



## Commonwealth Fact Sheet



### OFFSHORE PETROLEUM AND GREENHOUSE GAS STORAGE ACT 2006

*If your project involves petroleum or greenhouse gas (GHG) storage activities in Commonwealth waters, you must obtain approvals and comply with the health and safety, well integrity and environmental management requirements of the Act.*

#### 1. What approvals do I need?

All petroleum (exploration and recovery) and greenhouse gas (injection and storage) activities in Commonwealth waters require a Petroleum or GHG Title (**Titles**). Titleholders have rights to apply for approvals for exploration surveys and, except for short term titles, well appraisal and drilling operations.

All offshore projects are required to submit an Offshore Project Proposal (OPP) to National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA) for approval.

Further information on the approval process is available on the NOPSEMA website [here](#)

You may need to submit the following documentation to NOPSEMA for assessment:

- Safety case
- Well operations management plan (WOMP)
- Environment plan
- Diving safety management system
- Diving project plan

#### 2. Who provides approvals?

The National Offshore Petroleum Titles Administrator (**NOPTA**) administers Titles, including data management under the *Offshore Petroleum and*

*Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006*. The decision maker is the relevant offshore Joint Authority or the responsible Commonwealth Minister

**NOPSEMA** regulates offshore petroleum and GHG storage operations in Commonwealth waters under the same Act.

Petroleum activities that occur within three nautical mile limit are regulated by the relevant state authorities.

#### 3. How do I get Commonwealth approval?

Guidance for Titles is available on the NOPTA [website](#)

Guidelines and applications for [Safety Cases](#), [WOMPs](#) and [Environment Plans](#) are available from the NOPSEMA [website](#).

#### 4. More information

##### Commonwealth

NOPSEMA have offices in Perth and Melbourne. Contact details are [here](#).

##### Major Projects Facilitation Agency

If you would like assistance to identify the regulatory obligations for your project, please visit our [Online Tool](#) or contact us:

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