



ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE REPORT (ACR)

EPBC 2013/7047- SURAT BASIN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (“Surat North Project”)

The Surat Basin Development Project (Surat North Project), which authorises the development of approximately 400 CSG production wells and associated infrastructure within the Project area was approved by the Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment (**the department**), on 17 December 2014.

Under Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) approval 2013/7047 (**the approval**), the holder of **the approval** is required to publish an Annual Compliance Report (ACR) addressing compliance with the conditions under **the approval** on its website within three months of every anniversary of the commencement of the action.

This document is QGC’s Annual Compliance Report for referral approval EPBC 2013/7047 Surat Basin Development for the period from 20 October 2020 to 19 October 2021 (**the reporting period**).

Condition 34 of **the approval** requires that the following information be included in the Annual Compliance Report:

- (a) a reconciliation of actual impacts against whole of project maximum disturbance limits for EPBC Act listed threatened species and communities listed in Table 1;
- (b) the number and spatial distribution of boreholes where hydraulic fracturing is expected to occur and detailed separately, has occurred; and
- (c) details of constituent components of hydraulic fracturing agents used and any other reinjected fluid(s), their toxicity as individual substances and as total effluent toxicity and ecotoxicity.

This report complies with these requirements.

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1.0 BACKGROUND

1.1 The Surat Basin Development Project

The Surat Basin Development Project (Surat North Project) involves development of new coal seam gas (CSG) fields in Queensland's northern Surat Basin. The Project area lies approximately 20km west of Wandoan, 35km south-west of Taroom, and 16 km north of Woleebee.

The infrastructure project involves:

- ▶ Coal seam gas production wells with associated infrastructure including gas and water gathering lines;
- ▶ Up to three field compression stations, where gas is received and compressed for transfer through trunklines to the existing and previously approved Woleebee Creek Central Processing Plant;
- ▶ Regional storage ponds and in-field water storage, including ponds, tanks, and pumping stations for transfer through trunklines to the existing and previously approved Woleebee Creek Water Treatment Plant; and
- ▶ Trunklines for transportation of gas and water within the referral area.

Ancillary and support infrastructure including access roads, electrical supply infrastructure, communications, laydown areas, borrow pits and temporary camps.

1.2 Project Activities during the reporting period

QGC first phase of development within the Project Area has been completed. Operational activities currently conducted include wells operations, gathering lines and trunklines for gas and water, a field compression station, in-field water storage and supporting infrastructure.

2.0 CONCLUSION

In compiling this annual compliance report, QGC has not identified instances of non-compliance with conditions of EPBC approval 2013/7047 for **the reporting period**. **Appendix A** of this report provides details of compliance with each of **the approval** conditions.



Appendix A Surat Basin Project Area – EPBC 2013/7047 – Assessment of Compliance with Conditions



| Condition Number/ Reference | Condition | Statement of Compliance Evidence / Comments | Status Compliant / Non-Compliant / Not Applicable |
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| Conditions of Approval | | | |
| 1. | The Minister may determine that a plan, strategy or program approved by the Queensland Government satisfies a plan, strategy or program required under these conditions. | QGC is not aware of any decision of the Minister regarding this matter. | Compliant |
| Project Area | | | |
| 2. | For the purpose of the action, the approval holder must not take any action outside the project area. | All QGC activities within this approval are confined to the project area identified at Attachment A of the approval . | Compliant |
| Disturbance Limits | | | |
| 3 | The action is limited to a maximum of 400 coal seam gas production wells and associated infrastructure. | QGC received correspondence from the department on 11 July 2018 confirming revocation of this condition, advising that an additional 60 wells would not have a new or increased impact on Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES) beyond those permitted under the conditions of the approval . This condition was revoked under section 143 (2) of the EPBC Act 1999 as it is not necessary for the protection of MNES under the approval . | Not Applicable |

