



**ENVIRONMENTAL ANNUAL RETURN**

**EPBC 2015/7463- ANYA PROJECT**

The Anya Project, which authorises the development of 25 CSG coal seam gas wells and associated infrastructure within the project area was approved by the Department of Environment and Energy (DoEE), on 17 March 2017.

Under EPBC approval 2015/7463 (**the Approval**), the holder of the approval is required to publish an Annual Return addressing compliance with the below conditions on its website within three months of every anniversary of the commencement of the action.

This document is QGC’s Annual Return for referral approval, EPBC 2015/7463 – Anya Project for the period from 21 August 2018 to 20 August 2019 (**the Reporting Period**).

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## 1.0 BACKGROUND

### 1.1 The Anya Project

The Anya Project is located within 30 km west of Dalby Queensland's Surat Basin.

The development comprises 25 wells which will be connected by gas and water gathering lines to existing approved QCLNG project infrastructure. In particular, the Field Compressor Station (FCS) and regional storage pond in the neighbouring David block to the west. All gas and water from this development will then be transferred to QGC's existing and approved Ruby Jo Central Processing Plant (CPP) and Kenya Water Treatment Plant (WTP) respectively. All of this infrastructure is already approved and operational (EPBC 2008/4398).

The infrastructure project involves:

- ▶ Well development (including construction of a well pad and access tracks, drilling and completion of wells and installation of down-hole and surface facilities, potentially including temporary flares); and
- ▶ Installation of the gathering system (including the trenching or ploughing of a network of gas and water pipelines to collect gas and water produced at each well and transfer it to gas and water management facilities. This may also include installation of fibre-optic and electrical cables).

### 1.2 Project Activities during the reporting Period

During this reporting period, QGC completed the construction of the infrastructure within Anya Project Area. All wells are currently operational.

Operational activities include:

- ▶ Well operation and maintenance;
- ▶ Gathering system and maintenance; and
- ▶ Access road maintenance.

## 2.0 CONCLUSION

In compiling this annual return, QGC has not identified any new instances of non-compliance with the conditions of EPBC approval 2015/7463. **Appendix A** of this report provides details of compliance with each of the approval conditions.



**APPENDIX A ANYA PROJECT AREA – EPBC 2015/7463 – ASSESSMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH  
CONDITIONS**



Condition		Statement of Compliance	Status
<b>Conditions of Approval</b>			
1.	For the protection of EPBC Act listed threatened species and communities, the approval holder must not take the proposed action outside the project area.	The project area is confined to the area identified at Attachment A of the approval.	Ongoing
2.	The approval holder must not clear more than: a) 54 hectares (ha) of Koala ( <i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i> ) (combined populations of QLD, NSW and the ACT) habitat; b) 5 ha of Kogan Waxflower ( <i>Philotheca sporadica</i> ) habitat; c) 5.4 ha of Yakka Skink ( <i>Egernia rugosa</i> ) habitat; and d) 3.4 ha of Dunmall's Snake ( <i>Furina dunmalli</i> ) habitat.	The clearance limits stated in this condition have not been exceeded.	Ongoing
2A	The approval holder must avoid all habitat for the vulnerable Five-clawed Worm-Skink ( <i>Anomalopus mackayi</i> ) in the project area.	Works have been conducted in accordance with the Significant Species Management Plan 1- <i>Anomalopus mackayi</i> (Five-clawed Worm-Skink).  QGC has not identified any occurrence of Five-clawed Worm-Skink within Anya Project Area.	Ongoing
3.	The approval holder must update the Constraints Planning and Field Development Protocol QCLNG-BXOO-ENV-PLN-000023, Revision 5, November 2015 (Protocol) approved under conditions 3 to 6 attached to EPBC approval 2008/4398 to include the project area and reflect the commitments made in the preliminary documentation. The updated Protocol must be submitted to the Department for the Minister's written approval prior to the commencement of the action. The approved Protocol must be implemented.	QGC has updated the Constraints Planning and Field Development and submitted to the Department for Minister's approval on 6 June 2017.  The Constraints Planning and Field Development- QGC upstream Project Revision 7 was approved by the Minister on 13 July 2017.	Ongoing
4.	To manage impacts to EPBC Act listed threatened species and communities, the approval holder must implement the significant species management plans included in the preliminary documentation.	The Significant Species Management Plans are implemented.	Ongoing
5.	The approval holder must submit an Offset Management Plan for the written approval of the Minister. The approval holder must ensure that environmental offsets comply with the principles of the EPBC Act Environmental Offsets Policy. The Offset Management Plan must include: a) an environmental offset for impacts to the Koala ( <i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i> ) (combined populations of QLD, NSW and the ACT); b) a detailed baseline description of the offset area, including surveys undertaken and the condition of existing Koala habitat; c) how the offset areas provide connectivity with other habitats and biodiversity corridors;	In accordance with this condition, QGC has prepared and submitted the Anya Koala Offset Management Plan on 15 May 2015.  Following comments received from the Department, the plan was updated and resubmitted on 11 July 2017.	Ongoing



