act Regulations N/A Guidelines Guideline: Applicant Suitability (Suitability Guideline) Factsheets Signatures - Execution of NOPTA forms by companies (Signatures Factsheet) Financial Resources (Financial Resources Factsheet) **Application form** Variation from condition(s) of title - greenhouse gas holding lease Application fee Yes (section 695L of the OPGGS Act) Other Please also refer to the: Title instrument •

#### Required information:

Checklist	Description	Provided
1	A correctly completed application form executed in accordance with the Signatures Factsheet.	

Checklist	Description	Provided
1	Description of the variation of conditions requested.	
2	Reason(s) for the application and supporting documentary evidence.	
3	In relation to <b>each</b> titleholder, provide details of technical advice that is or will be available to the titleholder(s).	
	Where technical information has been provided to the Titles Administrator recently, and there has been no material change, the information does not need to be provided again. This must be stated in the application and a reference to the relevant documentation should be provided.	
4	<ul> <li>In relation to each titleholder, provide details of financial resources that are or will be available to the titleholder(s). The details must include one of the following:</li> <li>a copy of (or link to) the titleholder(s) current annual report including financial statements, or</li> <li>a copy of the most recent financial statements for each titleholder.</li> </ul>	
	Where financial information has been provided to the Titles Administrator recently, and there has been no material change, the information does not need to be provided again. This must be stated in the application and a reference to the relevant documentation should be provided.	
	<b>Note:</b> If providing a related entity's annual report or financial statements, a description of the relationship between the titleholder and the related entity is also required to be provided	



Checklist	Description	Provided
5	Where the required technical and/or financial information has been provided previously and no material change has occurred.	
	Provide sufficient details to identify the previously submitted information.	
	Example text: Please refer to the Application submitted to NOPTA on [insert date] (NEATS ref: [insert NEATS reference]) for the documents in support of the requirements of the Applicant Suitability guidelines and fact sheets. The supporting data along with the Financial Self- Assessment tables provided on [insert date] are considered to be still valid as no material change has occurred.	
	Note: previously submitted information must have been submitted for that applicant entity.	
	Refer to the paragraph 1.6 of the Financial Resources Factsheet.	
6	Where the required technical and/or financial information provided is that of a related entity	
	Provide sufficient details to identify the relationship between the applicant and the related entity.	
	<b>Example text:</b> [insert Applicant name] is relying on its related entity [define relationship for example parent entity and/or ultimate holding entity] [insert name of entity(s)] for its financial and/or technical information (for example [insert reference to relevant documents i.e. current annual report, financial statements and/or summary of technical advice]).	
7	A statement of any other matters the applicant wishes to be considered.	
8	Figures in the text should be legible and should also be provided as separate files in an attached appendix at a resolution of at least 300 dpi. If applicable, seismic sections should be included with and without interpretation.	



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## Exemption from condition(s) of title — greenhouse gas holding lease

In making an application under sections 436 or 439A of the OPGGS Act, please refer to following guidance.

#### Overview: Legislation Part 3.9 of the OPGGS Act Regulations N/A Guidelines Guideline: Applicant Suitability (Suitability Guideline) Factsheets Signatures - Execution of NOPTA forms by companies (Signatures Factsheet) Financial Resources (Financial Resources Factsheet) **Application form** Exemption from condition(s) of title—greenhouse gas holding lease Application fee Yes (section 695L of the OPGGS Act) Other Please also refer to the: Title instrument •

#### Required information:

Checklist	Description	Provided
1	A correctly completed application form executed in accordance with the Signatures Factsheet.	

Checklist	Description	Provided
1	Details of the exemption.	
2	Reason(s) for the application and supporting documentary evidence.	
3	In relation to <b>each</b> titleholder, provide details of technical advice that is or will be available to the titleholder(s).	
	Where technical information has been provided to the Titles Administrator recently, and there has been no material change, the information does not need to be provided again. This must be stated in the application and a reference to the relevant documentation should be provided.	
4	<ul> <li>In relation to each titleholder, provide details of financial resources that are or will be available to the titleholder(s). The details must include one of the following:</li> <li>a copy of (or link to) the titleholder(s) current annual report including financial statements, or</li> <li>a copy of the most recent financial statements for each titleholder.</li> </ul>	
	Where financial information has been provided to the Titles Administrator recently, and there has been no material change, the information does not need to be provided again. This must be stated in the application and a reference to the relevant documentation should be provided.	
	<b>Note:</b> If providing a related entity's annual report or financial statements, a description of the relationship between the titleholder and the related entity is also required to be provided	



Checklist	Description	Provided
5	Where the required technical and/or financial information has been provided previously and no material change has occurred.	
	Provide sufficient details to identify the previously submitted information.	
	Example text: Please refer to the Application submitted to NOPTA on [insert date] (NEATS ref: [insert NEATS reference]) for the documents in support of the requirements of the Applicant Suitability guidelines and fact sheets. The supporting data along with the Financial Self- Assessment tables provided on [insert date] are considered to be still valid as no material change has occurred.	
	Note: previously submitted information must have been submitted for that applicant entity.	
	Refer to the paragraph 1.6 of the Financial Resources Factsheet.	
6	Where the required technical and/or financial information provided is that of a related entity	
	Provide sufficient details to identify the relationship between the applicant and the related entity.	
	<b>Example text:</b> [insert Applicant name] is relying on its related entity [define relationship for example parent entity and/or ultimate holding entity] [insert name of entity(s)] for its financial and/or technical information (for example [insert reference to relevant documents i.e. current annual report, financial statements and/or summary of technical advice]).	
7	A statement of any other matters that the applicant wishes to be considered.	
8	Figures in the text should be legible and should also be provided as separate files in an attached appendix at a resolution of at least 300 dpi. If applicable, seismic sections should be included with and without interpretation.	



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## Renewal of a greenhouse gas holding lease

In making an application under section 347 or 350A (as applicable) of the OPGGS Act, please refer to following guidance.

