

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

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

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The following notice is published pursuant to Section 95B(2) 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 in the Timor Sea, located approximately 550 km west-northwest from Darwin, and to disconnect the FPSO to enable commencement of towing.

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 on the Northern Endeavour Phase 1 Decommissioning Preliminary Documentation were sought between 1 May and 12 May 2023. A total of four submission were received during this period.

As required under the EPBC Act, the final Preliminary Documentation is now available for information (not for comment). It will be published for a period of ten business days, from 16 June to 30 June 2023.

Final Preliminary Documentation can be accessed electronically on the DISR consultation hub at <https://consult.industry.gov.au/northern-endeavour-phase-1-decommissioning> .

Hard copies of the final Preliminary Documentation are also available to be viewed at the following locations from 16 June 2023:

- 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.

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