



ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL RETURN/COMPLIANCE REPORT

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 Agriculture, Water and Environment (DAWE), 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 2020 to 20 August 2021 (**the reporting period**).

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1.0 BACKGROUND

1.1 The Anya Project

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

The development comprises 25 wells which is 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 is then be transferred to QGC's existing and approved Ruby Jo Central Processing Plant (CPP) and Kenya Water Treatment Plant (WTP) respectively. All 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 **the 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 environmental return/compliance report, QGC has not identified any new instances of non-compliance with the conditions of EPBC approval 2015/7463 for **the reporting period**. **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**

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Conditions of Approval																											
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 .	Compliant																								
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 dunmali</i>) habitat.	<p>The clearance limits stated in this condition have not been exceeded. Please refer to the table below for disturbance figures completed to date.</p> <p>QGC notes it has undertaken no activities in the Anya Project Area for the reporting period.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1016 703 1865 1289"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">EPBC Act listed threatened species and communities</th> <th>Permitted Disturbance limits (ha)</th> <th>Year to date (YTD) Disturbance (ha)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Koala</td> <td><i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i></td> <td>54</td> <td>27.5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kogan Waxflower</td> <td><i>Philotheca sporadica</i></td> <td>5</td> <td>0.1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Yakka Skink</td> <td><i>Egernia rugosa</i></td> <td>5.4</td> <td>4.9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dunmall's Snake</td> <td><i>Rurina dunmali</i></td> <td>3.4</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Five-Clawed Worm-Skink</td> <td><i>Anomalopus mackayi</i></td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	EPBC Act listed threatened species and communities		Permitted Disturbance limits (ha)	Year to date (YTD) Disturbance (ha)	Koala	<i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i>	54	27.5	Kogan Waxflower	<i>Philotheca sporadica</i>	5	0.1	Yakka Skink	<i>Egernia rugosa</i>	5.4	4.9	Dunmall's Snake	<i>Rurina dunmali</i>	3.4	0	Five-Clawed Worm-Skink	<i>Anomalopus mackayi</i>	0	0	Compliant
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2A	The approval holder must avoid all habitat for the vulnerable Five-clawed Worm-Skink (<i>Anomalopus mackayi</i>) in the project area.	<p>QGC undertakes works in accordance with its approved Significant Species Management Plan (SSMP) (QCLNG-BX00-ENV-PCE-350012, refer to Appendix B). Refer to section 7 of this document for specific plan in relation to <i>Anomalopus mackayi</i> (Five-clawed Worm-Skink).</p> <p>QGC has not identified any occurrence of Five-clawed Worm-Skink within Anya Project Area.</p>	Compliant
3.	The approval holder must update the Constraints Planning and Field Development Protocol QCLNG-BX00-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.	<p>QGC updated its approved Constraints Planning and Field Development Protocol for its QCLNG Project (refer to Appendix B), and submitted it to the department for Minister's approval on 6 June 2017. This update occurred to include requirements of the Anya Project Approval. The Minister approved the updated Protocol on the 13 July 2017 Please refer to sections 1, 2 and 4 for references to the Anya approval project area.</p> <p>QGC ensures the protocol is implemented through the execution of its Upstream Development Process (UDP) for all its petroleum activities. The UDP is QGC's key internal approval process for managing all development scope including Projects, Exploration, Brownfields, Decommissioning and Rehabilitation. The UDP ensures all activities are conducted in accordance with project conditions, best practice and stakeholder obligations to prevent non-compliance and social license issues such as over clearing, damage to heritage and landholder grievances. QGC has embedded the protocol within this process.</p>	Compliant
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.	QGC has developed and is currently implementing a Whole of Project Significant Species Management Plan (SSMP) (QCQGC-BX00-ENV-PCE-350012) which incorporates EPBC Act listed threatened species and communities specified under the Anya Approval Area. This document was revised and submitted to the Department for reapproval. It was subsequently approved in February 2021. Refer to section 7 of the SSMP which details the individual plans developed for species listed under this approval. This document is available on QGC's website.	Compliant