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| 4. | <p>The approval holder must not exceed the maximum disturbance limits in Table 1.</p> <p>Table 1- Whole of project maximum disturbance limits</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="241 504 965 1345"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="241 504 680 624">Threatened Fauna Species</th> <th data-bbox="680 504 965 624">Maximum disturbance (hectares) to core habitat known and core habitat potential</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="241 624 680 683">South-eastern long-eared Bat (<i>Nyctophilus corbeni</i>)</td> <td data-bbox="680 624 965 683">105.9</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="241 683 680 802">Koala (<i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i>) (combined populations of Queensland, New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory)</td> <td data-bbox="680 683 965 802">71.7</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="241 802 680 858">Yakka Skink (<i>Egernia rugosa</i>)</td> <td data-bbox="680 802 965 858">59.3</td> </tr> <tr> <th data-bbox="241 858 680 914">Threatened Flora Species</th> <th data-bbox="680 858 965 914">Maximum disturbance (hectares)</th> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="241 914 680 986">Belson's Panic Grass (<i>Homopholis belsonii</i>)</td> <td data-bbox="680 914 965 986">47.5</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="241 986 680 1042">Ooline (<i>Cadellia pentastylis</i>)</td> <td data-bbox="680 986 965 1042">4</td> </tr> <tr> <th data-bbox="241 1042 680 1098">Threatened Ecological Communities</th> <th data-bbox="680 1042 965 1098">Maximum disturbance (hectares)</th> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="241 1098 680 1161">Brigalow (<i>Acacia harpophylla</i> dominant and co-dominant)</td> <td data-bbox="680 1098 965 1161">15</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="241 1161 680 1257">Semi-evergreen vine thickets of the Brigalow Belt (North and South) and Nandewar Bioregions</td> <td data-bbox="680 1161 965 1257">4</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="241 1257 680 1345">Coolibah- Block Box Woodlands of the Darling Riverine Plains and the Brigalow Belt South Bioregions</td> <td data-bbox="680 1257 965 1345">2</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Threatened Fauna Species | Maximum disturbance (hectares) to core habitat known and core habitat potential | South-eastern long-eared Bat (<i>Nyctophilus corbeni</i>) | 105.9 | Koala (<i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i>) (combined populations of Queensland, New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory) | 71.7 | Yakka Skink (<i>Egernia rugosa</i>) | 59.3 | Threatened Flora Species | Maximum disturbance (hectares) | Belson's Panic Grass (<i>Homopholis belsonii</i>) | 47.5 | Ooline (<i>Cadellia pentastylis</i>) | 4 | Threatened Ecological Communities | Maximum disturbance (hectares) | Brigalow (<i>Acacia harpophylla</i> dominant and co-dominant) | 15 | Semi-evergreen vine thickets of the Brigalow Belt (North and South) and Nandewar Bioregions | 4 | Coolibah- Block Box Woodlands of the Darling Riverine Plains and the Brigalow Belt South Bioregions | 2 | <p>Limits have not been exceeded. No disturbance to MNES has been recorded during the reporting period (refer to Appendix B).</p> <p>See reconciliation of actual impacts against the maximum disturbance limits for EPBC Act listed threatened species and communities listed in Table 1 of the approval.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1014 568 1868 1406"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="1014 568 1453 624">Threatened Fauna Species</th> <th data-bbox="1453 568 1606 624">2020/2021 Disturbance</th> <th data-bbox="1606 568 1868 624">Actual/cumulative disturbance whole of project (hectares)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="1014 624 1453 719">South-eastern long-eared Bat (<i>Nyctophilus corbeni</i>)</td> <td data-bbox="1453 624 1606 719">0</td> <td data-bbox="1606 624 1868 719">10.56</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1014 719 1453 839">Koala (<i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i>) (combined populations of Queensland, New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory)</td> <td data-bbox="1453 719 1606 839">0</td> <td data-bbox="1606 719 1868 839">6.29</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1014 839 1453 879">Yakka Skink (<i>Egernia rugosa</i>)</td> <td data-bbox="1453 839 1606 879">0</td> <td data-bbox="1606 839 1868 879">5.3</td> </tr> <tr> <th data-bbox="1014 879 1453 935">Threatened Flora Species</th> <th data-bbox="1453 879 1606 935">2020/2021 Disturbance</th> <th data-bbox="1606 879 1868 935">Actual/cumulative disturbance whole of project (hectares)</th> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1014 935 1453 1031">Belson's Panic Grass (<i>Homopholis belsonii</i>)</td> <td data-bbox="1453 935 1606 1031">0</td> <td data-bbox="1606 935 1868 1031">0</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1014 1031 1453 1062">Ooline (<i>Cadellia pentastylis</i>)</td> <td data-bbox="1453 1031 1606 1062">0</td> <td data-bbox="1606 1031 1868 1062">0</td> </tr> <tr> <th data-bbox="1014 1062 1453 1118">Threatened Ecological Communities</th> <th data-bbox="1453 1062 1606 1118">2020/2021 Disturbance</th> <th data-bbox="1606 1062 1868 1118">Actual/cumulative disturbance whole of project (hectares)</th> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1014 1118 1453 1214">Brigalow (<i>Acacia harpophylla</i> dominant and co-dominant)</td> <td data-bbox="1453 1118 1606 1214">0</td> <td data-bbox="1606 1118 1868 1214">5.11</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1014 1214 1453 1302">Semi-evergreen vine thickets of the Brigalow Belt (North and South) and Nandewar Bioregions</td> <td data-bbox="1453 1214 1606 1302">0</td> <td data-bbox="1606 1214 1868 1302">0</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1014 1302 1453 1406">Coolibah- Block Box Woodlands of the Darling Riverine Plains and the Brigalow Belt South Bioregions</td> <td data-bbox="1453 1302 1606 1406">0</td> <td data-bbox="1606 1302 1868 1406">0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Threatened Fauna Species | 2020/2021 Disturbance | Actual/cumulative disturbance whole of project (hectares) | South-eastern long-eared Bat (<i>Nyctophilus corbeni</i>) | 0 | 10.56 | Koala (<i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i>) (combined populations of Queensland, New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory) | 0 | 6.29 | Yakka Skink (<i>Egernia rugosa</i>) | 0 | 5.3 | Threatened Flora Species | 2020/2021 Disturbance | Actual/cumulative disturbance whole of project (hectares) | Belson's Panic Grass (<i>Homopholis belsonii</i>) | 0 | 0 | Ooline (<i>Cadellia pentastylis</i>) | 0 | 0 | Threatened Ecological Communities | 2020/2021 Disturbance | Actual/cumulative disturbance whole of project (hectares) | Brigalow (<i>Acacia harpophylla</i> dominant and co-dominant) | 0 | 5.11 | Semi-evergreen vine thickets of the Brigalow Belt (North and South) and Nandewar Bioregions | 0 | 0 | Coolibah- Block Box Woodlands of the Darling Riverine Plains and the Brigalow Belt South Bioregions | 0 | 0 | Compliant |
| Threatened Fauna Species | Maximum disturbance (hectares) to core habitat known and core habitat potential | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Ooline (<i>Cadellia pentastylis</i>) | 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Coolibah- Block Box Woodlands of the Darling Riverine Plains and the Brigalow Belt South Bioregions | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Threatened Fauna Species | 2020/2021 Disturbance | Actual/cumulative disturbance whole of project (hectares) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| South-eastern long-eared Bat (<i>Nyctophilus corbeni</i>) | 0 | 10.56 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Koala (<i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i>) (combined populations of Queensland, New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory) | 0 | 6.29 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Yakka Skink (<i>Egernia rugosa</i>) | 0 | 5.3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Belson's Panic Grass (<i>Homopholis belsonii</i>) | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ooline (<i>Cadellia pentastylis</i>) | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Brigalow (<i>Acacia harpophylla</i> dominant and co-dominant) | 0 | 5.11 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Semi-evergreen vine thickets of the Brigalow Belt (North and South) and Nandewar Bioregions | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Coolibah- Block Box Woodlands of the Darling Riverine Plains and the Brigalow Belt South Bioregions | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |



