

QGC MIDSTREAM | ENVIRONMENTAL ANNUAL RETURN

EPBC 2008/4401 – MARINE FACILITIES

SCOPE AND APPLICATION

The then Minister for Sustainability Environment, Water, Population and Communities (now the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment) approved action relating to the Queensland Curtis LNG Project on 22 October 2010. Under EPBC approval 2008/4401 (the approval), QGC is required to submit an Annual Return addressing compliance with the conditions of the approval. The Annual Return must be published on the QGC website within 20 business days of the anniversary date of the approval.

This document is QGC’s Annual return for referral approval, EPBC 2008/4401 – Marine Facilities for the period from 22 October 2020 to 21 October 2021 (the Reporting Period).

Condition 49 of the approval requires that the Annual Return:

- Address compliance with the conditions;
- Record any unavoidable adverse impacts on MNES, mitigation measures applied to avoid adverse impacts on MNES; and any rehabilitation work undertaken in connection with any unavoidable adverse impact on MNES;
- Identify all non-compliances with these conditions; and
- Identify any amendments needed to management plans to achieve compliance with these conditions.

This report complies with these requirements.

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1.0 BACKGROUND

1.1 The Queensland Curtis LNG Project

The Queensland Curtis Liquefied Natural Gas Project, commonly referred to as the QCLNG Project, extracts coal seam gas from Southern Queensland, transports it via pipeline to Curtis Island, where it is processed into Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) for export.

1.2 Regulatory Environment

QGC's LNG Project is regulated at the state and federal government level. Queensland's Coordinator General granted approval for the project on 26 June 2010 and the then Commonwealth Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (the Minister) granted approval for the project on 22 October 2010.

The Queensland Coordinator-General's Report on the environmental impact statement for the QCLNG Project was released pursuant to s.35 of the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971* (QLD). This report imposed conditions on the project that QGC is required to meet during construction and operation. The report contains conditions governing the project relating to:

- The transport of plant, equipment, materials and people;
- Social impacts including affordable housing and job creation; and
- Gas field, pipeline and LNG construction and operation.

Following receipt of the Co-ordinator-General's decision, the Minister approved all five referrals made by QGC under the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). The QCLNG project operates under the following five approvals:

- Approval, EPBC 2008/4398 – QCLNG Gas Field Component
- Approval, EPBC 2008/4402 – LNG Plant & Onshore Activities Components
- Approval, EPBC 2008/4399 – Pipeline Network Component
- Approval, EPBC 2008/4405 – Shipping Activities
- Approval, EPBC 2008/4401 – Marine Facilities Components

It is a requirement of each of these approvals that QGC complete an Annual Return. The Annual Return must report on compliance with the conditions contained in each approval and must be published on the QGC website.

1.3 Scope

This document is QGC's Annual return for referral approval EPBC 2008/4401 – Marine Facilities Components for the period from 22 October 2020 to 21 October 2021 inclusive (the Reporting Period). Compliance with Approvals EPBC 2008/4398, EPBC 2008/4402, EPBC 2008/4399 and EPBC 2008/4405 are addressed in separate reports. The purpose of this Report is to report on the status of compliance with each condition of referral approval EPBC 2008/4401.



2.0 REVIEW OF PROJECT ACTIVITIES DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

QGC is now operating both LNG trains at the Facility. In compiling this Annual Return, QGC has not identified any new instances of non-compliances with the conditions of its approval.

Compliance with the conditions of EPBC Approval 2008/4401 and any updates are set out in Appendix A.



APPENDIX A ASSESSMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH CONDITIONS



CONDITION NO.	CONDITION	STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE	STATUS
PROJECT AREA			
1.	The project area is the area substantially in accordance with the area indicated in Figure 1.	The LNG Facility has been constructed within the site identified in Figure 1. QGC review spatial data annually for disturbance footprint to verify this is the case.	Compliant
2.	Dredging is to be limited to a maximum of 375,000m ³ for the construction dock and 1,000,000m ³ for the Materials Offloading Facility (MOF) both on Curtis Island.	<p>QGC considers this condition to be closed. Dredging for the construction dock is complete and involved the removal of approximately 290,000m³ of material.</p> <p>Dredging relating to the Material Offloading Facility (MOF) was not conducted under this EPBC Approval. Rather, it was conducted by the Gladstone Ports Corporation in accordance with the Gladstone Western Basin Dredging and Disposal Project (EPBC 2009/4904).</p>	Compliant