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		QGC's implementation of the Protocol and Upstream Delivery Process (as described in condition 4 above) ensures that the requirements of the SSMP are incorporated into its planning and operational activities.	
5.	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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; 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>QGC has an Anya Koala Offset Management Plan approved by the Department on 13 July 2017. In relation to how this plan meets items listed a) to h) of this condition please see below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Refer to section 4 b) Refer to section 12 c) Refer to section 3.1 d) Refer to section 7.1.6 e) Refer to section 5.1 f) Refer to section 5 g) Refer to section 7.1 and 9 h) Refer to section 5.2 and 8 <p>Confirmation of the implementation of the offset management plan is demonstrated by via annual compliance offset monitoring and reporting processes.</p>	Compliant



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6.	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.	QGC did not commence the action until the Offset Management Plan was approved by the Minister in writing. The Anya Project Koala Offset Management Plan was approved by the department on 13 July 2017. Commencement of the action within Anya Project occurred on 21 August 2017. A copy of the plan is available on QGC's external website (refer to Appendix B).	Compliant
7.	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.	The timeframe for completion of this condition has since passed. QGC considers this condition closed. Notwithstanding the above, QGC has legally secured offsets for impacts described in its Offset Management Plan. A Voluntary Declaration Notice (VDEC) was submitted to secure the area in accordance with Queensland Legislation in July 2018. Approval of the VDEC was received in September 2019.	Not Applicable
Administrative Conditions			
8.	Within 20 days after the commencement of the action, the approval holder must advise the Department in writing of the actual date of commencement.	The timeframe for completion of condition 8 has since passed. QGC considers this condition closed. Notwithstanding, commencement of action occurred on 21 August 2017. QGC advised the department of the actual date of commencement on 22 August 2018.	Not Applicable
9.	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	QGC maintains records relating to its activities associated with the Anya Project area, as required under this condition. Records of all documentation relating to the Anya Project approval are available upon request. QGC has not received any audit request from the department during the reporting period .	Compliant



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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 environmental return/compliance report satisfies this condition for the reporting period . This report is available on the Shell Australia Environment Management Reports website as per the timeframes set out by condition 10.	Compliant
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 .	Compliant
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.	This condition has not been triggered during the reporting period . QGC has not received any direction of the Minister to conduct an independent audit of compliance with the conditions of the approval .	Not applicable
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	This condition has not been triggered during the reporting period . QGC did submit a revised version of its SSMP to the department for approval, which was subsequently endorsed by the Department on 9 February 2021.	Not applicable



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	<p>or increased impact. If the approval holder makes this choice they must:</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 		
<p>13 A.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Refer to condition 13.</p>	<p>Not Applicable</p>

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13B.	<p>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:</p> <p>a) condition 13 does not apply, or ceases to apply, in relation to the revised plan; and</p> <p>b) the approval holder must implement the plan approved by the Minister.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	Refer to conditions 13 and 13 A.	Not Applicable.
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. Refer to condition 13.	Not applicable
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.	Not Applicable.



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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 website (refer to Appendix B) within one month of the approval .	Compliant

APPENDIX B – List of Environmental Management Plans¹

Area	Document Title	Document #
Whole of QCLNG Project (includes Anya Approval project area)	Koala Offset Area Management Plan	QCLNG-BX00-ENV-RPT-000120
	Significant Species Management Plan	QCQGC-BX00-ENV-PCE-350012
	Constraints Planning and Field Development Protocol	QCLNG-BX00-ENV-PLN-000023
	Valkyrie Offset Area Management Plan	QCLNG-BX00-ENV-RPT-00117

Refer to [QGC Environmental Management Plans | Shell Australia](#).

¹ Management Plans prepared or in existence in relation to the conditions of **the approval** during the relevant 12 month period (i.e., **the reporting period**).

APPENDIX C 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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