

4.0 STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

This PER and associated appendices make reference to both the Approved Gorgon Gas Development and the Revised Gorgon Gas Development, which is the subject of this PER. For clarification purposes, the following definitions are provided:

- ◆ “the Approved Gorgon Gas Development” or “the Approved Development” refers to the development proposed in the EIS/ERMP (Chevron Australia 2005a) and subsequently approved under Statement No. 748 and EPBC Reference: 2003/1294
- ◆ “the Gorgon Gas Development Revised and Expanded Proposal” or “the Revised Gorgon Gas Development” or “the Revised Proposal” refers to the development proposed in this PER, which is yet to gain approval
- ◆ “the Gorgon Gas Development” refers to the entire proposal. This descriptor may be used when the reference is being made to elements of “the Revised Proposal” described in the PER when they replace the elements of “the Approved Development” which have changed to create the final product as proposed in this PER.

As part of the PER process, the GJVs have actively engaged and informed a range of government and community stakeholders. This interaction allows stakeholders to develop an awareness of the Revised Proposal, and contribute to the public review process.

4.1 Identification of Stakeholders

Key stakeholders identified and consulted during the preparation of the PER document included:

Key Government agencies

- ◆ Environmental Protection Authority Service Unit (EPA SU) (WA)
- ◆ Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) (WA)
- ◆ Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (DEWHA) (Commonwealth)
- ◆ Department of Industry and Resources (DoIR) (WA)
- ◆ Department for Planning and Infrastructure (DPI) (WA)
- ◆ Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism (DRET) (Commonwealth)
- ◆ Department of Fisheries (WA)
- ◆ Conservation Commission of Western Australia (WA)
- ◆ Office of Development Approvals Coordination (ODAC) (WA)

Local Government Authorities

- ◆ Shire of Ashburton
- ◆ Shire of Roebourne

Community and Non-government Organisations (NGOs)

- ◆ Conservation Council of WA
- ◆ Worldwide Fund for Nature
- ◆ Australian Conservation Foundation
- ◆ Greenpeace

- ◆ Marine and Coastal Communities Network
- ◆ Waterbird Conservation Group
- ◆ Wildflower Society of Western Australia
- ◆ Australian Marine Conservation Society
- ◆ Western Australian Naturalists' Club
- ◆ Western Australian Weeds Committee
- ◆ Royal Society of Western Australia
- ◆ Pilbara Wildlife Carers Association
- ◆ Western Australian Speleological Group
- ◆ Wilderness Society of WA
- ◆ Environmental Weeds Action Network of WA
- ◆ Birds Australia (Western Australia Group)
- ◆ Care for Hedland Environmental Association
- ◆ Cape Conservation Group
- ◆ Nickol Bay Naturalists Club
- ◆ Humane Society International
- ◆ Chamber of Commerce and Industry WA
- ◆ Chamber of Minerals and Energy Western Australia
- ◆ Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association
- ◆ Chevron Onslow Community Reference Group

4.2 Form and Timing of Consultation

The Revised Proposal is not expected to pose any significant new or additional risks to the biodiversity and physical environment values of Barrow Island and its waters over that already approved. Consequently, relevant issues raised during the GJVs stakeholder consultation program undertaken during the Approved Development EIS/ERMP process (which commenced in 2002) have been taken into consideration in the formulation of the environmental investigations, and the scope of the assessment and preparation of the PER for the Revised Proposal.

A broad range of engagement methods were employed for the EIS/ERMP consultation process to ensure the process was inclusive and comprehensive. Engagement methods included: technical workshops; briefings and meetings; Barrow Island site visits; conferences and forums; media announcements; newsletters; and the Gorgon Project website. Stakeholders engaged included: Western Australian and Commonwealth Ministers, their advisors and agencies; regional government agencies and authorities; conservation organisations; industrial interests and organisations; and academic and scientific organisations. Key matters raised by stakeholders during the EIS/ERMP consultation process were addressed in the EIS/ERMP document.

