



Brief: Equinor Lodges Revised EP with Regulator (NOPSEMA).

1.1 Key Points

- Equinor has provided NOPSEMA with a revised EP in response to its Request for Further Written Information.
- Equinor has taken the necessary time to prepare the requested information for the regulator and improved the EP.
- Equinor is focused on meeting NOPSEMA's regulatory requirements to support its EP assessment process.
- Equinor remains on track to drill the Stromlo-1 exploration well in the summer of 2020.

Equinor has today lodged its revised environment plan for the Stromlo-1 petroleum exploration well with the regulator, the National Offshore Safety Environment Management Authority (NOPSEMA). The environment plan is a 1500-page technical, scientific and evidence-based document which shows our careful planning for safe operations. It has been revised and improved following a request by the regulator for additional information.

In 2017 Equinor assumed full equity of licence area EPP39, located in the Great Australian Bight. We plan to drill one exploration well in the licence area, located 400km offshore from Ceduna.

The lodgement of the revised EP signals Equinor's successful progression through the environmental approval process.

The regulator now has 30 days to respond to Equinor. It can seek additional time and then make one of four decisions: it can request further written information; ask Equinor to modify and re-submit the EP; accept the EP; or refuse to accept the EP.

In response to stakeholder requests and to further build trust, Equinor was the first company to publish its full draft environment plan online for public comment in February this year. The plan was updated following the process and lodged with the regulator on 23 April 2019.

Equinor has attended more than 400 meetings with more than 200 organisations across southern Australia and beyond to discuss the EP with interested stakeholders. This has included representatives from the fishing, tourism and small business sectors. Equinor has a strong track record of operating in safe and co-existence with these industries in Norway.

Equinor remains committed to the opportunity to explore the Great Australian Bight, which we consider to be a highly prospective asset in our global exploration portfolio. We continue to engage with stakeholders and local communities to share details of our plans. Once all regulatory approvals are in place, we plan to start drilling in the summer of 2020/2021.

1.2 Q&A

Q: Will this impact on **Equinor's plans to drill the Stromlo-1 well?**

A: No. Equinor remains on track to drill the Stromlo-1 exploration well in the summer of 2020.

Q: What was included in the RFFWI?

A: A RFFWI by NOPSEMA is common part of the assessment process of environment plans for offshore exploration projects. The regulator uses the request to seek clarification on elements of the environment plan.

Q: Will the updated Environment Plan be available on Equinor’s website?

A: The Draft Environment Plan is currently available to download on Equinor’s website. The final version of the Environment Plan will be available to download on the website at the end of the assessment process by the regulator.

Relevant link on NOPSEMA’s website.

https://info.nopsema.gov.au/home/under_assessment

Link to Equinor’s Draft Environment Plan including EP in Brief and Q&As.

<https://www.equinor.com/en/where-we-are/gabproject.html>

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Community Engagement by the numbers

Meetings 	400 More than 400 meetings held to discuss the Environment Plan	NGOs 	4 Ongoing engagement with 4 NGO's- Greenpeace, The Wilderness Society, Sea Sheppard, Fight for the Bight.	States 	5 Consultation with five state agency on project planning and response requirements.
Organisations 	200 Met with more than 200 sperate organizations to discuss Environment Plan	Public Information Sessions		Community Meetings 	
		170	More than 170 participants met with subject matter experts during public information sessions.	36	Meetings have been held in more than 36 communities across Southern Australia
Nations Covered 	2 Meetings have been held with stakeholders in both Norway and Australia	Indigenous 	5/5 We have had a number of meetings with the five South Australian related native titled groups	Government 	18 We've met Federal, 2x State, >15x municipal governments from both Government and opposition.

Timeline

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
EQ 100% operatorship EPP39/40	EP preparation	Develop EP	Q4 Oil spill modelling map released Q1 EP public comment Submit EP	Q2 EQ, AGM Q3 EP Revised Re-submit EP Q4 EP Approval (target) Drill Stromlo-1
	Relevant persons stakeholder engagement	ongoing stakeholder engagement	Stakeholder information sessions	Ongoing stakeholder engagement
	Ongoing communications		External communications External/internal communications External/internal communications	Ongoing communications