#### Overview:

Legislation	Part 3.3 of the OPGGS Act		
Regulations	N/A		
Guidelines	Guideline: Applicant Suitability (Suitability Guideline)		
Factsheets	Signatures - Execution of NOPTA forms by companies (Signatures Factsheet)		
	<u>Financial Resources</u> (Financial Resources Factsheet)		
Application form	Renewal of a greenhouse gas holding lease		
Application fee	Yes (section 427 of the OPGGS Act)		
Other	Please also refer to the:		
	• Title instrument		
	Unless a request for extension of time to lodge has been accepted by the Titles Administrator, an application to renew a petroleum retention lease should be made at least 180 days before the expiry date of the lease.		

#### Required information:

Checklis	Description	Provided
1	A correctly completed application form executed in accordance with the Signatures Factsheet.	

Checklist	Description	Provided
1	Provide evidence that the applicant is not, at the time of the application, in a position to:	
	• inject a greenhouse gas substance into the identified greenhouse gas storage formation, or at least one of the identified greenhouse gas storage formations, concerned; and	
	• permanently store the greenhouse gas substance in the identified greenhouse gas storage formation, or at least one of the identified greenhouse gas storage formations, concerned.	
2	Overview of compliance with the title conditions, chapters 3, 5, 6, Part 8.1 of the OPGGS Act and the regulations (subsection 349(2) or 350B(2) of the OPGGS Act). If applicable, provide details of sufficient grounds for non-compliance (subsection 349(3) or 350B(3) of the OPGGS Act).	
3	In relation to <b>each</b> titleholder, provide details of technical advice that is or will be available to the titleholder(s).	
	Where technical information has been provided to the Titles Administrator recently, and there has been no material change, the information does not need to be provided again. This must be stated in the application and a reference to the relevant documentation should be provided.	



Checklist	Description	Provided
4	In relation to <b>each</b> titleholder, provide details of financial resources that are or will be available to the titleholder(s). The details must include one of the following:	
	<ul> <li>a copy of (or link to) the titleholder(s) current annual report including financial statements, or</li> <li>a copy of the most recent financial statements for each titleholder.</li> </ul>	
	Where financial information has been provided to the Titles Administrator recently, and there has been no material change, the information does not need to be provided again. This must be stated in the application and a reference to the relevant documentation should be provided.	
	<b>Note:</b> If providing a related entity's annual report or financial statements, a description of the relationship between the titleholder and the related entity is also required to be provided	
5	Where the required technical and/or financial information has been provided previously and no material change has occurred.	
	Provide sufficient details to identify the previously submitted information.	
	Example text: Please refer to the Application submitted to NOPTA on [insert date] (NEATS ref: [insert NEATS reference]) for the documents in support of the requirements of the Applicant Suitability guidelines and fact sheets. The supporting data along with the Financial Self- Assessment tables provided on [insert date] are considered to be still valid as no material change has occurred.	
	Note: previously submitted information must have been submitted for that applicant entity.	
	Refer to the paragraph 1.6 of the Financial Resources Factsheet.	
6	Where the required technical and/or financial information provided is that of a related entity	
	Provide sufficient details to identify the relationship between the applicant and the related entity.	
	<b>Example text:</b> [insert Applicant name] is relying on its related entity [define relationship for example parent entity and/or ultimate holding entity] [insert name of entity(s)] for its financial and/or technical information (for example [insert reference to relevant documents i.e. current annual report, financial statements and/or summary of technical advice]).	
7	A statement of any other matters that the applicant wishes to be considered (section 428 of the OPGGS Act).	
8	ESRI Shapefile, Geodatabase file or a spreadsheet with the coordinate listings (latitude, longitude and datum) of field.	
9	Figures in the text should be legible and should also be provided as separate files in an attached appendix at a resolution of at least 300 dpi. If applicable, seismic sections should be included with and without interpretation.	



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# Greenhouse gas injection licence and related applications

## Greenhouse gas injection licence

In making an application under section 361, 368A or 369 of the OPGGS Act, please refer to following guidance.

#### Overview:

Legislation	Part 3.4 of the OPGGS Act
Regulations	Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Greenhouse Gas Injection and Storage) Regulations 2023 (GHG Regulations)
Guidelines	Guideline: Applicant Suitability (Suitability Guideline)
Factsheets	Signatures - Execution of NOPTA forms by companies (Signatures Factsheet)
	Financial Resources (Financial Resources Factsheet)
Application form	Greenhouse gas injection licence
Application fee	Yes (section 427 of the OPGGS Act)
Other	N/A

#### Required information:

Checklist	Description	Provided
1	A correctly completed application form executed in accordance with the Signatures Factsheet.	
2	A draft site plan for the identified greenhouse gas storage formation or draft site plans for each of the identified greenhouse gas storage formations (refer Part 4, Division 2 of the <u>GHG Regulations</u> .	

Checklist	Description	Provided
1	Provide details of the applicant's proposals for work and expenditure in relation to the area	
2	Provided evidence to support that the applicant will, within 5 years after the grant, be in a position to commence operations to:	
	• inject a greenhouse gas substance into the identified greenhouse gas storage formation, or at least one of the identified greenhouse gas storage formations, concerned; and	
	• permanently store the greenhouse gas substance in the identified greenhouse gas storage formation, or at least one of the identified greenhouse gas storage formations, concerned	
3	Demonstrate how the applicant will address any significant risk that any of the operations that could be carried on under the greenhouse gas injection licence will have a significant adverse impact on operations to recover the petroleum	



