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Wheatstone Project
Construction and Operation of LNG and Domestic Gas Plant and Onshore and Offshore Facilities
Final EIS/Response to Submissions on the ERMP
EPBC 2008/4469

Chevron Australia Pty Ltd (Chevron), as operator of the Wheatstone Project (Project), proposes to construct and operate a multi-train Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) and domestic gas (domgas) plant near Onslow on the Pilbara coast, WA, to process gas from fields located approximately 145 km offshore in the West Carnarvon Basin.

The Project will require the installation of gas gathering, export and processing facilities in Commonwealth and State waters and on land. The associated LNG processing plant, port, accommodation and support facilities will be located at the Ashburton North Strategic Industrial Area approximately 12 km south-west of the town of Onslow in Western Australia. The LNG plant will have a maximum capacity of 25 million tonnes per annum (MTPA). The Project domgas plant is expected to have a capacity equal to approximately 15 per cent of LNG sales. Domestic gas will be delivered to the Western Australian market via the Dampier-to-Bunbury natural gas pipeline.

Following referral of the Project in September 2008, the Commonwealth Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (DEWHA), (now the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Community [SEWPaC]) and the Environmental Protection Authority of Western Australia (EPA) determined that the proposed Project should be formally assessed at the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) level under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) and the Environmental Review and Management Programme (ERMP) level under the Western Australian *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act), respectively.

The relevant matters protected under Part 3 of the EPBC Act are:

- Listed threatened species and communities (sections 18 and 18A)
- Listed migratory species (sections 20 and 20A)
- Commonwealth marine areas (section 23 and 24A).

The Draft EIS/ERMP was made available for a public review period of ten weeks from July 26, 2010 until October 4, 2010. The Final EIS/Response to Submissions on the ERMP responds to public and government agency submissions and describes Project changes that have occurred since the public release of the Draft EIS/ERMP. Chevron proposes that these changes are unlikely to significantly increase any environmental impact. It also examines the likely environmental effects and associated environmental management procedures proposed. SEWPaC and the EPA will assess the Final EIS/Response to Submissions on the ERMP before reporting to relevant ministers for a final decision on whether the Project should be approved and if so, under what conditions.

Section 104(4) of the EPBC Act requires Chevron to publish the Final EIS/Response to Submissions on the ERMP. Hard copies of the Final EIS/Response to Submissions on the ERMP may be purchased for \$10 (including postage and packaging) or a CD version is available free of charge from:

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The Final EIS/Response to Submissions on the ERMP may be downloaded from www.chevronaustralia.com.

Copies of the Final EIS/Response to Submissions on the ERMP will be available for examination for a period of 20 business days until April 6, 2011 at the following locations:

- Department of Environment and Conservation
Library/Reading Room, 4th Floor, The Atrium
168 St Georges Terrace, Perth, WA 6000
- JS Battye Library of West Australian History
Perth Cultural Centre
25 Francis Street, Northbridge, WA 6000
- Department of Environment and Conservation
Regional Office, Lot 3, Anderson Road
Karratha Industrial Estate, Karratha, WA 6714
- Department of Environment and Conservation District Office
Exmouth District
20 Nimitz Street, Exmouth, WA 6707
- Shire of Ashburton Public Libraries:
 - Onslow (Shire Office, Second Avenue)
 - Tom Price (Community Centre)
 - Paraburdoo (Paraburdoo Shopping Complex)
 - Pannawonica (Pannawonica Drive)
- Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Community Library
John Gorton Building
King Edward Terrace, Parkes, ACT 2600