

Invitation for Public Comment

Northern Endeavour Phase 1 Decommissioning, Timor Sea, Commonwealth, Department of Industry, Science and Resources (DISR) (EPBC 2022/09327)

Publication of Preliminary Documentation under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act)

The following notice is published pursuant to Section 95A(3) of the EPBC Act.

The Commonwealth Department of Industry, Science and Resources (DISR) propose the Phase 1 decommissioning of the Northern Endeavour floating production, storage, and offtake vessel (FPSO) and associated fields, to disconnect the FPSO to enable towing in the Timor Sea approximately 550 km west-northwest from Darwin.

The proposed action was determined to be a controlled action under the EPBC Act with assessment by Preliminary Documentation. The matters protected by a provision of Part 3 of the EPBC Act include:

- Listed threatened species and communities (sections 18 & 18A)
- Listed migratory species (sections 20 & 20A)
- Commonwealth action (section 28)

Public comments are invited on the Northern Endeavour Phase 1 Decommissioning Preliminary Documentation. The submission period **commences on 1 May 2023** and will **close on 12 May 2023**. A copy of the draft Preliminary Documentation for the proposed action is available on the DISR consultation hub at <https://consult.industry.gov.au/northern-endeavour-phase-1-decommissioning>. Submissions can also be made via the consultation hub.

Alternately, you can make a submission directly via email or post. To do this, your submission must reference the project number **EPBC 2022/09327** and be lodged at the following email or postal address **no later than COB 12 May 2023**.

Email: NEConsultation@industry.gov.au

Post: Attn Northern Endeavour Branch
Department of Industry, Science and Resources
GPO Box 2013, Canberra, ACT, 2601

Hard copies of the draft Preliminary Documentation for the proposed action are available at the Darwin City Library, 17 Harry Chan Avenue Darwin City NT 0800, and the Northern Territory Department of the Environment, Parks and Water Security, Level 1, 16 Parap Road, Parap Northern Territory 0820.

If you have accessibility requirements, please contact NEConsultation@industry.gov.au for assistance.

Further information on the assessment process under the EPBC Act is available from the website <https://www.dcceew.gov.au/environment/epbc/approvals>