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	<p>d) performance and completion criteria for evaluating the management of the offset area, and criteria for triggering remedial action (if necessary);            e) a description of the management measures that will be implemented for the improvement of Koala habitat proposed in the preliminary documentation;            f) details demonstrating that the management actions and measures proposed take into account relevant conservation advice;            g) a program to monitor and report on the effectiveness of these management actions and measures against performance and completion criteria; and            h) a timeline for when actions identified in the Offset Management Plan will be implemented for the offset area and the proposed mechanism to legally secure the offset area as required under condition 7.</p>	<p>The Anya Project Koala Offset Management Plan, rev 3, was approved by the Department on 13 July 2017.</p>	
6.	<p>The approval holder must not commence the action until the Offset Management Plan is approved by the Minister in writing. The approved Offset Management Plan must be implemented.</p>	<p>The Anya Project Koala Offset Management Plan, rev 3, was approved by the Department on 13 July 2017.            Commencement of the action within Anya Project occurred on 21 August 2017.</p>	Ongoing
7.	<p>The approval holder must register and legally secure, in accordance with Queensland legislation, offsets for impacts described in the Offset Management Plan within two (2) years of the commencement of the action.</p>	<p>Commencement of action occurred on 21 August 2017. QGC has submitted the application to legally secure the area in accordance with Queensland legislation. QGC received an initial offer of voluntary declaration by the Department of Natural Resources and Mines and Energy on 22 August 2019. This was accepted by QGC and the site is now legally secured.</p>	Fulfilled
8.	<p>Within 20 days after the commencement of the action, the approval holder must advise the Department in writing of the actual date of commencement.</p>	<p>Commencement of action occurred on 21 August 2017. QGC advised the Department of the actual date of commencement on 22 August 2018.</p>	Fulfilled
9.	<p>The approval holder must maintain accurate records substantiating all activities associated with or relevant to the conditions of approval, including measures taken to implement the management plans and the Protocol required by this approval, and make them available upon request to the Department. Such records may be subject to audit by the Department or an independent auditor in accordance with section 458 of the EPBC Act, or used to verify compliance with the conditions of approval. Summaries of audits will be posted on the</p>	<p>Records of all documentation relating to Anya Project approval is available upon request.             QGC has not received any audit request from the Department during the reporting period.</p>	Ongoing



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	Department's website. The results of audits may also be publicised through the general media.		
10.	Within three months of every 12 month anniversary of the commencement of the action, the approval holder must publish a report (the Annual Compliance Report) on its website describing compliance with each of the conditions of this approval, including implementation of any management plans as specified in the conditions (and the Protocol required under condition 3) during the previous 12 months. Documentary evidence providing proof of the date of publication and non-compliance with any of the conditions of this approval must be provided to the Department at the same time as the compliance report is published. The approval holder must continue to publish the Annual Compliance Report each year until such time as agreed to in writing by the Minister.	This annual compliance report satisfied this condition. The report will be published on QGC's website by 20 November and documentation evidence will be provided to the Department.	Ongoing
11.	The approval holder must report any contravention of the conditions of this approval to the Department within five (5) business days of the approval holder becoming aware of a contravention.	No contraventions with the conditions of this approval have been identified during the reporting period.	Ongoing
12.	Upon the direction of the Minister, the approval holder must ensure that an independent audit of compliance with the conditions of approval is conducted and a report submitted to the Minister. The approval holder must not commence the audit until the Minister approves the independent auditor and audit criteria in writing. The audit report must address the criteria to the satisfaction of the Minister.	QGC has not received any direction of the Minister to conduct an independent audit of compliance with the conditions of this approval.	Not triggered
13.	The approval holder may choose to revise a plan approved by the Minister under conditions 3 and 4 without submitting it for approval under section 143A of the EPBC Act, if the taking of the action in accordance with the revised plan would not be likely to have a new or increased impact. If the approval holder makes this choice they must: a) notify the Department in writing that the approved plan has been revised and provide the Department, at least four weeks before implementing the revised plan, with: i. an electronic copy of the revised plan; ii. an explanation of the differences between the revised plan and the approved plan; and iii. the reasons the approval holder considers the taking of the action in accordance with the revised plan would not be likely to have a new or increased impact.	QGC has not revised any of the plans approved by the Minister under this approval during the reporting period.	Not triggered



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13 A.	The approval holder may revoke its choice under condition 13 at any time by notice to the Department. If the approval holder revokes the choice to implement a revised plan, without approval under section 143A of the EPBC Act, the plan approved by the Minister must be implemented.	See condition 13.	Not triggered
13B.	If the Minister gives a notice to the approval holder that the Minister is satisfied that the taking of the action in accordance with the revised plan would be likely to have a new or increased impact, then: a) condition 13 does not apply, or ceases to apply, in relation to the revised plan; and b) the approval holder must implement the plan approved by the Minister. To avoid any doubt, this condition does not affect any operation of conditions 13 and 13A in the period before the day the notice is given. At the time of giving the notice, the Minister may also notify that for a specified period of time that condition 13 does not apply for one or more specified plans required under the approval.	See conditions 13 and 13 A.	Not triggered
13 C.	Conditions 13, 13A and 13B are not intended to limit the operation of section 143A of the EPBC Act which allows the approval holder to submit a revised plan to the Minister for approval.	Noted. In accordance with condition 3, QGC has updated the Constraints Planning and Field Development and submitted to the Department for Minister's approval. The Constraints Planning and Field Development- QGC Upstream Project Revision 7 was approved by the Minister on 13 July 2017.	Ongoing
14.	If, at any time after five (5) years from the date of this approval, the approval holder has not commenced the action, then the approval holder must not commence the action without the written agreement of the Minister.	Action has commenced on 21 August 2017.	Fulfilled
15.	Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister, the approval holder must publish all management plans referred to in these conditions of approval (including the Protocol required under condition 3) on its website. These documents must be published on the website within one month of being approved by the Minister or being submitted under condition 13. i. All published reports must remain on the website for the lifetime of the approval unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister.	All approved plans have been published on the the website within one month of the approval.  Please refer to <a href="https://www.shell.com.au/about-us/projects-and-locations/qgc/environment/environment-management/management-plans.html">https://www.shell.com.au/about-us/projects-and-locations/qgc/environment/environment-management/management-plans.html</a>	Ongoing



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