Checklist	Description	Provided
4	In relation to <b>each</b> titleholder, provide details of technical advice that is or will be available to the titleholder(s).	
	Where financial and technical information has been provided to the Titles Administrator recently, and there has been no material change, the information does not need to be provided again. This must be stated in the application and a reference to the relevant documentation should be provided.	
3	In relation to <b>each</b> titleholder, provide details of financial resources that are or will be available to the titleholder(s). The details must include one of the following:	
	• a copy of (or link to) the titleholder(s) current annual report including financial statements, or	
	a copy of the most recent financial statements for each titleholder.	
	Where financial and technical information has been provided to the Titles Administrator recently, and there has been no material change, the information does not need to be provided again. This must be stated in the application and a reference to the relevant documentation should be provided.	
	<b>Note:</b> If providing a related entity's annual report or financial statements, a description of the relationship between the titleholder and the related entity is also required to be provided	
5	Where the required technical and/or financial information has been provided previously and no material change has occurred.	
	Provide sufficient details to identify the previously submitted information.	
	Example text: Please refer to the Application submitted to NOPTA on [insert date] (NEATS ref: [insert NEATS reference]) for the documents in support of the requirements of the Applicant Suitability guidelines and fact sheets. The supporting data along with the Financial Self- Assessment tables provided on [insert date] are considered to be still valid as no material change has occurred.	
	Note: previously submitted information must have been submitted for that applicant entity.	
	Refer to the paragraph 1.6 of the Financial Resources Factsheet.	
6	Where the required technical and/or financial information provided is that of a related entity	
	Provide sufficient details to identify the relationship between the applicant and the related entity.	
	<b>Example text:</b> [insert Applicant name] is relying on its related entity [define relationship for example parent entity and/or ultimate holding entity] [insert name of entity(s)] for its financial and/or technical information (for example [insert reference to relevant documents i.e. current annual report, financial statements and/or summary of technical advice]).	
7	A map showing the underlying block(s) constituting the identified greenhouse gas storage formation(s) (sections 361, 368A and 369 of the OPGGS Act).	
8	A detailed summary of the applicant's engagement with stakeholders listed at <u>Attachment A</u> and any relevant native title parties (including the relevant native title representative body). The summary should include the identities of stakeholders, dates when they were contacted, any issues raised, how these will be managed and intentions for future engagement.	
	<b>Note:</b> When engaging stakeholders, applicants should include a summary of the proposed development, indicate the applicant's intention to make an application to NOPTA for a greenhouse gas injection licence under the OPGGS Act and seek any comments the stakeholder may have.	
9	Details on the progress towards submitting a final site plan.	



Checklist	Description	Provided
10	ESRI Shapefile, Geodatabase file or a spreadsheet with the coordinate listings (latitude, longitude and datum) of field.	
11	A statement of any other matters that the applicant wishes to be considered (section 428 of the OPGGS Act).	
12	Figures in the text should be legible and should also be provided as separate files in an attached appendix at a resolution of at least 300 dpi. If applicable, seismic sections should be included with and without interpretation.	



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# Greenhouse gas authorities related applications

### Greenhouse gas search authority

In making an application under section 407 of the OPGGS Act, please refer to following guidance.

#### Overview:

Legislation	Part 3.5 of the OPGGS Act
Regulations	N/A
Guidelines	N/A
Factsheets	GHG Search Authority, Special Authority and Research Consent (Authorities Factsheet)
	Updated licensing requirements for petroleum and greenhouse gas activities following the Federal Court ruling in the Commissioner of Taxation v Shell Energy Holdings Australia Limited
	Signatures - Execution of NOPTA forms by companies (Signatures Factsheet)
FAQ	Title requirements for undertaking exploration operations and other activities outside of a title area
Application form	Greenhouse gas search authority
Application fee	Yes (section 427 of the OPGGS Act)
Other	Applications should be lodged at least 3 months prior to the commencement of operations to allow for timely approvals.
	Greenhouse Gas Search Authorities cannot be granted over blocks that are subject to an existing petroleum exploration permit, retention lease or production licence, or a greenhouse gas assessment permit, holding lease or injection licence (subsection 407(1) of the OPGGS Act).

#### Required information:

Checklist	Description	Provided
1	A correctly completed application form executed in accordance with the Signatures Factsheet.	
2	An application must specify the following (subsection 407(2) of the OPGGS Act):	
	the operations relating to:	
	<ul> <li>the exploration for potential greenhouse gas storage formations</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>the exploration for potential greenhouse gas injection sites</li> </ul>	
	• the block or blocks within which the applicant proposes to carry on those operations.	

Checklist	Description	Provided
1	Details of the proposed greenhouse gas operations should include the expected duration, objective of the proposed greenhouse gas operation and a brief description of the methodology of the proposed greenhouse gas operation.	



Checklist	Description	
2	• Identify the 1:1 million map sheet(s) and graticular block number(s) for the area in which the greenhouse gas operations will be undertaken (e.g. where data will be acquired). Clearly identify the block or blocks that are the subject of the application.	
	• A map that shows the area in which the greenhouse gas operations will be undertaken and clearly identifies the block or blocks that are the subject of the application. If showing a broader operational area, this should be clearly differentiated from the acquisition area.	
	• Shapefile, Geodatabase file and/or a spreadsheet with the coordinate listings (and datum) detailing the area that is the subject of this application.	
3	Evidence of consultation with relevant Commonwealth Agencies and stakeholders (see <u>Authorities</u> <u>Factsheet</u> and <u>Attachment A</u> ).	
4	For foreign companies not registered in Australia, a statement confirming that it has considered the requirements of Part 5B.2 of the Australian <i>Corporations Act 2001</i> (Cth), and that it is of the view that it complies with that legislation.	
5	A statement of any other matters that the applicant wishes to be considered.	



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### Greenhouse gas special authority

In making an application under section 415 of the OPGGS Act, please refer to following guidance.

Overview:	
Legislation	Part 3.6 of the OPGGS Act
Regulations	N/A
Guidelines	N/A
Factsheets	Signatures - Execution of NOPTA forms by companies (Signatures Factsheet)
	Updated licensing requirements for petroleum and greenhouse gas activities following the Federal Court ruling in the Commissioner of Taxation v Shell Energy Holdings Australia Limited
	GHG Search Authority, Special Authority and Research Consent (Authorities Factsheet)
FAQ	Title requirements for undertaking exploration operations and other activities outside of a title area
Application form	Greenhouse gas special authority
Application fee	Yes (section 695L of the OPGGS Act)
Other	Only details of the area or graticular block(s) in which data or samples will be recorded or acquired or the greenhouse gas operations conducted needs to be provided. Broader operational areas such as where vessels will be manoeuvred but data/samples not acquired will not be included in the grant of a greenhouse gas special authority.
	If the proposed greenhouse gas operation intersects a greenhouse gas title that has a different Joint Venture structure from the authorising title, a greenhouse gas special authority will be required.

#### Required information:

Checklist	Description	Provided
1	A correctly completed application form executed in accordance with the Signatures Factsheet	
2	The application must specify the following (subsection 415(2) of the OPGGS Act):	
	the operations that the applicant proposes to carry on; and	
	• the area or graticular block(s) in which the applicant proposes to carry on those operations.	

