

QUARANTINE EXPERT PANEL

SUMMARY OF MEETING #2

Date: 22nd January 2009, 12.30pm to 3.30pm
Location: DEC Offices, Karratha
Subject: Gorgon Quarantine Expert Panel – Meeting #2
Attendees: All panel members other than those for whom apologies are noted. No guests were in attendance.
Apologies: Dr Stephanie Turner and Mr Richard Stoklosa

Terms of Reference

The Chair advised that the QEP Terms of Reference had been revised to reflect the input of the QEP and the other Panels in relation to their respective Terms of Reference. The Expert Panel Chairmen have collectively endorsed each Panel's Terms of Reference and endorsed the submission of the current revision to the Minister for Environment for her consideration.

Operating Guidelines

The Chair advised that the Expert Panel Operating Guidelines had been revised to reflect the input of the QEP and the other Panels. Wording of the Operating Guideline has also been discussed with the DEC's Director General and the updated version reflects this discussion. The changes were predominantly administrative to address the questions raised and points of clarity sought by Panel members. The Chair informed the Panel that the Operating Guidelines have been finalised and executed by the three Expert Panel Chairs.

Consistency of Advice to Minister

The Chair expanded on the outcome of the discussion between the three Chairs and DEC's Director General. Agreement was reached on the benefit and desirability of the QEP and the DEC endeavour to provide consistent advice to the Minister. However, it was acknowledged that both entities were independent of the other and reserves the right to form their own advice. It was agreed that if differences arose an appropriate briefing would be provided to the Minister.

Quarantine Management System (QMS)

The Chair noted that the purpose of the QEP's visit to Barrow Island and the Project's current and proposed mainland supply base facilities was intended to give a clear practical overview and understanding of the potential challenges and proposed management strategies, which have led to the development of the QMS.

QMS Overview

Chevron explained their response to the comments made by Panel members on the QMS Basis of Design. While the majority of comments were noted for incorporation, those that would not be incorporated were explained in detail.

The Panel discuss the QMS in relation to clarification on the efficiencies and effectiveness of data collection for monitoring and reporting purposes. A consensus was reached that this should be separate to Audit requirements (section 16.3) and Performance Monitoring (section 16.4) but cross reference to each of these made. It was suggested that Chevron consider inserting a new section dealing with Data Collection and Analysis be incorporated under Objectives, Targets and Key Performance Indicators (Section 7). Once the QMS Overview has been updated to reflect these comments it will be provided to DEC for their consideration and comments.

Advice to Minister and Proponent on QMS

A detailed review of the draft Advice to State Minister for Environment and Proponent was undertaken by the Panel. Each section in the document was discussed and content confirmed by

the Panel. Clarification was sought from Chevron on a number of items throughout the draft document and discussed amongst the Panel.

Any Other Business

The provision of available funds for recruitment of DEC staff to enable DEC to establish staff on Barrow Island at the commencement of construction was raised for further discussion. The Panel deliberated whether this was a matter for consideration by the Panel (i.e. part of its scope). Given the mixed views it was agreed that the Chair would seek clarification from DEC's Director General and the Proponent on whether the QEP should consider this matter further.