

Environment Plan consultation information

What are the consultation requirements?

When preparing Environment Plans, titleholders must identify and consult with 'relevant persons'. This is a legal requirement under Regulation 25 of the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Environment) Regulations 2023 (Environment Regulations) during the preparation of an Environment Plan.

The regulator, the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA), has specific guidance on how relevant persons should be consulted. This guidance can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

In summary, information must be provided to all relevant persons to enable them to make an informed assessment of how the proposed offshore activity may affect their functions, interests and activities. Relevant persons must have a reasonable period to review the information and provide feedback on each proposed activity.

As the titleholder, we will assess the merits of any feedback, objections or claims in our Consultation Report, which is lodged with the regulator.

What does consultation involve?

In the course of preparing its Environment Plans, Vermilion consults with relevant persons to provide an opportunity for their input to inform planning for our proposed activities.

This feedback is vital to help us understand and assess the potential environmental and community impacts of our proposed activities and potential risks.

Feedback could relate to the potential impacts of the activity on the relevant person or organisation and their functions, interests and activities.

What is the purpose of consultation?

The purpose of consultation is to give relevant persons an opportunity to provide input into:

- our understanding of the existing environment which may be affected by the proposed activities, including the cultural features of that environment
- how the proposed activities might impact the existing environment (including its cultural features), and
- how controls and mitigation measures may be adopted to protect what is important to you.

Consultation is designed to ensure relevant persons are given sufficient information and a reasonable period of time to make an informed assessment of the possible consequences of the proposed activity. It is also intended to inform our understanding of the environment.

As part of consultation, Vermilion will consider and adopt measures where appropriate in response to feedback provided by relevant persons. These actions will then inform the management of any potential environmental impacts and risks to which the proposed activities and Environment Plans relate.

What should I do if I want to be included in consultation?

If you would like to be consulted, please contact abu.consultation@vermilionenergy.com to provide us with your contact details and an indication of your functions, interests or activities that may be affected by the proposed activities in the Wandoo Field.

Through the course of developing our Environment Plans, we will make reasonable attempts to assist you in making an informed assessment of the potential consequences of the activity to you.

What should I do if I don't want to be consulted?

If you have been contacted by Vermilion and don't want to participate in consultation as part of developing our Environment Plans, please tell us in writing that you wish to opt out of consultation for each of the proposed activities. You can write to us at abu.consultation@vermilionenergy.com. Your decision to opt out of consultation can be reversed prior to the consultation by contacting us at the same email address.

What happens if I don't respond to the information provided to me through the consultation process?

We will attempt to contact you more than once using available contact methods to gather any feedback. We will then submit the Environment Plans to NOPSEMA once a reasonable period for consultation has passed, considering the nature of the activity and feedback received.

How will the consultation feedback be used?

Consultation feedback is included in our Environment Plan submitted to the regulator, as required under the relevant legislation.

Feedback from relevant people informs the control measures we propose to reduce potential impacts and risks presented by the proposed activities.

Who can I provide my feedback to or register for consultation?

To give feedback on our proposed activities, please contact us at abu.consultation@vermilionenergy.com



Relevant person information

Am I a relevant person and how do I know if I am one?

You may be a relevant person if you or your organisation has interests, operations, or activities that may be affected by offshore oil exploration and drilling activities proposed under our Environment Plans for the Wandoo Field.

Vermilion's methodology for the assessment of relevant persons is based on (but not limited to) the environment that may be affected (EMBA) assessed for the activity. An EMBA is the largest area where a petroleum activity could potentially have an environmental consequence, either directly or indirectly. The broadest extent of the EMBA considers planned activities and unplanned events and is individual to each proposed activity.

As part of our consultation activities, we are seeking to contact relevant persons. However, if you are a community member, traditional owner, or business owner who may be affected by our offshore activities and have not already been contacted, we want to hear from you. Some examples of relevant persons may include (but are not limited to):

- offshore petroleum and greenhouse gas companies and peak bodies
- Traditional Owners and First Nations peoples and communities
- Government agencies and regulators
- fishing peak bodies and fishers
- environmental groups and organisations
- other marine users and industries, and
- members of the public.

Contact abu.consultation@vermillionenergy.com to register your details and receive information about our Environment Plans.

What are my rights and obligations as a relevant person?

As a relevant person, you may request that the information you provide during the consultation remain confidential. This information must still be included in the Environment Plans submitted to NOPSEMA as 'sensitive information'. Environment Plans published by NOPSEMA on its website do not contain any information deemed as sensitive.

Someone I know may be a relevant person. What should I do?

Please share this information with them and encourage them to contact abu.consultation@vermillionenergy.com.

Wandoo environmental planning information

What is Wandoo?

The Wandoo Field is located approximately 80km northwest of Dampier and 110km northeast of Barrow Island, Western Australia. It is located in Commonwealth waters within the Carnarvon Basin.

The oil field was discovered in 1991 and the extraction of oil began in 1993. However, Vermilion has been the operator of the Wandoo Facility since November 2005 and the sole titleholder since 2007.

It operates at a water depth of 55m and produces crude oil. Production is from two operated offshore platforms, one of which is permanently staffed.

What activities is Vermilion proposing?

Next year Vermilion wants to submit two Environment Plans for exploration activities that will help us keep producing from the Wandoo Field, which has been producing for 20 years.

Further information about the activities Vermilion is proposing can be found here: www.vermillionenergy.com/our-operations/australia/wandoo-consultation-activities.

What is an Environment Plan?

Under the Environment Regulations, an Environment Plan accepted by the NOPSEMA is required for all offshore petroleum activities.

An Environment Plan outlines information about the proposed activity such as:

- How the activity may potentially impact the environment.
- Measures to be employed to mitigate risks and impacts to as low as reasonably practical and acceptable levels.
- A record of consultation undertaken.
- Preparedness for emergencies.
- Information on how environmental performance will be monitored.



What is the environment that may be affected?

The environment that may be affected (EMBA) represents the largest, merged area of many potential paths that a highly unlikely oil spill could travel based on predictions around weather, currents, and other conditions at the time. An EMBA is not a predicted impact of a single oil spill, which would be much smaller, and the extent and path of the impact of a spill would only be known at the time it occurred.

This means the area the EMBA covers includes locations where planned activities and unplanned events could potentially occur.

What is oil spill modelling?

While offshore oil spills are extremely rare, titleholders must prepare for and be ready to respond to them. Oil spill modelling involves running many (sometimes hundreds) computer simulations of oil spill scenarios to predict the behaviour of oil under different conditions, including weather and sea conditions, tides, and times of year.

In the model, the oil responds to these conditions and behaves differently in each simulation. Every simulation is overlaid on top of the next, allowing statistical analysis of the possible area the oil spill could travel in the highly unlikely event that a spill occurs.

The boundary drawn around all of these simulations combined creates the EMBA. The models process the information based on an assumption there is no emergency response, which would of course not be the case in a real emergency.

This oil spill modelling helps us to develop our oil spill emergency management plans and assists in preparedness and response planning. The many simulations used to underpin our planning are estimates and predictions only. It is not possible to exactly predict the outcome until the exact weather and other conditions are known if an oil spill event occurs.

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