Checklist	Description	
1	Applicants should address the 'application requirements' outlined in the <u>Authorities Factsheet</u> and include:	
	• the duration for the greenhouse gas special authority being sought (section 414 of the OPGGS Act); and	
	• The reason the applicant requires a greenhouse gas special authority to access area/s outside the authorising title to effectively exercise its rights and for the proper performance of its duties as the registered holder of the authorising title (paragraph 416(b) of the OPGGS Act); and	
	• any impact to the work program of the authorising greenhouse gas title where applicable.	
2	Details as to how the grant of the special authority is necessary for the more effective exercise of the applicant's rights or performance of the applicant's duties in its capacity as a titleholder.	
3	Identify the:	



	<ul> <li>1:1 million map sheet(s) and graticular block number(s) for the area in which the greenhouse gas operations will be undertaken (e.g. where data will be acquired) and clearly identify the block(s) that are the subject of the application; or</li> <li>area coordinates if the application is in respect to a polygon.</li> </ul>	
4	<ul> <li>Provide a map showing the area in which the greenhouse gas operations will be undertaken (e.g. where data will be acquired) and clearly identifying:</li> <li>the authorising title; and</li> <li>the area/block(s) that are the subject of the application; and</li> <li>any vacant acreage block(s) intersected; and</li> <li>any in-force greenhouse gas title(s) intersected (other than the authorising title).</li> </ul>	
5	Provide Shapefile, Geodatabase file and/or a spreadsheet with the coordinate listings (and datum) detailing the area where the petroleum operation/s will be carried out.	
6	Written consents/ingress agreements of the relevant registered titleholders affected by the proposed special authority (see <u>Authorities Factsheet</u> ) to satisfy the consultation requirements of section 417 of the OPGGS Act.	
7	If applicable evidence of consultation with relevant Commonwealth Agencies and stakeholders (see <u>Authorities Factsheet</u> and <u>Attachment A</u> ).	
8	For foreign companies not registered in Australia, a statement confirming that it has considered the requirements of Part 5B.2 of the Australian <i>Corporations Act 2001</i> (Cth), and that it is of the view that it complies with that legislation.	
9	A statement of any other matters that the applicant wishes to be considered (section 428 of the OPGGS Act).	



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# Variation of greenhouse gas special authority

In making an application under section 418 of the OPGGS Act, please refer to following guidance.

#### Overview:

Legislation	Part 3.6 of the OPGGS Act
Regulations	N/A
Guidelines	N/A
Factsheets	GHG Search Authority, Special Authority and Research Consent (Authorities Factsheet)Updated licensing requirements for petroleum and greenhouse gas activities following the Federal Courtruling in the Commissioner of Taxation v Shell Energy Holdings Australia LimitedSignatures - Execution of NOPTA forms by companies (Signatures Factsheet)
FAQ	Title requirements for undertaking exploration operations and other activities outside of a title area
Application form	Variation of greenhouse gas special authority
Application fee	N/A
Other	Please allow at least 3 weeks from receipt of all relevant information for a decision to be made on a variation application.

#### Required information:

Checklist	Description	
1	A correctly completed application form executed in accordance with the Signatures Factsheet.	
2	The application must:	
	• set out the proposed variation; and	
	• specify the reasons for the proposed variation.	

Checklist	Description	Provided
1	Details of the proposed variation should include the km <sup>2</sup> , shot points, map sheet and graticular block number/s (as appropriate), and identify whether it intersects vacant acreage or any existing greenhouse gas title (other than the authorising title).	
2	<ul> <li>Provide a map showing the area in which the greenhouse gas operations will be undertaken (e.g. where data will be acquired or operations carried out) and clearly identifying:</li> <li>the authorising title; and</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>the area/block(s) of the existing greenhouse gas special authority; and</li> <li>the area/block(s) proposed to be varied into the existing greenhouse gas special authority; and</li> <li>any in-force greenhouse gas title(s) intersected (other than the authorising title).</li> </ul>	
3	Shapefile, Geodatabase file or a spreadsheet with the coordinate listings (and datum) detailing the proposed the area/block(s) to be varied into the existing greenhouse gas special authority.	
4	If applicable, written consents/ingress agreements of the relevant registered titleholders affected by the proposed greenhouse gas special authority variation (see <u>Authorities Factsheet</u> ) to satisfy the consultation requirements of section 419 of the OPGGS Act.	



Checklist	Description	Provided
5	If applicable evidence of consultation with relevant Commonwealth Agencies and stakeholders (see <u>Authorities Factsheet</u> and <u>Attachment A</u> ).	
6	A statement of any other matters that the applicant wishes NOPTA to consider.	



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## Greenhouse gas research consent

In making an application under section 425 of the OPGGS Act, please refer to following guidance.

#### Overview:

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Legislation	Part 3.7 of the OPGGS Act
Regulations	N/A
Guidelines	N/A
Factsheets	GHG Search Authority, Special Authority and Research Consent (Authorities Factsheet)
	Updated licensing requirements for petroleum and greenhouse gas activities following the Federal Court ruling in the Commissioner of Taxation v Shell Energy Holdings Australia Limited
	Signatures - Execution of NOPTA forms by companies (Signatures Factsheet)
Application form	Greenhouse gas research consent
Application fee	N/A
Other	Requests should be lodged at least 3 months prior to commencement of operations to allow for timely approvals

#### Required information:

Checkli	t Description	Provided
1	A correctly completed application form executed in accordance with the Signatures Factsheet.	

Checklist	Description	Provided
1	Details of the GHG exploration operations proposed to be carried out in the research investigation (section 425 of the OPGGS Act)	
2	Addressed the 'application requirements' outlined in Authorities Factsheet.	
3	Evidence of consultation with relevant Commonwealth Agencies and stakeholders (see <u>Authorities</u> <u>Factsheet</u> and <u>Attachment A</u> ).	
4	Shapefile, Geodatabase file and/or a spreadsheet with the coordinate listings (and datum) detailing the operational and acquisition areas.	
5	For foreign companies not registered in Australia, a statement confirming that it has considered the requirements of Part 5B.2 of the Australian <i>Corporations Act 2001</i> (Cth), and that it is of the view that it complies with that legislation.	



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# **Transfers and dealings**

# Approval of a dealing affecting a greenhouse gas title

In making an application under sections 539 and 540 of the OPGGS Act, please refer to following guidance.

