

## MARINE TURTLE EXPERT PANEL

### SUMMARY OF INTRODUCTORY MEETING

**Date:** 17th December 2008, 9.00am to 12.45pm  
**Location:** QV1 Building, Level 30 – Conference Room 30:23  
**Subject:** Gorgon Marine Turtle Expert Panel (MTEP) – Meeting #1  
**Attendees:** All panel members other than those for whom apologies are noted. Mr Bernard Bowen attended as a guest.  
**Apologies:** Mr Russell Lagdon, Dr Kirstin Dobbs and Dr Mark Hamann

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#### Project Update

An update on the status of the Gorgon Project was provided, including the reason behind the shift from the approved 10 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) development concept to the current 15 MTPA development concept. The change to the Project's development concept and production capacity includes the addition of another 5 MTPA LNG train, an increase in the rate of carbon dioxide injection, modification to the marine offloading facility, jetty, turning basin, and greater use of modularisation. These changes have required the Project to proceed through an additional formal environmental assessment, set at a Public Environmental Review (PER) level of assessment, by the State and Commonwealth. The PER has progressed through the public review period and Chevron is in the process of compiling responses to submissions.

#### Governance

##### MTEP Overview

The Chair provided an overview of the establishment of the three Expert Panels (Quarantine, Construction Dredging Environmental and Marine Turtles Expert Panels). The Chair provided further details on the MTEP role and responsibilities and his expectations of Panel Members, the activities of the Panel and importance of these activities to the Project.

Panel Member's attention was drawn to the requirements of the Ministerial Statement No. 748 and EPBC 2003/1294 as the activities and role of the Panel shall be guided by these documents.

##### Lessons Learnt from Past Gorgon Expert Panel

Dr Bernard Bowen, the past Gorgon Quarantine Expert Panel and Advisory Committee Chair, was invited to provide the Panel with his views of the success and lessons learnt from the past Quarantine Expert Panel and Advisory Committee. Dr Bowen explained how these have or should be applied to the new Expert Panels and made the key observations.

##### Terms of Reference & Operating Guidelines

The Chair explained the content and structure of the MTEP Terms of Reference and each of the key provisions was reviewed. Support was obtained for the Terms of Reference content with some amendments suggested.

The Chair also explained the content of the Expert Panel Operating Guidelines and went through each of the key provisions. The Expert Panel Operating Guidelines were reviewed and support was obtained for its content with some amendments suggested.

An explanation as to the relationship between MIS No. 748 and EPBC 2003/1294 approval documents and their conditions was provided.

## Long Term Marine Turtle Management Plan

An overview of the framework and timeline for review of the Long-term Turtle Management Plan was provided and the key elements explained. The information covered was per the presentation material provided at the Meeting.

It was confirmed that while the Management Plans apply to the whole of the Island it focuses on areas identified as potentially high risk; for example there will be monitoring on the northwest beaches but less than the east coast beaches. Similarly, it was confirmed that foraging turtles would also be considered in the Management Plans.

Clarification was provided on the timing of the preparation and submission of the Management Plans. The latest that all Management Plans need to have been approved by the Minister is June 2009. Due to the large number and various other dependencies and interdependencies the Plans will be progressively prepared and submitted. Therefore the Panel must review and provide advice no later than end of April. It was agreed that the draft Long-term Turtle Management Plan, and any other Management Plans, need to be provided to the Panel two weeks prior to any meeting to ensure adequate time is available to review these documents.

### Marine Turtle Expert Panel Members

The Gorgon Marine Turtle Expert Panel comprises the following Panel Members:

<b>Panel Member's Role</b>	<b>Panel Member</b>	<b>Panel Member's Alternate</b>
Independent Chairperson	Mr Simon Woodley	
Independent Expert	Dr Mark Hamann	
Independent Expert	Dr Scott Whiting	
Independent Expert	Dr Col Limpus	
Agency Subject Matter Expert - DEWHA	Dr Kirstin Dobbs	
Agency Subject Matter Expert - DEC	Mr Keith Morris	Mr Kevin Crane
Proponent Representative	Mr Russell Lagdon	Dr Julia Martin
Proponent Representative	Dr Dorian Moro	Dr Stephanie Turner
Proponent Representative	Dr Kellie Pendoley	