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| Pre-clearance surveys | | | |
| 5. | The approval holder must undertake pre-clearance surveys of proposed disturbance areas. | Pre-clearance surveys have been undertaken. Refer to condition 7 below for evidence of where these surveys have been published. | Compliant |
| 6. | Pre-clearance surveys must be supervised by a suitably qualified person and undertaken in accordance with the Department's survey guidelines in effect at the time of the survey or other survey methodology endorsed by the Department in writing. | Pre-clearance surveys undertaken within the project area are supervised by suitably qualified person and in accordance with the applicable methodology. QGC has developed an Environmental Field Constraints Assessment Guideline which outlines the surveying and reporting requirements for undertaking ecological surveys to ensure all data is captured in accordance with the department's Survey Guidelines . | Compliant |
| 7. | All pre-clearance survey reports must be published on the approval holder's website within one month of completion and at least 20 business days prior to the clearing of vegetation which is the subject of a pre-clearance survey, and remain published on the website for the life of the project. | Applicable pre-clearance surveys are published on QGC's website. Please refer to: http://www.shell.com.au/about-us/projects-and-locations/qgc/environment/environment-management/pre-clearance-surveys.html | Compliant |
| Matters of National Environmental Significance Impact Management Plans | | | |
| 8. | The approval holder must manage impacts to EPBC Act listed threatened species and communities that are known or likely to occur in the project area in accordance with the Significant Species Management Plans (SSMP). | QGC's manages impacts to EPBC Act listed threatened species and communities through the implementation of its Significant Species Management Plan (SSMP). Please refer to Section 6 of the SSMP for evidence of how QGC manages impacts to MNES. This plan was last updated and approved by the department 9 February 2021. | Compliant |
| 9. | Where EPBC Act listed threatened species or EPBC Act listed ecological communities which do not have a SSMP are identified in the development area, the approval holder will develop a SSMP and submit within 3 months of identifying these MNES, a copy of the SSMP to the Minister for written approval. | This condition was not triggered during the reporting period . | Not Applicable |



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| 10. | The approval holder must manage impacts to EPBC Act listed threatened species and communities from pest and weed species in accordance with the Pest and Weed Management Plan. | <p>QGC’s Biosecurity Manual (QCQGC-BX00-ENV-MAN-000002 Rev 05) (URL attached)., which replaced the Pest and Weed Management Plan, was approved by the department on 2 October 2020. QGC manages impacts from pest and weed species in accordance with this plan.</p> <p>During the reporting period QGC minimised biosecurity impacts on EPBC Act listed threatened species and communities in accordance with this Manual by implementing the following controls:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All QGC activities have been risk assessed to identify an appropriate level of control; • Providing awareness of risk through inductions; • Stipulating biosecurity requirements in access documentation and 3rd party contracts; • Providing competency training for personnel to complete vehicle hygiene declarations; • Completing vehicle washdowns and associated declarations; • Completing inspections and declarations for the supply of things to QGC sites; • Field inspections include ability to capture weed issues; and • Investigating any potential biosecurity issues by QGC’s Biosecurity Advisor. <p>Note: there were no biosecurity events recorded within the reporting period.</p> | Compliant |
| 11. | The approval holder must implement the Remediation, Rehabilitation and Recovery Monitoring Plan. | <p>QGC’s Reinstatement and Rehabilitation Manual (RRRMP) (QCQGC-BX00-ENV-MAN-000005) was approved by the department on the 9 January 2020.</p> <p>QGC implements the RRRMP to address all rehabilitation commitments, but to date it has not yet commenced rehabilitation to impacted MNES areas.</p> | Not Applicable |
| 12. | The approval holder must implement the Constraints Planning and Field Development Protocol. | QGC ensures the Constraints Planning and Field Development Protocol is implemented through delivery of its Upstream Development Process (UDP). 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 | Compliant |