#### Overview:

Legislation	Part 5.6 of the OPGGS Act	
Regulations	RMA Regulations	
Guidelines	Guideline: Transfers, Dealings, Change in Control and Other Titleholder Transactions (TAD Guideline)	
Factsheets	Petroleum Title Dealings – Supplementary Instruments (SI Factsheet)	
	Signatures - Execution of NOPTA forms by companies (Signatures Factsheet)	
Application form	Approval of a dealing affecting a greenhouse gas title	
Application fee	Yes (section 565A of the OPGGS Act)	
Other	Supplementary instrument(s) must be in a form prescribed under paragraph 12.02 of the <u>RMA</u> <u>Regulations</u> . Refer to the <u>SI Factsheet</u> for guidance.	

#### Required information:

Checklist	Description	Provided
1	A correctly completed application form executed in accordance with the Signatures Factsheet.	
2	Instrument evidencing the dealing (paragraph 540(1)(b) of the OPGGS Act). Note: Original instrument not required.	

Checklist	Description	Provided
1	Please refer to the TAD Guideline to ensure all elements of your application is addressed.	
2	Provide an overview of the transaction and the proposed order of registration (if applicable).	
3	In relation to each dealing instrument:	
	• a description and effect(s) of the dealing (in plain English) with reference to section 486 of the OPGGS Act	
	• the effective date(s)	
	• identify any related dealings (refer to sub regulation 12.02(2) of the RMA Regulations)	
	• if lodged later than 90 days after execution (section 491 of the OPGGS Act), or the date the title came into existence (section 503 of the OPGGS Act), provide details of why the lodgement is late or copy of prior acceptance of late lodgement)	
4	<b>If applicable,</b> provide confirmation of FIRB approval. If confirmation is not available at the time of submission, it may be provided separately once received. Applicants should be aware that the Titles Administrator will not make a decision on the application whilst a FIRB decision is pending.	



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### Approval of transfer of a greenhouse gas title

In making an application under sections 525 and 526 of the OPGGS Act, please refer to following guidance.

Overview:	
Legislation	Part 5.3 of the OPGGS Act
Regulations	RMA Regulations
Guidelines	Guideline: Transfers, Dealings, Change in Control and Other Titleholder Transactions (TAD Guideline)
	Guideline: Applicant Suitability (Suitability Guideline)
Factsheets	Signatures - Execution of NOPTA forms by companies (Signatures Factsheet)
	Financial Resources (Financial Resources Factsheet)
	Declaration of experience and disclosures (Declaration Factsheet)
FAQs	Declaration of experience and disclosures (Declaration FAQ)
Application form	Approval for transfer of a greenhouse gas title
Application fee	Yes (section 565A of the OPGGS Act)
Other	If the transfer is made in consideration of a dealing, that dealing must be submitted for approval and registration against the title.
	Please also refer to the:
	Form 8 Natural Person Declaration form – disclosures and experience
	Form 9 Body Corporate (Company) Declaration form – disclosures and experience
	Form 10 Declaration of change of circumstances of a registered titleholder or applicant (section 695YC)

#### Required information:

Checklist	Description	Provided
1	A correctly completed application form executed in accordance with the Signatures Factsheet.	
2	An instrument of transfer (paragraph 526(1)(b) of the OPGGS Act) in the form prescribed in Schedule 7 of the RMA Regulations, executed by:	
	(i) the registered holder or, if there are 2 or more registered holders, by each registered holder; and	
	(ii) the transferee or, if there are 2 or more transferees, by each transferee.	

Checklist	Description	Provided
1	Refer to the TAD Guideline to ensure all elements of your application are addressed.	
2	If lodged later than 90 days after execution (section 527 of the OPGGS Act), provide details of why the lodgement is late or copy of prior acceptance of late lodgement	
3	Provide details/a list of the person(s) to provide declarations (Forms 8 and 9) in conjunction with this application (refer to <u>Declaration Factsheet</u> ).	



Checklist	Description	Provided
4	In relation to <b>each</b> transferee, complete the relevant declaration of experience and disclosures ( <b>Forms 8 and 9</b> ) relating to past conduct and suitability of the transferee and its officers.	
	If a Form 8 or 9 has previously been made, the previous Form 8 or 9 can be referenced.	
	Refer to the <u>Suitability Guideline</u> and <u>Declaration Factsheet</u> .	
5	In relation to <b>each</b> transferee, provide details of technical advice that is or will be available to the transferee(s).	
	Where technical information has been provided to the Titles Administrator recently, and there has been no material change, the information does not need to be provided again. This must be stated in the application and a reference to the relevant documentation should be provided.	
6	In relation to <b>each</b> transferee, provide details of financial resources that are or will be available to the transferee(s). The details must include one of the following:	
	<ul> <li>a copy of (or link to) the transferee(s) current annual report including financial statements, or</li> <li>a copy of the most recent financial statements for each transferee.</li> </ul>	
	Where financial information has been provided to the Titles Administrator recently, and there has been no material change, the information does not need to be provided again. This must be stated in the application and a reference to the relevant documentation should be provided.	
	<b>Note:</b> If providing a related entity's annual report or financial statements, a description of the relationship between the transferee and the related entity is also required to be provided	
7	Where the technical and/or financial information has been provided previously and no material change has occurred.	
	Provide sufficient details to identify the previously submitted information.	
	Example text: Please refer to the Application submitted to NOPTA on [insert date] (NEATS ref: [insert NEATS reference]) for the documents in support of the requirements of the Applicant Suitability guidelines and fact sheets. Forms 8 and Form 9 Disclosures and Experience declarations and supporting data along with the Financial Self-Assessment tables provided on [insert date] are considered to be still valid as no material change has occurred.	
	Note: previously submitted information must have been submitted for that applicant entity.	
	Refer to the paragraph 1.6 of the Financial Resources Factsheet.	
8	Where the required technical and/or financial information provided is that of a related entity	
	Provide sufficient details to identify the relationship between the applicant and the related entity.	
	Example text: [insert Applicant name] is relying on its related entity [define relationship for example parent entity and/or ultimate holding entity] [insert name of entity(s)] for its financial and/or technical information (for example [insert reference to relevant documents i.e. current annual report, financial statements and/or summary of technical advice]).	
9	<b>If applicable,</b> provide confirmation of FIRB approval. If confirmation is not available at the time of submission, it may be provided separately once received. Applicants should be aware that the Titles Administrator will not make a decision on the application whilst a FIRB decision is pending.	



