



Australian Government

Department of Climate Change, Energy,
the Environment and Water

Variation of conditions attached to approval

Development of 25 coal seam gas wells and associated infrastructure (ATP1188 Anya), 30 km west of Dalby, Queensland (EPBC 2015/7463)

This decision to vary conditions of approval is made under section 143 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

Approved action

approval holder	Queensland Gas Company Ltd (QGC) ABN: 089 642 553
approved action	Development of 25 coal seam gas wells and associated infrastructure (ATP1188 Anya), 30 km west of Dalby, Queensland [See EPBC Act referral 2015/7463].
period for which the approval has effect	This approval as effect until 3 March 2052.
controlling provisions	The controlling provisions for this action are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listed threatened species and ecological communities (sections 18 and 18A, EPBC Act)

Variation

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date of effect	This variation has effect on the date this instrument is signed.

Person authorised to make decision

name and position	Rachel Short Branch Head Environment Assessments (Vic and Tas) and Post Approvals Branch Environment Regulation Division
signature	
date of decision	23 December 2025

date of decision	conditions attached to approval
Original dated 17 Mar 2017	1) For the protection of EPBC Act listed threatened species and communities , the approval holder must not take the proposed action outside the project area .
Original dated 17 Mar 2017	2) The approval holder must not clear more than: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 54 hectares (ha) of Koala (<i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i>) (combined populations of Qld, NSW and the ACT) habitat;
As varied on the date this instrument was signed	b. Revoked.
Original dated 17 Mar 2017	c. 5.4 ha of Yakka Skink (<i>Egernia rugosa</i>) habitat; and d. 3.4 ha of Dunmall's Snake (<i>Furina dunmalli</i>) habitat.
Original dated 17 Mar 2017	2A) The approval holder must avoid all habitat for the vulnerable Five-clawed Worm-Skink (<i>Anomalopus mackay!</i>) in the project area .
Original dated 17 Mar 2017	3) The approval holder must update the Constraints Planning and Field Development Protocol QCLNG-BX00-ENV-PLN-000023, Revision 5, November 2015 (Protocol) approved under conditions 3 to 6 attached to EPBC approval 2008/4398 to include the project area and reflect the commitments made in the preliminary documentation . The updated Protocol must be submitted to the Department for the Minister's written approval prior to the commencement of the action. The approved Protocol must be implemented.
Original dated 17 Mar 2017	4) To manage impacts to EPBC Act listed threatened species and communities , the approval holder must implement the significant species management plans included in the preliminary documentation .
Original dated 17 Mar 2017	5) The approval holder must submit an Offset Management Plan for the written approval of the Minister . The approval holder must ensure that environmental offsets comply with the principles of the EPBC Act Environmental Offsets Policy . The Offset Management Plan must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. an environmental offset for impacts to the Koala (<i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i>) (combined populations of Qld, NSW and the ACT); b. a detailed baseline description of the offset area, including surveys undertaken and the condition of existing Koala habitat; c. how the offset areas provide connectivity with other habitats and biodiversity corridors; d. performance and completion criteria for evaluating the management of the offset area, and criteria for triggering remedial action (if necessary); e. a description of the management measures that will be implemented for the improvement of Koala habitat proposed in the preliminary documentation; f. details demonstrating that the management actions and measures proposed take into account relevant conservation advice; g. a program to monitor and report on the effectiveness of these management actions and measures against performance and completion criteria; and h. a timeline for when actions identified in the Offset Management Plan will be implemented for the offset area and the proposed mechanism to legally secure the offset area as required under condition 7.

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<i>Original dated 17 Mar 2017</i>	6) The approval holder must not commence the action until the Offset Management Plan is approved by the Minister in writing. The approved Offset Management Plan must be implemented.
<i>Original dated 17 Mar 2017</i>	7) The approval holder must register and legally secure , in accordance with Queensland legislation, offsets for impacts described in the Offset Management Plan within two (2) years of the commencement of the action.
Administrative Conditions	
<i>Original dated 17 Mar 2017</i>	8) Within 20 days after the commencement of the action, the approval holder must advise the Department in writing of the actual date of commencement .
<i>Original dated 17 Mar 2017</i>	9) The approval holder must maintain accurate records substantiating all activities associated with or relevant to the conditions of approval, including measures taken to implement the management plans and the Protocol required by this approval, and make them available upon request to the Department . Such records may be subject to audit by the Department or an independent auditor in accordance with section 458 of the EPBC Act , or used to verify compliance with the conditions of approval. Summaries of audits will be posted on the Department's website. The results of audits may also be publicised through the general media.
<i>As varied 1 May 2023</i>	10) Within 60 business days of the preceding annual compliance reporting period, the approval holder must publish a report (the Annual Compliance Report) on its website describing compliance with each of the conditions of this approval, including implementation of any management plans as specified in the conditions (and the Protocol required under condition 3) during the previous 12 months. Documentary evidence providing proof of the date of publication and non-compliance with any of the conditions of this approval must be provided to the Department on the same day in which the compliance report is published. The approval holder must continue to publish the Annual Compliance Report each year until such time as agreed to in writing by the Minister .
Note: The annual compliance reporting period is the period between 22 October and 21 October on any two given subsequent years.	
<i>Original dated 17 Mar 2017</i>	11) The approval holder must report any contravention of the conditions of this approval to the Department within five (5) business days of the approval holder becoming aware of a contravention.
<i>Original dated 17 Mar 2017</i>	12) Upon the direction of the Minister , the approval holder must ensure that an independent audit of compliance with the conditions of approval is conducted and a report submitted to the Minister . The approval holder must not commence the audit until the Minister approves the independent auditor and audit criteria in writing. The audit report must address the criteria to the satisfaction of the Minister .
<i>Original dated 17 Mar 2017</i>	13) The approval holder may choose to revise a plan approved by the Minister under conditions 3 and 4 without submitting it for approval under section 143A of the EPBC Act , if the taking of the action in accordance with the revised plan would not be likely to have a new or increased impact . If the approval holder makes this choice they must:

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	<p>a. notify the Department in writing that the approved plan has been revised and provide the Department, at least four weeks before implementing the revised plan, with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. an electronic copy of the revised plan; ii. an explanation of the differences between the revised plan and the approved plan; and iii. the reasons the approval holder considers the taking of the action in accordance with the revised plan would not be likely to have a new or increased impact.
<i>Original dated 17 Mar 2017</i>	<p>13A) The approval holder may revoke its choice under condition 13 at any time by notice to the Department. If the approval holder revokes the choice to implement a revised plan, without approval under section 143A of the EPBC Act, the plan approved by the Minister must be implemented.</p>
<i>Original dated 17 Mar 2017</i>	<p>13B) If the Minister gives a notice to the approval holder that the Minister is satisfied that the taking of the action in accordance with the revised plan would be likely to have a new or increased impact, then:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. condition 13 does not apply, or ceases to apply, in relation to the revised plan; and b. the approval holder must implement the plan approved by the Minister. <p>To avoid any doubt, this condition does not affect any operation of conditions 13 and 13A in the period before the day the notice is given.</p> <p>At the time of giving the notice, the Minister may also notify that for a specified period of time that condition 13 does not apply for one or more specified plans required under the approval.</p>
<i>Original dated 17 Mar 2017</i>	<p>13C) Conditions 13, 13A and 13B are not intended to limit the operation of section 143A of the EPBC Act which allows the approval holder to submit a revised plan to the Minister for approval.</p>
<i>Original dated 17 Mar 2017</i>	<p>14) If, at any time after five (5) years from the date of this approval, the approval holder has not commenced the action, then the approval holder must not commence the action without the written agreement of the Minister.</p>
<i>Original dated 17 Mar 2017</i>	<p>15) Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister, the approval holder must publish all management plans referred to in these conditions of approval (including the Protocol required under condition 3) on its website. These documents must be published on the website within one month of being approved by the Minister or being submitted under condition 13.i. All published reports must remain on the website for the lifetime of the approval unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister.</p>

date of decision	definitions attached to approval
As varied 1 May 2023	Business days means a day that is not a Saturday, a Sunday or a public holiday in the state or territory of the Action
Original dated 17 Mar 2017	Commence/commencement: The first instance of any specified activity associated with the proposed action, including clearance of vegetation or construction of any infrastructure. Commencement does not include minor physical disturbance necessary to undertake pre-clearance surveys or monitoring programs or to protect environmental and property assets from fire, weeds and pests.
Original dated 17 Mar 2017	Conservation advice: A conservation advice approved by the Minister under section 266B(2) of the EPBC Act .
Original dated 17 Mar 2017	Constraints Planning and Field Development Protocol QCLNG-BX00-ENV-PLN-000023, Revision 5, November 2015 (Protocol): The most recent version of the Protocol approved by the Department under conditions 3 to 6 of EPBC approval 2008/4398 (revision 5, dated November 2015).
Original dated 17 Mar 2017	Department: The Australian Government Department or agency responsible for administering the EPBC Act from time to time.
Original dated 17 Mar 2017	EPBC Act: The <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (Cth).
Original dated 17 Mar 2017	EPBC Act Environmental Offsets Policy (2012): The EPBC Act Environmental Offsets Policy (October 2012), or subsequent revision, including the Offsets Assessment Guide. Available at: www.environment.gov.au/epbc/publications/epbc-act-environmental-offsets-policy .
As varied on the date this instrument was signed	EPBC Act listed threatened species and communities: A threatened flora or fauna species listed under the EPBC Act and/or an endangered ecological community listed under the EPBC Act for which this approval has effect, including the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Koala (<i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i>) (combined populations of Qld, NSW and the ACT); • Yakka Skink (<i>Egernia rugosa</i>); • Dunmall's Snake (<i>Furina dunmalli</i>); and • Five-clawed Worm-skink (<i>Anomalopus mackay</i>).
Original dated 17 Mar 2017	Impact's: As defined in section 527E of the EPBC Act .
Original dated 17 Mar 2017	Koala habitat: As described in <i>EPBC Act referral guidelines for the vulnerable koala (combined populations of Qld, NSW and the ACT)</i> , Commonwealth of Australia, 2014.
Original dated 17 Mar 2017	Legally secure: Secure a covenant or similar legal agreement in relation to a site to provide enduring protection for the site against development incompatible with conservation.
Original dated 17 Mar 2017	Minister: The Minister administering the EPBC Act and includes a delegate of the Minister .
Original dated 17 Mar 2017	New or increased impact: A new or increased impact on any matter protected by the controlling provisions for the action, when compared to the environmental impact or risk resulting from implementing the plan that has been approved by the Minister .
Original dated 17 Mar 2017	Preliminary documentation: The <i>Anya Project, Department of the Environment Preliminary Documentation Response</i> (August 2016). QGC Pty Ltd. As provided to the Department of the Environment
Original dated 17 Mar 2017	Project area: Authority to Prospect (ATP) 1188 on Lot/Plan 4FTY475, 30 km west of Dalby, Queensland. As described in the preliminary documentation and shown by the blue boundary at <u>Attachment A</u> .

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<i>As varied 1 May 2023</i>	Website means a set of related web pages located under a single domain name attributed to the approval holder and available to the public



Annexure

Date issued	Annexure
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17 March 2017

Attachment A