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| | | heritage and landholder grievances. QGC has embedded the requirements of the protocol within the UDP. Refer to section 4 of the protocol for evidence of this implementation. | |
| Revised MNES Impact Management Plans | | | |
| 13. | <p>The approval holder must submit, within 14 months of commencement, Revised MNES Impact Management Plans for the written approval of the Minister. The Revised MNES Impact Management Plans must include:</p> <p>(a) the results of pre-clearance surveys for all areas proposed to be impacted, subject to the approval holder being granted appropriate land access to undertake the surveys;</p> <p>(b) any changes in whole of project maximum disturbance limits in Table 1 as a result of these pre-clearance survey results; and</p> <p>(c) revisions of the Pest and Weed Management Plan, Remediation, Rehabilitation and Recovery Monitoring Plan and the Constraints Planning and Field Development Protocol and any other plans altered to take account of new information.</p> | QGC considers this condition closed and not triggered during the reporting period as the timeframe has passed. QGC advised the department on 22 December 2016 that there were no changes in the predictions of impacts to MNES as a result of commencing the project and pre-clearance surveys undertaken. Hence, there was no requirement to update the MNES Impact Management Plans and any associated plans to account for any new information within 14 months of the commencement. Refer to statement of compliance table in Condition 4. | Not Applicable |
| 14. | <p>The approval holder must implement the approved Revised MNES Impact Management Plans.</p> <p>Note 1: Where Land access is not granted, in sufficient time for pre-clearance surveys to inform the Revised MNES Impact Management Plans required within 14 months of commencement, the approval holder may use an alternate methodology such as Geographic Information System analysis of satellite imagery to assess potentially impacted areas for the purposes of these plans.</p> | See condition 13. No further development impacting MNES has occurred in SBAD 1 during the reporting period . | Not Applicable |
| 15. | <p>The approval holder must review the approved Revised MNES Impact Management Plans at least once each five years. If the MNES Impact Management Plans require updating to reflect any new information, including from pre-clearance surveys or management practice, the approval holder must submit the updated plan(s) to the Minister within two months of revision, requesting written approval.</p> | <p>Since the commencement of the activities within this area, QGC has reviewed and updated the following plans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constraints Planning and Field Development Protocol Surat Basin Acreage, approved by the department on 4 January 2018; • Biosecurity Manual approved by the department on 2 October 2020; • Reinstatement and Rehabilitation Manual approved by the department 9 January 2020; and | Compliant |



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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Significant Species Management Plan approved by the department on the 9 February 2021. <p>No further development impacting MNES has occurred in SBAD 1 during the reporting period.</p> | |
| Offsets | | | |
| 16. | The approval holder must ensure that the environmental offsets comply with the principles of the EPBC Act Environmental Offsets Policy. | <p>QGC’s environmental offsets comply with the principles of the EPBC Act Environmental Offsets Policy.</p> <p>Section 2.1.2 of the Valkyrie Offset Area Management Plan (OAMP) confirms that the policy have informed the requirements of the OAMP. QGC undertakes annual compliance offset monitoring demonstrating OAMP is being implemented.</p> | Compliant |
| 17. | To compensate for authorised unavoidable significant residual impacts on Matters of National Environmental Significance, the approval holder must, within 14 months of commencement, prepare and submit an Offset Management Plan to the Minister for written approval. | <p>The timeframe for compliance with this condition has since passed and QGC considers this condition closed.</p> <p>The Offset Area Management Plan and Surat Basin Acreage Development, Commonwealth Offset Verification Report Property H-Valkyrie were initially submitted to the Minister on 2 December 2016.</p> <p>The Offset Management Plan was approved on 15 August 2017. The Plan is currently being implemented.</p> | Not applicable |
| 18. | The Offset Management Plan must include: (a) details of the offset site(s) proposed for the residual Significant impacts for each maximum disturbance limit in Table 1, including, for each proposed offset site, the location, tenure, site description, map of environmental values and shapefiles; (b) the locations of EPBC listed threatened species habitat and communities in the proposed offset areas, including maps in electronic Geographic Information System (GIS) format; | <p>The Offset Area Management Plan and Surat Basin Acreage Development, Commonwealth Offset Verification Report Property H-Valkyrie were initially submitted to the Minister on 2 December 2016.</p> <p>The Offset Management Plan was approved on 15 August 2017. The plan contains all essential items (a to h). The Plan is currently being implemented.</p> <p>Please refer to the following sections in the Valkyrie OAMP for how QGC addresses items a) to h).</p> | Compliant |