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# Applications related to all greenhouse gas titles

### Longer period for grant of a greenhouse gas title

In making a request under section 431 or 431A of the OPGGS Act, please refer to following guidance.

#### Overview:

Legislation	Part 3.8 of the OPGGS Act
Regulations	N/A
Guidelines	N/A
Factsheets	Signatures - Execution of NOPTA forms by companies (Signatures Factsheet)
Application form	Longer period for grant of a greenhouse gas title
Application fee	N/A
Other	Unless an extension of time is granted by the Responsible Commonwealth Minister or the Cross- Boundary Authority (as applicable), a request for a grant of title must be made within the timeframes specified in subsection 431(1) or 431A(1) of the OPGGS Act.

#### Required information:

Checklist	Description	Provided
1	A correctly completed application form executed in accordance with the Signatures Factsheet.	

Checklist		Description	Provided
	1	Copy of the offer document.	
	2	Reason(s) for seeking an extension of the offer period.	



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# Extension of time to lodge an application for renewal of a greenhouse gas title

In making an application under subsections 308(4), 311A(7), 347(4) or 350A(5) of the OPGGS Act, please refer to following guidance.

#### Overview:

OPGGS Act	
N/A	
N/A	
Signatures - Execution of NOPTA forms by companies (Signatures Factsheet)	
Extension of time to lodge an application for renewal of a greenhouse gas title	
N/A	
Unless an extension of time is granted by the Responsible Commonwealth Minister or the Cross- Boundary Authority (as applicable), an application to renew must be made within the timeframes specified in subsection 308(3), 311A(6), 347(3) or 350A(4) of the OPGGS Act (as applicable).	

#### Required information:

Checklis	t Description	Provided
1	A correctly completed application form executed in accordance with the Signatures Factsheet.	

Checklist	Description	Provided	
1	Reason(s) for longer period to lodge a renewal application (subsection 308(4), 311A(7), 347(4) or 350A(5) of the OPGGS Act as applicable).		



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### Request for grant of a greenhouse gas title

In making a request under section 431 or 431A of the OPGGS Act, please refer to following guidance.

#### Overview:

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Legislation	OPGGS Act	
Regulations	N/A	
Guidelines	N/A	
Factsheets	Signatures - Execution of NOPTA forms by companies (Signatures Factsheet)	
Application form	Request for grant of a greenhouse gas title	
Application fee	N/A	
Other	N/A	

#### Required information:

Checklist	Description	Provided
1	A correctly completed application form executed in accordance with the Signatures Factsheet.	

Checklist	Description	Provided
1	Copy of the offer document.	



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# Consent to surrender a greenhouse gas title

In making an application under section 441 of the OPGGS Act, please refer to following guidance.

#### Overview:

Legislation	Part 3.10 of the OPGGS Act
Regulations	Please refer to associated regulations for the particular title type
Guidelines	Please refer to associated guidelines for the particular title type
Factsheets	Signatures - Execution of NOPTA forms by companies (Signatures Factsheet)
Application form	Consent to surrender a greenhouse gas title
Application fee	Yes (section 695L of the OPGGS Act)
Other	Please also refer to the:
	Title instrument

#### Required information:

Checklist	Description	Provided
1	A correctly completed application form executed in accordance with the Signatures Factsheet.	

Checklist	Description	Provided
1	Reasons for requesting consent to surrender the permit/licence/lease.	
2	If applicable, an overview of all work completed within the title to date, including any above commitment work varied into the work program in accordance with section 436 of the OPGGS Act.	
3	For surrender of assessment permits, holding leases or injection licences, the Annual Titles Assessment Report for the year in which the surrender application is made (even if not yet due).	
4	A statement of any other matters that the applicant wishes to be considered.	



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# Notification of surrender of a greenhouse gas title

In making a notification under Part 3.10 of the OPGGS Act, please refer to following guidance.

#### Overview:

Legislation	Part 3.10 of the OPPGS Act
Regulations	N/A
Guidelines	N/A
Factsheets	Signatures - Execution of NOPTA forms by companies (Signatures Factsheet)
Application form	Notification of surrender of a greenhouse gas title
Application fee	N/A
Other	This form is for use when the Responsible Commonwealth Minister has given consent to the titleholders to surrender (subsection 443(2) of the OPGGS Act) the title <b>OR</b> for the purpose of surrendering a search authority or special authority (section 444 or 445 of the OPGGS Act).

#### Required information:

Checklist	Description	Provided
1	A correctly completed application form executed in accordance with the Signatures Factsheet.	



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### Withdrawal of a greenhouse gas application

In making a request for withdrawal of an application made under the OPGGS Act, please refer to following guidance.

#### Overview:

Legislation	OPGGS Act
Regulations	Please refer to associated regulations for the particular application/title type
Guidelines	Please refer to associated guidelines for the particular application/title type
Factsheets	Signatures - Execution of NOPTA forms by companies (Signatures Factsheet)
Application form	Withdrawal of a greenhouse gas application
Application fee	N/A
Other	N/A

#### Required information:

	Checklist	Description	Provided
ſ	1	A correctly completed application form executed in accordance with the Signatures Factsheet.	

Checklist	Description	Provided
1	Reason(s) for seeking withdrawal of an application.	



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# **NOPTA Forms Guidance – Company**

# **Company related applications**

### Change of company name

In making an application under section 535 of the OPGGS Act, please refer to following guidance.

#### Overview:

Legislation	Part 4.5 or 5.5 of the OPGGS Act
Regulations	N/A
Guidelines	Guideline: Transfers, Dealings, Change in Control and Other Titleholder Transactions (TAD Guideline)
Factsheets	Signatures - Execution of NOPTA forms by companies (Signatures Factsheet)
Application form	Change of company name
Application fee	N/A
Other	N/A

#### Required information:

Checklist	Description	Provided
1	A correctly completed application form executed in accordance with the Signatures Factsheet.	

Checkli	t Description	Provided
1	Certificate of registration on change of name or equivalent confirmation	



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### Change in control – Application for approval

In making an application under section 566C of the OPGGS Act, please refer to following guidance.