DREDGING MANAGEMENT PLAN – CONSTRUCTION DOCK			
3.	<p>For the construction dock, the proponent must submit to the Minister a Dredging Management Plan which must include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. mapping of significant and sensitive receptors in the area of the marine facilities, with linkages to applicable monitoring programs; b. mapping of significant and sensitive receptors in the area of the marine facilities, with linkages to applicable monitoring programs; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. appropriate measures (for example mitigation measures, performance indicators/trigger levels and corrective actions/management actions) that will ensure that there are no unacceptable impacts on the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area, Great Barrier Reef National Heritage Place, EPBC listed threatened or migratory species. These must include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ii. operating procedures to minimise injury to, or mortality of, EPBC Act listed threatened or migratory species from dredging activities or construction activities; iii. reporting mechanisms that ensure reporting to the Minister within one business day of the proponent becoming aware of injury to, or mortality of, an EPBC listed threatened or migratory species caused by dredging activities; iv. management triggers, based on results obtained from the Water Quality Monitoring Program, including a reporting requirement to advise the Department in writing within one working day when triggers are exceeded; v. contingency measures, based upon results of water quality and applicable research and monitoring programs, when dredging operations must be varied or suspended; vi. measures that minimise the risk of introduced marine pest species, including ballast-water management and vessel inspections for any non-domestic vessels; and vii. responsive actions that will be undertaken in the event contingency measures are employed, including reporting to the Minister. c. details of dredge spoil placement; and d. provisions to sample and analyse dredge spoil composition. 	<p>QGC submitted a Dredge Management Plan (DMP) to the Queensland Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (DEHP) on 9 April 2010. This plan addressed the matters required by this condition and was approved on 30 June 2010.</p> <p>A further revision of the plan was approved by DEHP on 10 December 2010.</p> <p>In accordance with Condition 5, the plan approved by DEHP is deemed to have been submitted and approved under this condition.</p> <p>There have been no works under this Plan during the reporting period and the requirements of these conditions have been fulfilled. QGC considers this condition to be closed.</p>	Not Applicable
4.	<p>The Dredging Management Plan must be submitted for the approval of the Minister. Commencement must not occur without approval. The approved plan must be implemented.</p>		
5.	<p>A dredge management plan satisfying State requirements, and addressing the matters identified in this condition will be deemed to have been submitted and approved.</p>		

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT PLAN			
6.	<p>For the construction of the marine facilities on Curtis Island and the mainland, the proponent must submit to the Minister a Construction Management Plan which must include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> assessment of all potential and real environmental risks to matters protected by the EPBC Act from construction activities; appropriate measures (for example mitigation measures, performance indicators/trigger levels and corrective actions / management actions) that will ensure that there are no unacceptable impacts on the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area, Great Barrier Reef National Heritage Place, EPBC listed threatened species or migratory species. These include: operating procedures to minimise injury to, or mortality of, EPBC Act listed threatened or migratory species from construction activities; reporting mechanisms that ensure reporting to the Minister within one business day of injury to, or mortality of, an EPBC listed threatened or migratory species caused by construction activities; management triggers and contingency measures when construction or pile driving must be varied or suspended; measures that minimise the risk of introduced marine species, including ballast-water management and vessel inspections for any non-domestic vessels; measures to minimise light emission onto the water from the loading jetty and construction docks including such measures as reducing light spill, during construction and operations; and <p>responsive actions that will be undertaken in the event contingency measures are employed, including reporting to the Minister.</p>	<p>The Construction Environmental Control Plan (CECP) (G01-GHX-00086) for the construction of the marine facilities on Curtis Island was submitted to the Department for approval on 20 September 2010. Following ongoing consultation with the Department on the requirements of the CECP, new versions were submitted on 6 September 2011 and 10 October 2011.</p> <p>The Minister approved the plan on 13 October 2011 and the approved plan has been implemented.</p> <p>There have been no works under this Plan during the reporting period and the requirements of these conditions have been fulfilled. QGC considers this condition to be closed.</p>	Not Applicable
7.	<p>The Construction Management Plan must be submitted for the approval of the Minister within 20 business days of commencement. The approved plan must be implemented.</p>		