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| | <p>(c) detailed description of the quality, condition, site context and environmental values of the offset site(s) and include details of connectivity of the offset area with relevant habitats and biodiversity corridors outside the proposed offset areas;</p> <p>(d) details of the management measures that will be implemented for the protection of EPBC Act listed threatened species and EPBC Act listed ecological communities, including a table setting out how the measures proposed have regard to, and are consistent with, the measures in relevant conservation advice, recovery plans and threat abatement plans;</p> <p>(e) details of how offset sites have been, or will be, legally secured and the proposed legal mechanism(s) for securing the offset within the required timeframe specified at Condition 20;</p> <p>(f) a monitoring program for the proposed offset site(s) suitable to measure the success of the management measures against stated performance criteria including monitoring locations, parameters, and timing;</p> <p>(g) a description of the potential risks to the successful implementation of the Offset Management Plan, and details of contingency measures that will be implemented to mitigate these risks; and</p> <p>(h) a detailed proposal to offset any significant residual impacts on any EPBC Act listed threatened species and EPBC Act listed ecological communities not identified in Table 1.</p> | <p>a) Section 3 b) Section 3 c) Section 3 and Appendix D d) Section 6.3 Table 6-2 e) Section 2.2 and 10 f) Section 7 g) Section 6.5 h) Section 1.3.2 (refers to SSMP)</p> <p>QGC reports on the implementation of the OAMP through annual monitoring reports submitted to the department.</p> <p>QGC's Valkyrie Biodiversity Offset Area Annual Report for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 (QCOPS-BF32-ENV-RPT-000002) was submitted to the department on 1 September 2021. This annual report documents the offset area management actions and monitoring results for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.</p> | |
| 19. | <p>The approval holder must not convey outside the project area gas derived from the action unless the Minister has approved the Offset Management Plan. The approval holder must implement the approved Offset Management Plan.</p> | <p>The Offset Management Plan was approved on 15 August 2017. In accordance with this condition, gas was only conveyed outside of the project area after the required approvals were received in the Offset Management Plan.</p> <p>The Plan is currently being implemented.</p> | Compliant |



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| 20. | The approval holder must legally secure the offset areas proposed in the Offset Management Plan approved by the Minister within 36 months of commencement. | <p>The timeframe for completion of this condition has since passed and QGC considers this condition closed. QGC and the previous landholder signed a head of agreement (HoA) including clauses to protect the habitat intended for offsets on 25 March 2015. Subsequent to the HoA QGC purchased the Valkyrie property in early 2016 as freehold land for the purpose of establishing biodiversity offsets.</p> <p>The Valkyrie Offset Area Management Plant (OAMP) including provision for Surat Basin Acreage Development (SBAD) (EPBC 2013/4047) offsets was approved by DOEE on 15 August 2017.</p> <p>A voluntary declaration on 3 KL162 - Isaac Regional Council was certified by the Queensland Department of Natural Resources and Mines (DNRM) on 2 September 2019.</p> | Not Applicable |
| 21. | The approval holder must, within 50 months of commencement, submit a Revised Offset Management Plan to the Minister for written approval. The Revised Offset Management Plan must constitute a revision of the approved Offset Management Plan, taking account of all new information including the results of all pre-clearance surveys. If the residual impact of the project on any MNES is greater than that predicted in the approved Offset Management Plan, the approval holder must propose in the Revised Offset Management Plan an offset or offsets for the additional residual impact. The approval holder must implement the approved Revised Offset Management Plan. | The timeframe for completion of this condition has since passed and QGC considers this condition complete and closed. Commencement of works occurred on 20 Oct 2015 and a revised version of QGC's Valkyrie OAMP was approved by the Department in April 2019. | Not Applicable |