Overview:	
Legislation	Part 5A.2 of the OPGGS Act
Regulations	RMA Regulations
Guidelines	Guideline: Transfers, Dealings, Change in Control and Other Titleholder Transactions (TAD Guideline)
	<u>Guideline: Applicant Suitability</u> (Suitability Guideline)
Factsheets	Signatures - Execution of NOPTA forms by companies (Signatures Factsheet)
	Financial Resources (Financial Resources Factsheet)
	Declaration of experience and disclosures (Declaration Factsheet)
	Change in Control of a Registered Titleholder (CIC Factsheet)
FAQs	Declaration of experience and disclosures (Declaration FAQ)
	Change in control of a registered titleholder (CIC FAQ)
Application form	Change in control – Application for approval
Application fee	Yes (section 566M of the OPGGS Act)
Other	Please also refer to the:
	Form 8 Natural Person Declaration form – disclosures and experience
	Form 9 Body Corporate (Company) Declaration form – disclosures and experience
	• Form 10 Declaration of change of circumstances of a registered titleholder or applicant (section 695YC)

#### Required information:

Checklist	Description	Provided
1	A correctly completed application form executed in accordance with the Signatures Factsheet.	
2	Provide details of the change in control. This should include any available documentary evidence of the proposed transaction.	

Checklist	Description	Provided
1	Provide details/a list of the person(s) to provide declarations (Forms 8 and 9) in conjunction with this application (refer to <u>Declaration Factsheet</u> ).	
2	In relation to <b>each</b> person who will begin to control the registered holder, complete the relevant declaration of experience and disclosures ( <b>Forms 8 and 9</b> ) relating to past conduct and suitability of the person and its officers.	
	If a Form 8 or 9 has previously been made, the previous Form 8 or 9 can be referenced. Refer to the <u>Suitability Guideline</u> and <u>Declaration Factsheet</u> .	
3	Provide details of technical advice that will be available to the registered holder after the change in control has occurred.	



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Checklist	Description	Provided
4	Provide details of financial resources that will be available to the registered holder after the change in control has occurred. The details must include at least one of the following:	
	<ul> <li>a copy of (or link to) the registered holder's current annual report including financial statements, or</li> </ul>	
	a copy of the most recent financial statements of the registered holder	
	• where person(s) will begin to control the registered holder	
	<ul> <li>a copy of (or link to) the current annual report including financial statements of the person(s) who will begin to control, or</li> <li>a copy of the most recent financial statements for of the person(s) who will begin to control the registered holder.</li> </ul>	
	<b>Note:</b> If providing a related entity's annual report or financial statements, a description of the relationship between the registered holder and the related entity is also required to be provided.	
3	Where the technical and/or financial information has been provided previously and no material change has occurred.	
	Provide sufficient details to identify the previously submitted information.	
	Example text: Please refer to the Application submitted to NOPTA on [insert date] (NEATS ref: [insert NEATS reference]) for the documents in support of the requirements of the Applicant Suitability guidelines and fact sheets. Forms 8 and Form 9 Disclosures and Experience declarations and supporting data along with the Financial Self-Assessment tables provided on [insert date] are considered to be still valid as no material change has occurred.	
	Note: previously submitted information must have been submitted for that applicant entity.	
	Refer to the paragraph 1.6 of the Financial Resources Factsheet.	
4	Where the required technical and/or financial information provided is that of a related entity	
	Provide sufficient details to identify the relationship between the applicant and the related entity.	
	Example text: [insert Applicant name] is relying on its related entity [define relationship for example parent entity and/or ultimate holding entity] [insert name of entity(s)] for its financial and/or technical information (for example [insert reference to relevant documents i.e. current annual report, financial statements and/or summary of technical advice]).	
5	For Petroleum Production Licenses (only), please note that it is an offence to undertake an activity in the licence area that is not consistent with the accepted field development plan (regulation 4.03 of the RMA Regulations). Therefore, pursuant to regulation 4.08(1)(b) of the RMA Regulations (if applicable), please provide written evidence that upon approval of the change in control application:	
	<ul> <li>the person acquiring control of the registered titleholder agrees to continue operations in accordance with the current accepted field development plan of any production licence the person has acquired control of under this application; or</li> </ul>	
	• the production licensee intends to submit an application to the Titles Administrator for the Joint Authority to accept a variation of the field development plan, and that the person acquiring control of the registered titleholder agrees to continue operations in accordance with the current accepted field development plan of any production licence the person has acquired control of under this application until such time as the Joint Authority accepts such a variation.	
	Note: Written agreement must be executed in accordance with the principles set out in the <u>Signatures Factsheet</u> . (Signature blocks at the end of the application form may be copied for that purpose).	



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# **NOPTA Forms Guidance – Company**

### Change in Control – Notification of change in circumstances

In making a notification under section 566H of the OPGGS Act, please refer to following guidance.

Overview:	
Legislation	Part 5A.2 of the OPGGS Act
Regulations	N/A
Guidelines	Guideline: Transfers, Dealings, Change in Control and Other Titleholder Transactions Guideline: Applicant Suitability (Suitability Guideline)
Factsheets	Signatures - Execution of NOPTA forms by companies (Signatures Factsheet)         Financial Resources (Financial Resources Factsheet)         Declaration of experience and disclosures (Declaration Factsheet)         Change in Control of a Registered Titleholder (CIC Factsheet)
FAQs	Declaration of experience and disclosures (Declaration FAQ) Change in control of a registered titleholder (CIC FAQ)
Application form	Change in Control - Notification of change in circumstances
Application fee	N/A
Other	This form is for use when notifying the Titles Administrator of change in circumstances in relation to the person that materially affects any of the matters the Titles Administrator must have regard to under subsection 566D(4) of the OPGGS Act before or during the approval period for a change in control of a registered holder of a title (subsection 566H(1) of the OPGGS Act).
	<ul> <li>Please also refer to the:</li> <li>Form 8 Natural Person Declaration form – disclosures and experience</li> <li>Form 9 Body Corporate (Company) Declaration form – disclosures and experience</li> <li>Form 10 Declaration of change of circumstances of a registered titleholder or applicant (section 695YC)</li> </ul>

#### Required information:

Checklist	Description	Provided
1	A correctly completed application form executed in accordance with the Signatures Factsheet.	