DREDGING AND DREDGE DISPOSAL – MATERIAL OFFLOADING FACILITY			
8.	<p>Dredging and disposal of dredge material associated with the Material Offloading Facility is to be undertaken in accordance with conditions imposed and the holder of the approval for the Gladstone Western Basin Dredging and Disposal Project (EPBC 2009/4904).</p> <p><i>Note: This condition does not prevent the proponent from undertaking dredging on behalf of the Gladstone Ports Corporation, under conditions attached to the approval for the Gladstone Western Basin Dredging and Disposal Project (EPBC 2009/4904).</i></p>	<p>Dredging relating to the Material Offloading Facility (MOF) was not conducted under this EPBC Approval. Rather, it was conducted by the Gladstone Ports Corporation in accordance with the Gladstone Western Basin Dredging and Disposal Project (EPBC 2009/4904).</p> <p>No dredging or disposal of dredge material was undertaken during the reporting period. QGC considers this condition to be closed.</p>	Not Applicable
DREDGING OPERATIONS – CONSTRUCTION DOCK			
9.	The proponent must not undertake any underwater dredge material rehandling.	No dredging or disposal of dredge material was undertaken during the reporting period.	Not Applicable
10.	Only one trailer suction hopper dredge (TSHD) is permitted to operate within Gladstone Harbour at any given time.	No dredging or disposal of dredge material was undertaken during the reporting period.	Not Applicable
11.	When the TSHD is in use, a maximum of two cutter suction dredges may operate at any given time unless otherwise prescribed in an approved Water Quality Monitoring Program required under conditions attached to the Gladstone Western Basin Dredging and Disposal Project (EPBC 2009/4904).	No dredging or disposal of dredge material was undertaken during the reporting period.	Not Applicable
12.	The TSHD must not operate in overflow mode except during the last one hour of flood tide and first three hours of ebb tide unless otherwise in accordance with the approved Water Quality Monitoring Program.	No dredging or disposal of dredge material was undertaken during the reporting period.	Not Applicable
13.	The TSHD must not operate in overflow mode for more than 30 minutes per cycle, with no more than two cycles per tide unless otherwise in accordance with the approved Water Quality Monitoring Program.	No dredging or disposal of dredge material was undertaken during the reporting period.	Not Applicable
14.	Where construction and/or dredging methods with lower environmental impacts are identified to be practical, these methods must be implemented.	No dredging or disposal of dredge material was undertaken during the reporting period.	Not Applicable
15.	<p>In this condition, "at any given time" means at any given time with any other dredging operations being undertaken by another holder of an approval relating to dredging activities in the Port of Gladstone.</p> <p><i>Note: Similarly to conditions attached to the approval for the Gladstone Western Basin Dredging and Disposal Project (EPBC 2009/4904), these conditions are intended to limit the number of dredges-being operated at any one time in Port Curtis.</i></p>	No dredging or disposal of dredge material was undertaken during the reporting period.	Not Applicable

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN – WATER MOUSE (XEROMYS MYOIDES)			
16.	<p>To protect the Water Mouse (<i>Xeromys myoides</i>), the proponent must submit to the Minister an Environmental Management Plan (the Water Mouse Environmental Management Plan) which must include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> results of a pre-clearance survey undertaken at the appropriate time and season for the species; a map of the location of potential habitat for the Water Mouse in proximity to marine facilities; measures that will be employed to avoid impacts on the Water Mouse or its potential habitat; and if impacts on the Water Mouse or its potential habitat are unavoidable, propose offsets to compensate for the impacts. <p><i>Note: To avoid doubt; if a condition of another approval held by the proponent requires a Water Mouse Environmental Management Plan, the proponent may simultaneously meet the relevant requirements of both conditions by submitting a single plan. The plan may also be prepared in consultation with the Gladstone Ports Corporation in accordance with conditions imposed for the Gladstone Western Basin Dredging-and Disposal Project (EPBC 2009/4904) or otherwise.</i></p>	<p>The Water Mouse Environment Management Plan was submitted to the Department on 20 September 2010 for approval. A second revision of the plan, addressing comments from the Minister, was submitted on 24 November 2010 and was approved on 28 January 2011.</p> <p>Following further study of water mouse populations, amendments were made to the management plan during 2011 and a final revised version of the plan was submitted to the Minister for approval on 19 September 2011. The updated plan was approved on 30 September 2011.</p> <p>The last revision of Water Mouse Environment Management Plan was submitted to the Department on 26 June 2013 (QCLNG-AUS-PMT-ENV-PLN-0675) which was approved by the Minister on 26 July 2013. The approved plan has been implemented by QGC.</p>	Not Applicable
17.	<p>The Water Mouse Environmental Management Plan must be submitted for the approval of the Minister within 6 months of this Approval. The approved plan must be implemented.</p>	<p>Offsets for any unavoidable impacts to the water mouse or its potential habitat are addressed in the Monte Christo Offset Proposal Plan (dated 3 August 2013) approved by the Minister on 27 September 2013.</p> <p>In 2017 QGC reached agreement with the Department that all monitoring survey requirements for the water mouse were completed. As such, no activity under this Plan has been undertaken during this reporting period.</p>	Not Applicable