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| 22. | <p>The approval holder must legally secure the offset areas proposed in the Revised Offset Management Plan approved by the Minister within 12 months from the date of the Minister’s approval of this plan.</p> <p>Note 2: Offsets for some species may be accommodated within ecological communities of overlap State approval requirements or other species habitat requirements, as long as they meet the requirements of these conditions of approval in respect of each individual species and community being offset.</p> <p>Note 3: The Minister may determine that offsets approved by the Queensland Government may satisfy the requirements for offsetting EPBC ACT MNES so long as any required offsets comply with the principles of the EPBC Act Environmental Offsets Policy or an equivalent Queensland Government offsets policy that ensures the maintenance and protection of MNES.</p> | <p>The timeframe for this condition has since passed and QGC considers this condition closed. Offset areas were secured through a Voluntary Declaration; (Valkyrie OAMP VDEC 2018-004425).</p> | Not Applicable |
| Water management and monitoring | | | |
| 23. | <p>The approval holder must submit a Coal Seam Gas Water Monitoring and Management Plan (CSG WMMP) at least two months prior to the extraction of water or coal seam gas, for the written approval of the Minister who may seek the advice of an expert panel. The CSG WMMP must contain:</p> <p>(a) parameters and a sampling regime to establish baseline data for surface and groundwater resources that may be impacted by the action, including: surface water quality and quantity in the project area, and upstream and downstream of potential impact areas; groundwater quality, levels and pressures for each formation that may be impacted by the project and for determining connectivity between different formations and between surface water and groundwater that may be impacted by the project;</p> <p>(b) provide for the early detection of any changes in groundwater quality, levels of pressure in each hydrogeological unit and changes to connectivity between formations or surface/groundwater connectivity;</p> <p>(c) monitor relevant formations to determine any changes to hydraulic connectivity and provide for early detection of impacts;</p> | <p>The Surat North CSG WWMP was submitted to the department on 13 July 2016. This plan is also available on QGC’s website. The plan was approved on 13 December 2016 and is being implemented.</p> <p>For how items a) to k) are addressed within the please refer to the following:</p> <p>a) refer to section 3 b) refer to section 5 c) refer to section 4 d) refer to section 6 e) refer to section 8 f) Monitoring results for the reporting period are published on the Shell Australia website (please refer to Water Management Annual Report 2021, Approvals EPBC 2008/4398 and EPBC 2013/7047); g) QGC contributed to the development of The Joint Industry Framework (JIF) which was finalised in March 2021 (i.e., during the reporting period) h) refer to section 9 i) refer to section 4 and appendix B j) Refer to section 9 Response Plan V</p> | Compliant |



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| | <p>(d) an assessment of potential impacts from the action on non-spring based groundwater dependent ecosystems through potential changes to surface-groundwater connectivity and interactions with the sub-surface expression of groundwater, including in areas adjacent to the Dawson River;</p> <p>(e) a program to monitor subsidence impacts from the action, including trigger thresholds and reporting of monitoring results in annual reporting required by Condition 34;</p> <p>(f) provisions to make monitoring results publicly available within 6 months of their collection, and retained on the approval holder's website for the life of the project, to facilitate a greater understanding of cumulative impacts;</p> <p>(g) a discussion on how the approval holder is contributing to the Joint Industry Plan, including its periodic review. The approval holder must contribute to the Joint Industry Plan and comply with any part of the Joint Industry Plan, or future iterations of the Joint Industry Plan, that applies to the approval holder;</p> <p>(h) early warning indicators, trigger thresholds and their reference values derived from baseline data for each monitoring point, including investigation and/or mitigation activities for both early warning indicators and trigger thresholds:</p> <p>(i.) for aquatic ecology and aquatic ecosystems; and</p> <p>(ii.) for groundwater, including groundwater drawdown limits for all aquifers potentially impacted by the action.</p> <p>(i) details of ongoing monitoring measures that:</p> <p>(i.) sets out the frequency of monitoring and rationale for the frequency; (ii.) includes continued collection of data for each monitoring site over the life of the project;</p> <p>(iii.) outlines the approach to be taken to analyse the results including the methods to determine trends to indicate potential impacts and describes the data and evidentiary standards to derive baseline conditions, reference values, triggers, thresholds and limits, and that</p> | <p>k) Data is available and provided on request</p> | |



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| | <p>data and evidentiary standards be included in regular reporting against the approval conditions; and</p> <p>(iv.) builds on the groundwater early warning system required at Condition h and sets out early warning indicators and trigger thresholds and limits for groundwater and surface water.</p> <p>(j) a risk based exceedance response plan that details the actions the approval holder will take and the timeframes in which those actions will be undertaken if, early warning indicators and trigger threshold values contained in the CSG WMMP are exceeded, or there are any emergency discharges; and</p> <p>(k) provisions to make monitoring data available to the Department and Queensland Government authorities (if requested) for inclusion in any cumulative impact assessment, regional water balance model, bioregional assessment or relevant research.</p> | | |
| 24. | <p>The CSG WMMP may refer to relevant sections of the QGC Stage 3 Water Monitoring and Management Plan approved in accordance with EPBC Approval 2008/4398, provided that the above information required in Condition 23 has been met. To avoid doubt, if a condition of another approval, held by the approval holder, requires a Water Monitoring and Management Plan, the approval holder may submit a single document which satisfies the requirements of each approval.</p> | <p>The technical work covered in the QGC Stage 3 WMMP was designed and implemented to also cover the Surat Basin development. When applicable, relevant sections of that plan are referred in the CSG WWMP approved on 13 December 2016.</p> | Compliant |
| 25. | <p>The approval holder must revise the CSG WMMP at least every three years including by incorporating changes to measures, parameters and actions reflecting the results of updated OGIA modelling and revisions to the Underground Water Impact Report. Updated modelling results must reflect actual measurements and monitoring data associated with this action. The revisions of the CSG WMMP may be submitted in accordance with the timing required for the Stage 3 Water Monitoring and Management Plan required under EPBC Approval 2008/4398, unless otherwise determined by the Minister.</p> | <p>The current CSG WMMP was approved in 2016. QGC received correspondence from the department on the 15 June 2020 regarding an extension of the validity of its current CSG WMMP based on the development of the Joint Industry Framework (JIF) between industry and government. The JIF was finalised in March 2021.</p> <p>QGC is looking to modify conditions under the approval in accordance with the JIF. QGC will revise the CSG WMMP once the conditions are finalised.</p> | Not Applicable |
| 26. | <p>Any revisions to the CSG WMMP must be peer reviewed by a suitably qualified water resources expert/s approved by the Minister in</p> | <p>This condition was not triggered during the reporting period.</p> | Not Applicable |