Checklist	Description	Provided
1	Provide details of the change in circumstances.	
	Specifically, address whether the change in circumstances affects:	
	• the technical advice and financial resources available to the registered holder after the change in control takes effect to:	
	<ul> <li>carry out the operations and works that are authorised by the titles held by the registered holder; and</li> <li>discharge the obligations that are imposed under the OPGGS Act, or a legislative instrument under the OPGGS Act, in relation to those titles.</li> </ul>	
	• the matters specified in section 695YB of the OPGGS Act as they apply to a person who will begin to control the registered holder;	
	• if a person who will begin to control the registered holder is a body corporate—the matters specified in section 695YB of the OPGGS Act as they apply to an officer of the body corporate.	



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Checklist	Description	Provided
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2	If affected by the change in circumstances, provide details of technical advice that will be available to the registered holder after the change in control has occurred.	
3	If affected by the change in circumstances, provide details of financial resources that will be available to the registered holder after the change in control has occurred. The details must include one of the following:	
	• a copy of (or link to) the registered holder's current annual report including financial statements, or	
	a copy of the most recent financial statements of the registered holder	
	• where person(s) will begin to control the registered holder	
	• a copy of (or link to) the current annual report including financial statements of the	
	<ul> <li>person(s) who will begin to control, or</li> <li>a copy of the most recent financial statements for of the person(s) who will begin to control the registered holder</li> </ul>	
	<b>Note:</b> If providing a related entity's annual report or financial statements, a description of the relationship between the registered holder and the related entity is also required to be provided.	
4	Provide details/a list of the person(s) to provide declarations (Forms 8 and 9) in conjunction with this application (refer to <u>Declaration Factsheet</u> ).	
5	If affected by the change in circumstances, in relation to <b>each</b> person who will begin to control the registered holder, complete the relevant declaration of experience and disclosures (Forms 8 and 9) relating to past conduct and suitability of the person and its officers.	
	Refer to the <u>Suitability Guideline</u> and <u>Declaration Factsheet</u> .	
6	Where the technical and/or financial information has been provided previously and no material change has occurred.	
	Provide sufficient details to identify the previously submitted information.	
	Example text: Please refer to the Application submitted to NOPTA on [insert date] (NEATS ref: [insert NEATS reference]) for the documents in support of the requirements of the Applicant Suitability guidelines and fact sheets. Forms 8 and Form 9 Disclosures and Experience declarations and supporting data along with the Financial Self-Assessment tables provided on [insert date] are considered to be still valid as no material change has occurred.	
	Note: previously submitted information must have been submitted for that applicant entity.	
	Refer to the paragraph 1.6 of the Financial Resources Factsheet.	
7	Where the required technical and/or financial information provided is that of a related entity	
	Provide sufficient details to identify the relationship between the applicant and the related entity.	
	Example text: [insert Applicant name] is relying on its related entity [define relationship for example parent entity and/or ultimate holding entity] [insert name of entity(s)] for its financial and/or technical information (for example [insert reference to relevant documents i.e. current annual report, financial statements and/or summary of technical advice]).	



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# **NOPTA Forms Guidance – Company**

## Notification of change in control

In making a notification under Part 5A.2 of the OPGGS Act, please refer to following guidance.

#### Overview:

Legislation	Part 5A.2 of the OPGGS Act	
Regulations	N/A	
Guidelines	N/A	
Factsheets	Signatures - Execution of NOPTA forms by companies (Signatures Factsheet)	
FAQs	Change in control of a registered titleholder (CIC FAQ)	
Application form	Notification of change in control	
Application fee	N/A	
Other	This form is for use when notifying the Titles Administrator that a change in control of a registered holder of a title has taken effect (section 566K, 566P or 566Q of the OPGGS Act).	

#### Required information:

Checklist	Description	Provided
1	A correctly completed application form executed in accordance with the Signatures Factsheet.	

Checklist	Description	Provided
1	Evidence that the change in control has taken effect	



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### **NOPTA Forms Guidance – Greenhouse Gas**

# **Attachment A: Schedule of stakeholders**

Commonwealth Agencies and Native Title Stakeholders

Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) Technical Regulation and Carrier Infrastructure Section Tel: 1300 850 115 Email: <u>subcablesenquiries@acma.gov.au</u> http://www.acma.gov.au/

#### Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA)

Policy, Environment, Economics and Research Section Tel: +61 2 6225 5555 Email: <u>petroleum@afma.gov.au</u> www.afma.gov.au

Australian Hydrographic Office

Hydrographic Information Management Section Tel: +61 2 4223 6590 Email: <u>datacentre@hydro.gov.au</u> http://www.hydro.gov.au/

Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) Email: <u>NavSafety@amsa.gov.au</u> http://www.amsa.gov.au

Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water Parks Australia: https://parksaustralia.gov.au/marine/about/ https://parksaustralia.gov.au/marine/activities/do-i-need-an-approval/mining/ Email: marineparksauthorisations@dcceew.gov.au Sea Dumping: seadumping@dcceew.gov.au Underwater cultural heritage: UnderwaterHeritage@dcceew.gov.au

**Department of Defence - Property Management Branch** Email: <u>offshore.petroleum@defence.gov.au</u>

Maritime Border Command Email: <u>MBCtaskrequests@abf.gov.au</u> https://www.abf.gov.au/about-us/what-we-do/border-protection/maritime

#### Native Title Stakeholders

National Native Title Tribunal (NNTT): <u>http://www.nntt.gov.au/Pages/Home-Page.aspx</u><sup>1</sup> Email: <u>enquiries@nntt.gov.au</u> Native Title Representative Bodies and Service Providers (NTRB and NTSP) contact list: <u>https://www.niaa.gov.au/indigenous-affairs/land-and-housing/native-title-representative-bodies-and-service-providers</u> NTRB and NTSP Map: <u>http://www.nntt.gov.au/Maps/RATSIB\_map.pdf</u>

**Note:** applicants and titleholders must have regard to the requirements under section 460 of the OPGGS Act and are also required to engage with NOPSEMA regarding submission and acceptance of permissioning documents prior to undertaking any projects or activities under the OPGGS Act.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The NNTT is an information source to identify native title claimants, native title holders, Native Title Representative Bodies and Native Title Service Providers