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN – MIGRATORY SHOREBIRDS			
18.	<p>The proponent must submit to the Minister an Environmental Management Plan (the Migratory Shorebirds Environmental Management Plan) which includes measures for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. managing the impacts of the action on listed Migratory Shorebirds including but not limited to the Whimbrel (<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>) and the Terek Sandpiper (<i>Xenus cinereus</i>); b. determining baseline population densities and habitat utilisation for migratory shorebirds on or contiguous to the proponent's LNG facility site including, at a minimum, undertaking annual/twice annual surveys during northwards and southwards migrations; c. minimising impacts from noise and light on the feeding and roosting sites of listed migratory shorebirds; and d. monitoring the effect of the construction of the marine facilities on shorebirds, including but not limited to, and to the extent relevant: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. dredge vessel movement; II. pile driving; III. construction dredging; IV. noise impulse levels; V. light spill; VI. water quality reduction; VII. decreased access to intertidal foreshore habitat; VIII. increased sedimentation; and IX. displacement. 	<p>The Migratory Shorebirds Management Plan (MSBMP) (QCLNG-AUS-PMT-PLN-0952) was submitted for approval on 24 January 2011. The plan was approved by the Minister on 17 March 2011.</p> <p>A further revision to the plan, extending its operation beyond the marine facilities, was submitted for approval on 19 September 2011.</p> <p>The current version of the MSBMP was submitted to Department on 26 June 2013 and approved by the Minister on 26 July 2013.</p> <p>In 2017 QGC reached agreement with the Department that all monitoring survey requirements for the migratory shorebirds were completed. As such, no activity under this Plan has been undertaken during this reporting period.</p>	Not Applicable
19.	<p>The Migratory Shorebirds Environmental Management Plan must be submitted for the approval of the Minister. Commencement, other than Construction Dock dredging, must not occur without approval. The approved plan must be implemented.</p> <p><i>Note: To avoid doubt, the Migratory Shorebirds Environmental Management Plan may be prepared in consultation with the Gladstone Ports Corporation under conditions imposed for the Gladstone Western Basin Dredging and Disposal Project (EPBC 2009/4904).</i></p>		Not Applicable

DECOMMISSIONING PLAN			
20.	<p>Unless the proponent advises the Department that it cannot decommission the site because of lawful continuing use rights by a third party (that might include the State of Queensland), at least five years before the planned date of cessation of operations of the Marine Facilities on Curtis Island, the proponent must develop a Decommissioning Plan. The Decommissioning Plan must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. ensure that, following the cessation of operations of the Marine Facilities on Curtis Island, decommissioning arrangements are prepared; b. define a timetable for the future implementation of decommissioning including for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. the removal of remnant infrastructure and works that interfere with natural coastal processes, and human recreational and commercial activities; II. the return of sediment levels and water quality in the immediate area of the Marine Facilities to pre-construction background levels; and <p>the rehabilitation of the Marine Facilities and associated sites to their natural state, and their ongoing management during rehabilitation.</p>	QGC does not plan to cease operations within the next five years.	Not Applicable
21.	<p>If decommissioning does not commence on the date proposed in the initial Decommissioning Plan, the proponent must review the decommissioning plan before each subsequent third anniversary of the date of the submission of the initial decommissioning plan over the operational life of the Marine Facilities. The proponent must advise the Minister in writing of the outcomes of this review, including any proposed changes to the decommissioning plan. Any proposed changes to the decommissioning plan must be approved in writing by the Minister.</p>	QGC does not plan to cease operations within the next five years.	Not Applicable
22.	<p>The Decommissioning Plan must be submitted for the approval of the Minister. Decommissioning must not occur without approval. Subject to condition 20, the approved plan must be implemented.</p>	QGC does not plan to cease operations within the next five years	Not Applicable
JOINT PLANS			
23.	<p>A management plan required under these conditions may comprise a plan (a joint plan) submitted by the Gladstone Ports Corporation under conditions of approval for the Western Basin Dredging and Disposal Project (EPBC 2009/4904) or another LNG proponent. If a joint plan is submitted by the GPC or another LNG proponent for this purpose, it must also be specified as a plan for the purpose of these conditions.</p>	There has not been a joint plan submitted by the Gladstone Ports Corporation under conditions of approval for the Western Basin Dredging and Disposal Project (EPBC 2009/4904) or another LNG proponent in the reporting period.	Not Applicable