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| | writing. A peer review must be submitted to the Minister together with the CSG WMMP and a statement from the suitably qualified water resources expert/s stating that they carried out the peer review and endorse the findings and the content of the CSG WMMP | | |
| 27. | <p>The approval holder must not commence the extraction of water or coal seam gas until the CSG WMMP has been approved by the Minister in writing. The approved CSG WMMP must be implemented by the approval holder.</p> <p>Note 4: To ensure efficiency the approval holder may prepare and align the CSG WMNP with the requirements of the Queensland Government, as long as the relevant matters under the conditions of this approval are clearly and adequately addressed.</p> <p>Note 5: The Minister may throughout the life of the project life seek advice from experts, or an expert panel. As a consequence, specific matters identified through such advice may need to be addressed on the CSG WMMP. Where such advice is sought the approval holder will be provided with opportunity to submit information and respond to the specific matters identified, in order to ensure the CSG WMMP is based on the best available information. Review requirements will facilitate adaptive management, align with Queensland Government approval requirements, and account for potential accumulative impacts as new scientific information becomes available over the life of the project.</p> | This condition was not triggered during the reporting period . | Not Applicable |
| Well Construction and Operation | | | |
| 28. | The approval holder must ensure that gas wells are constructed, operated and decommissioned in accordance with best practice principles in the Queensland Code of Practice for Construction and Abandoning CSG wells. | QGC constructs, operates, and decommissions wells in accordance with best practice principles in the Queensland Code of Practice for Construction and Abandoning CSG wells. QGC demonstrates compliance through the implementation of its Well Integrity Management System (WIMS). | Compliant |



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| | | QGC also provides all relevant well documentation i.e., well completion reports to the State Regulator as required upon the completion of construction/abandonment of a well. | |
| 29. | The Minister may direct in writing that the approval holder cease water or gas extraction and/or water discharge or use if an early warning indicator, trigger threshold or limit is exceeded, and if the Minister is not satisfied that the action proposed or taken by the approval holder will remedy the situation. The Minister may direct the approval holder to implement alternative action at the expense of the approval holder. | No direction has been received from the Minister during the reporting period . | Not Applicable |
| 30. | If the Minister has directed in writing that the approval holder must cease water or gas extraction and/or water discharge or use pursuant to Condition 29, the approval holder must not recommence such activities until the Minister has given approval in writing for the recommencement of those activities. Approval to recommence activities may be subject to conditions that the Minister considers reasonable. | No direction has been received from the Minister during the reporting period . | Not Applicable |
| 31. | If the OGIA model ceases to exist, then the approval holder must submit an alternate model to be used for the purpose of these conditions that replaces the OGIA model as referred to in these conditions. The alternate model must be approved by the Minister in writing. | The OGIA model is activated. This condition was not triggered during the reporting period . | Not Applicable |
| General | | | |
| 32. | Within 20 business 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 this condition has passed and QGC considers this condition closed. Commencement of the action in the project area occurred on 20 October 2015. The department was notified in writing on 17 November 2015. | Not Applicable |



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| 33. | <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, reports or strategies required by this approval, and make them available upon request to the Department. The annual report (Condition 34) must state all confirmed cases of non-compliance along with details of any remedial actions. 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 Department’s website. The results of audits may also be publicised through the general media.</p> | <p>Accurate records, including measures taken to implement approved reports or strategies required under this approval are kept at QGC’s head office.</p> | Compliant |
| 34. | <p>Within three months of every 12 month anniversary of the commencement of the action, the approval holder must publish a report on its website for the life of the approval outlining how they have been compliant with the conditions of this approval over the previous 12 months, including the implementation of any management plans, strategies or programs as specified in the conditions. The approval holder must also provide in this report:</p> <p>(a) a reconciliation of actual impacts against whole of project maximum disturbance limits for EPBC Act listed threatened species and communities listed in Table 1;</p> <p>(b) the number and spatial distribution of boreholes where hydraulic fracturing is expected to occur and detailed separately, has occurred; and</p> <p>(c) details of constituent components of hydraulic fracturing agents used and any other reinjected fluid(s), their toxicity as individual substances and as total effluent toxicity and ecotoxicity.</p> <p>Note 6: For the purpose of publication of information required under condition 34c, the approval holder may, with the written approval of the Minister, redact any information that is subject to confidentiality</p> | <p>This compliance report demonstrates compliance with this condition.</p> <p>(a) No impact to MNES has been recorded during the reporting period. A reconciliation of actual impacts against whole of project maximum disturbance limits for EPBC Act listed threatened species and communities listed in Table 1 is presented as appendix B.</p> <p>(b) Not applicable - QGC currently had no well stimulations planned for the reporting period in the wells covered by this approval.</p> <p>(c) Not applicable - No hydraulic fracturing has occurred within the wells covered by this approval to date. QGC notes that all chemicals used by QGC on stimulation activities as well as its risk assessments are published on QGC’s website.</p> | Compliant |