In addition, various forms of consultation were employed to ensure broad awareness and opportunity for stakeholders to contribute to the PER process. The Referral and Environmental Scoping Documents have been made available on the Gorgon Project's website (www.gorgon.com.au) and details of the PER process have been featured in the Gorgon Project's newsletter, which is emailed to over 700 recipients each quarter.

During the preparation of the PER document (August 2008), a letter was sent to those environmental NGOs and interest groups consulted during the EIS/ERMP preparation and assessment process for the Approved Development, The letter offered to discuss the PER process with any of the groups. This communication ensured that these groups had opportunity to prepare for the proposed PER public review period in September – October 2008.

A toll-free telephone enquiry line (1800 782 957) and email address (gorgon.info@chevron.com) were established during the preparation of the PER document to allow feedback and queries to be raised directly with Gorgon Project team.

A summary of the consultation undertaken to date for the PER process is contained in Table 4.1.

Table 4.1: Summary of Community and NGO Consultation Undertaken to August 2008

Date	Stakeholder	Purpose
31 July 2008	Conservation Council of WA	Contact to highlight referral and PER process; currently awaiting meeting time to suit Conservation Council.
4 August 2008	Conservation Commission of WA	Contact to highlight referral and PER process, meeting in September.
5 August 2008	Worldwide Fund for Nature	Contact to highlight referral and PER process, currently awaiting meeting time to suit WWF.
6 August 2008	Australian Conservation Foundation (WA)	Correspondence to inform the organisation of the PER process and seek any feedback or enquiries
6 August 2008	Greenpeace	Correspondence to inform the organisation of the PER process and seek any feedback or enquiries
6 August 2008	Marine and Coastal Communities Network Waterbird Conservation Group Wildflower Society of Western Australia Australian Marine Conservation Society Western Australian Naturalists' Club Western Australian Weeds Committee Royal Society of Western Australia Pilbara Wildlife Carers Association Western Australian Speleological Group Wilderness Society of WA Environmental Weeds Action Network of WA Birds Australia (Western Australia Group) Care for Hedland Environmental Association Cape Conservation Group Nickol Bay Naturalists Club Humane Society International Chamber of Commerce and Industry WA	Correspondence to inform the organisation of the PER process and seek any feedback or enquiries

Date	Stakeholder	Purpose
	Chamber of Minerals and Energy Western Australia Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association	

4.3 Stakeholder Comments and Responses of Proponent

Issues raised by the various stakeholders during the Approved Development EIS/ERMP process that are relevant to the Revised Proposal have also been addressed in this PER, and specifically, the following studies investigated key areas of concern:

- ◆ **Dredge plume modelling study:** to determine the changes that may occur as a result of the revision of the dredging program.
- ◆ **Coastal process studies:** to determine the potential impact of the Revised Proposal marine infrastructure on coastal processes on the beaches adjacent to Town Point and the adjacent near-shore environment.
- ◆ **Air quality assessment:** to enable impact assessment of the addition of a third train to the Approved Development Gas Treatment Plant being constructed as part of the Revised Proposal.
- ◆ **Carbon dioxide migration or release to the surface or near-surface environment analysis:** to determine if there is any significant change to the likelihood and/or consequence of potential failure modes associated with the disposal of reservoir carbon dioxide by underground injection into the Dupuy Formation as a result of the Revised Proposal in comparison with the Approved Development.
- ◆ **Physical interaction and physical presence of infrastructure with sea turtles analysis:** to determine baseline sea turtle usage of the beaches near the marine infrastructure with the objective of assessing the significance of any effects the Revised Proposal marine facilities may have on sea turtle population viability.
- ◆ **Light assessment study:** to enable an assessment of the potential impacts of the additional light emissions from the Revised Proposal.
- ◆ **Noise assessment study:** to enable an assessment of the potential impacts of the additional noise emissions from the Revised Proposal.

4.4 Ongoing Consultation

The GJVs will continue to inform stakeholders through the remainder of the environmental assessment/approval process and also post-approval as the Project progresses. The Gorgon Project's newsletter will continue to feature updates on progress with regard to PER commitments, and the website will feature documents and content to inform the community of project-related activities.