24.	<p>If a joint plan is submitted under these conditions the plan may specify roles and responsibilities of the proponent, and the roles and responsibilities of another person. A role and responsibility of the proponent must be implemented by the proponent, unless otherwise specified in the joint plan.</p> <p><i>Note: The purpose of this condition is to allow a single management plan to be submitted by different proponents to satisfy the requirements of conditions of separate but related approvals, so that actions with related potential impacts may be considered and addressed cumulatively.</i></p>	<p>There has not been a joint plan submitted by the Gladstone Ports Corporation under conditions of approval for the Western Basin Dredging and Disposal Project (EPBC 2009/4904) or another LNG proponent in the reporting period.</p>	Not Applicable
NOTIFICATION OF COMMENCEMENT			
25.	<p>Within 20 business days of commencement, the proponent must advise the Department in writing of the actual date of commencement.</p>	<p>QGC notified the Department on 18 November 2010 that works related to the construction dock commenced on 23 October 2010, which is within 20 business days. The timeframe for this condition has passed. QGC considers this condition to be closed.</p>	Compliant
26.	<p>If, at any time after 5 years from the date of this approval, the Minister notifies the proponent in writing that the Minister is not satisfied that there has been commencement of the action, the action must not commence without the written agreement of the Minister.</p>	<p>The action commenced within 5 years of the approved date.</p>	Not Applicable
REQUEST FOR VARIATION OF PLANS BY PROPONENT			
27.	<p>If the proponent wants to act other than in accordance with a plan approved by the Minister under these conditions, the proponent must submit a revised plan for the Minister's approval.</p>	<p>This condition was not triggered during the Reporting Period. A revised Plan was not required to be submitted for the Minister's approval.</p>	Not Applicable
28.	<p>If the Minister approves the revised plan, then that plan must be implemented instead of the plan originally approved.</p>	<p>This condition was not triggered during the Reporting Period. A revised Plan was not required to be submitted for the Minister's approval.</p>	Not Applicable
29.	<p>Until the Minister has approved the revised plan, the proponent must continue to implement the original plan.</p>	<p>This condition was not triggered during the Reporting Period. A revised Plan was not required to be submitted for the Minister's approval.</p>	Not Applicable
REVISION TO PLANS BY THE MINISTER			
31.	<p>If the Minister believes that it is necessary or desirable for the better protection of a relevant controlling provision for the action, the Minister may request the proponent to make, within a period specified by the Minister, revisions to a plan approved under these conditions.</p>	<p>No such request was made during the Reporting Period.</p>	Not Applicable

32.	If the Minister makes a request for revision to a plan, the proponent must: a. comply with that request; and b. submit the revised plan to the Minister for approval within the period specified in the request.	This condition was not triggered during the Reporting Period.	Not Applicable
33.	The proponent must implement the revised plan on approval of the Minister.	This condition was not triggered during the Reporting Period.	Not Applicable
34.	Until the Minister has approved the revised plan, the proponent must continue to implement the original plan.	This condition was not triggered during the Reporting Period.	Not Applicable
MINIMUM TIMEFRAMES FOR CONSIDERATION OF PLANS			
35.	For any plan required to be approved by the Minister under these conditions, the proponent must ensure the Minister is provided at least 20 business days for review and consideration of the plan, unless otherwise agreed in writing between the proponent and the Minister.	This condition was not triggered during the Reporting Period. A revised Plan was not required to be submitted for the Minister's approval.	Not Applicable
COMPLIANCE WITH STATE ENVIRONMENTAL AND OTHER AUTHORITIES			
36.	The proponent must comply with all environmental authorisations issued by the State, including conditions of an environmental authority issued under the EP Act.	QGC provides an Annual Return to the Department of Environment and Science as per the requirements under the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1994 (Qld)</i> . For the activities relevant to this EPBC Approval, there were no non-compliances with the environmental authority identified throughout this reporting period.	Compliant
PROVISION OF STATE PLANS			
37.	If a condition of a State approval requires the proponent to provide a plan then the proponent must also provide the plan to the Department or Minister on request, within the period specified in the request.	This condition was not triggered during the Reporting Period.	Not Applicable
TIMEFRAMES			
38.	If these conditions require the proponent to provide something by a specified time, a longer period may be specified in writing by the Minister.	This condition was not triggered during the Reporting Period.	Not Applicable