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| | restrictions imposed on the approval holder by a third party. However, the approval holder must provide an unredacted version of the report to the Minister with the request regarding redaction. | | |
| 35. | The approval holder must provide to the Minister a copy of their 'Freshwater Ecotoxicity of Coal Seam Gas Stimulation Fluids' and Stimulation chemicals risk assessment reports. | The relevant documents were provided to the Minister on 10 November 2016. All Stimulation chemicals risk assessment reports are published on QGC's website. No stimulation has been conducted during the reporting period . | Compliant |
| 36. | The approval holder must provide documentary evidence to the Department providing proof of the date of publication of the report required under Condition 34 at the same time as the report is published. | The department will be provided with proof of the date of the publication at the same time as the report is published. | Compliant |
| 37. | The approval holder must notify the Department in writing of potential non-compliance with any condition of this approval as soon as practical and in any event within two business days of becoming aware of the potential non-compliance. The notice provided to the Department under this condition must specify: (a) the condition which the approval holder has potentially breached; (b) the nature of the potential non-compliance; and (c) when and how the approval holder became aware of the potential non-compliance. Within no later than twenty business days of becoming aware of the potential non-compliance, the notice to the Department under this condition must also specify: (d) how the non-compliance will affect the anticipated impacts of the approved action, in particular how the non-compliance will affect the impacts on the matters of national environmental significance; | No notifications to the department were made during the reporting period . | Not Applicable |



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| | (e) the measures the approval holder will take to address the impacts of the non-compliance on the matters of national environmental significance and rectify the non-compliance; and (f) the time by when the approval holder will rectify the non-compliance. | | |
| 38. | 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 audit must not commence unless and until the Minister has approved the independent auditor and audit criteria. The audit report must address the criteria to the satisfaction of the Minister. | QGC has not been requested by the Minister to conduct an independent audit. | Not Applicable |
| 39. | If the approval holder wishes to carry out any activity other than in accordance with the management plans as specified in the conditions, the approval holder must submit to the Department for the Minister's written approval a revised version of that management plan. The approval holder must not commence the varied activity until the Minister has approved the varied management plan. The Minister will not approve a varied management plan unless the revised management plan would result in an equivalent or improved environmental outcome over time. If the Minister approves the revised management plan, that management plan must be implemented in place of the management plan originally approved. | QGC revised and submitted the Significant Species Management Plan to the department in December 2020. It was approved by the Department 9 February 2021. | Compliant |
| 40. | If the Minister believes that it is necessary or convenient for the better protection of EPBC Act listed threatened species, listed migratory species or water resources to do so, the Minister may request that the approval holder make specified revisions to the management plans specified in the conditions and submit the revised management plan for the Minister's written approval. The approval holder must comply with any such request within the timeframe specified by the Minister. The revised approved management plan must be implemented. Unless the Minister has approved the revised | QGC has not received a request from the Minister to make specified revisions of the management plans during the reporting period . | Not Applicable |



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| | management plan, then the person taking the action must continue to implement the management plan originally approved, as specified in the conditions. | | |
| 41. | If, at any time after five 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. | The timeframe for this condition has since passed. QGC considers this condition closed. | Not Applicable |
| 42. | Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister, the approval holder must publish all management plans referred to in these conditions of approval on its website. Each management plan must be published on the website within 1 month of being approved by the Minister and remain available on that website for the life of the approval. | QGC publishes all management plans referred to in these conditions on its website. Refer to Shell AU Environmental Management Plans for access to these plans. | Compliant |

Appendix B LISTED THREATENED SPECIES AND COMMUNITIES- RECONCILIATION

| Threatened Fauna/Flora Species | Maximum disturbance (hectares) to core habitat known and core habitat potential | Actual / cumulative disturbance whole of project (hectares) |
|--|---|---|
| South-eastern long-eared Bat (<i>Nyctophilus corbeni</i>) | 105.9 | 10.56 |
| Koala (<i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i>) (combined populations of Queensland, New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory) | 71.7 | 6.29 |
| Yakka Skink (<i>Egernia rugosa</i>) | 59.3 | 5.3 |
| Belson's Panic Grass (<i>Homopholis belsonii</i>) | 47.5 | 0 |
| Ooline (<i>Cadellia pentastylis</i>) | 4 | 0 |
| Threatened Ecological Communities | Maximum disturbance (hectares) | Actual and cumulative disturbance whole of project (hectares) |
| Brigalow (<i>Acacia harpophylla</i> dominant and co-dominant) | 15 | 5.11 |
| Semi-evergreen vine thickets of the Brigalow Belt (North and South) and Nandewar Bioregions | 4 | 0 |
| Coolibah- Block Box Woodlands of the Darling Riverine Plains and the Brigalow Belt South Bioregions | 2 | 0 |

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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