AUDITING			
39.	<p>On the request of and within a period specified by the Department, the proponent must ensure that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. an independent audit of compliance with these conditions is conducted; and b. an audit report, which addresses the audit criteria to the satisfaction of the Department, is published on the Internet and submitted to the Department. 	This condition was not triggered during the Reporting Period.	Not Applicable
40.	<p>Before the audit begins, the following must be approved by the Department:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the independent auditor; and b. the audit criteria. 	This condition was not triggered during the Reporting Period.	Not Applicable
41.	<p>The audit report must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the components of the project being audited; b. the conditions that were activated during the period covered by the audit; c. a compliance / non-compliance table; d. a description of the evidence to support audit findings of compliance or non-compliance e. recommendations on any non-compliance or other matter to improve compliance f. a response by the proponent to the recommendations in the report (or, if the proponent does not respond within 20 business days of a request to do so by the auditor, a statement by the auditor to that effect); and g. certification by the independent auditor of the findings of the audit report. 	This condition was not triggered during the Reporting Period.	Not Applicable
42.	The financial cost of the audit will be borne by the proponent.	This condition was not triggered during the Reporting Period.	Not Applicable
43.	<p>The proponent must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. implement any recommendations in the audit report, as directed in writing by the Department; b. investigate any non-compliance identified in the audit report; and c. if non-compliance is identified in the audit report - take action as soon as practicable to ensure compliance with these conditions. 	This condition was not triggered during the Reporting Period.	Not Applicable

44.	<p>If the audit report identifies any non-compliance with the conditions, within 20 business days after the audit report is submitted to the Department, the proponent must provide written advice to the Minister setting out the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. actions taken by the proponent to ensure compliance with these conditions; and b. actions taken to prevent a recurrence of any non-compliance, or implement any other recommendation to improve compliance, identified in the audit report. <p><i>Note: To avoid doubt, independent third-party auditing may include audit of the proponent's performance against the requirements of any plan required under these conditions.</i></p>	This condition was not triggered during the Reporting Period.	Not Applicable
REPORTING NON-COMPLIANCE			
45.	<p>The proponent must, when first becoming aware of a non-compliance with these conditions, or with a plan required to be approved by the Minister under these conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. report the non-compliance and remedial action to the Department within five business days; b. bring the matter into compliance within a reasonable time frame specified in writing by the Department. 	There have been no instances of non-compliance with conditions of this approval or with a plan required to be approved by the Minister under these conditions during the Reporting Period.	Not Applicable

RECORD-KEEPING			
46.	<p>The proponent must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. maintain accurate records substantiating all activities associated with or relevant to these conditions of approval, including measures taken to implement a plan approved under these conditions; and b. make those records available on 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 these conditions. <p><i>Note: Audits or summaries of audits carried out under these conditions, or under section 458 of the EPBC Act, may be posted on the Department's website. The results of such audits may also be publicised through the general media.</i></p>	<p>QGC maintains an Environmental Management System (EMS) that is ISO14001 accredited. Under this EMS, records are maintained substantiating all activities relevant to these conditions and are available to the Department upon request.</p> <p>There have been no requests during the Reporting Period to provide records to the Department.</p>	Compliant
FINANCIAL ASSURANCE			
47.	<p>The proponent must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. provide the Minister with a financial assurance in the amount and form required from time to time by the Minister for activities to which these conditions apply; and b. review and maintain the amount of financial assurance based on proponent reporting on compliance with these conditions, and any auditing of the activities. 	<p>The minister has never formally requested QGC Operating Company Pty Ltd to provide financial assurance for EPBC 2008/4401. QGC has financial assurance in place with the Queensland Department of Environment and Science. QGC undertakes periodic reviews of the financial assurance.</p>	Compliant
48.	<p>The financial assurance is to remain in force until the Minister is satisfied that no claim is likely to be made on the assurance.</p>	Noted	Not Applicable

ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL RETURN			
49.	<p>The proponent must produce an Annual Environmental Return which:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> addresses compliance with these conditions; records any unavoidable adverse impacts on MNES, mitigation measures applied to avoid adverse impacts on MNES; and any rehabilitation work undertaken in connection with any unavoidable adverse impacts on MNES; identifies all non-compliances with these conditions; and identifies any amendments needed to plans to achieve compliance with these conditions. 	<p>This Annual Return satisfies compliance with this condition.</p> <p>During the Reporting Period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> QGC has not identified any unavoidable adverse impacts on MNES and has continued to implement the measures detailed in the relevant management plans to avoid any such impacts; Mitigation measures applied to avoid adverse impacts on MNES are detailed in the relevant Management Plans; No non-compliances with conditions in this approval were identified; No rehabilitation works in connection with any unavoidable adverse impacts on MNES have been undertaken; and No amendment requirements to management plans were identified. 	Compliant
50.	<p>The proponent must publish the Annual Environmental Return on the Internet within 20 business days of each anniversary date of this approval. In complying with this publication requirement, the proponent must ensure that it has obtained the relevant confidentiality and intellectual property rights of third parties.</p>	<p>This annual return will be published on the Shell Australia website located as follows: https://www.shell.com.au/about-us/projects-and-locations/ggc/environment/environment-management/reports.html within the required timeframe.</p> <p>The previous report was published on the Shell Australia website on the 13 November 2020, which is within the required timeframe.</p>	Compliant
SURVEY DATA			
51.	<p>If requested by the Department, the proponent must provide all species and ecological survey data and related survey information from ecological surveys undertaken for MNES. The data must be collected and recorded to conform to data standards notified from time to time by the Department.</p>	<p>This condition was not triggered during the Reporting Period. There were no species or ecological surveys undertaken for MNES in the reporting period.</p>	Not Applicable

PUBLICATION OF PLANS			
52.	All plans approved by the Minister under these conditions must be published on the proponent's website within 30 business days of approval by the Minister.	This condition was not triggered during the Reporting Period. Current approved plans are published on the Environment page of the Shell Australia website located as follows: https://www.shell.com.au/about-us/projects-and-locations/qgc/environment/environment-management/management-plans.html	Compliant
53.	The Department may request the proponent to publish on the internet a plan in a specified location or format and with specified accompanying text. The proponent must comply with any such request.	This condition was not triggered during the Reporting Period.	Not Applicable
DICTIONARY			
54.	<p>In these conditions, unless otherwise indicated:</p> <p>Conditions means these conditions attached to the approval of the action;</p> <p>Commencement means the substantial commencement of construction for the proposed construction dock as described in the referral EPBC 2008/4401.</p> <p>Department means the Australian Government department responsible for administering Chapter 4 of the EPBC Act;</p> <p>Environmental risk means any risk which has the potential to, or does impact, on the environment;</p> <p>EP Act means the Environmental Protection Act 1994 (Qld);</p> <p>EPBC Act means the Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999;</p> <p>Minister means the Minister responsible for Chapter 4 of the EPBC Act, and includes a delegate of the Minister under s.133 of the EPBC Act;</p> <p>MNES means matters of national environmental significance, being the relevant matters protected under Part 3 of the EPBC Act;</p> <p>Plan includes a report, study, or strategy (however described);</p> <p>Proponent means the holder of the approval to which these conditions relate, and includes any person acting on behalf of the proponent;</p> <p>Referral means a referral under the EPBC Act including any variation of the referral.</p>	Noted.	Not Applicable



55.	Unless otherwise indicated, words in these conditions have the same meaning as in (in the following order of priority): a. the EPBC Act; and the EP Act.	Noted.	Not Applicable
56.	Unless the contrary is indicated, in these conditions: a. words in the singular number include the plural and words in the plural number include the singular; and b. condition headings are inserted for convenient reference only and have no effect in limiting or extending the language of condition to which they refer.	Noted.	Not Applicable

APPENDIX B STATUTORY DECLARATION**Declaration of accuracy**

In making this declaration, I am aware that sections 490 and 491 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth) (EPBC Act) make it an offence in certain circumstances to knowingly provide false or misleading information or documents. The offence is punishable on conviction by imprisonment or a fine, or both. I declare that all the information and documentation supporting this compliance report is true and correct in every particular. I am authorised to bind the approval holder to this declaration and that I have no knowledge of that authorisation being revoked at the time of making this declaration.

Signed



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