



WESTERN AUSTRALIA
MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT

STATEMENT THAT A PROPOSAL MAY BE IMPLEMENTED
(PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1986)

ROLLER NO. 1 - OIL EXPLORATION PERMIT TP/3 PART 1

This proposal may be implemented subject to the following conditions:

1. The proponent shall adhere to the proposal as assessed by the Environmental Protection Authority and shall fulfil the commitments made in the Notice of Intent and in subsequent correspondence (copy of consolidated commitments attached).
2. The proponent shall include in the Oil Spill Contingency Plan, the capability for containment of oil spillages of up to 20 m³ on or adjacent to the rig. A suitable boom and skimmer device, together with an operator skilled in their deployment shall be at the rig site prior to the commencement of drilling and shall remain there permanently until decommissioning.

Where an oil boom (including an operator skilled in its deployment and suitable support vessels) with a minimum capacity of 1000 tonnes is kept on-site, the skimmer device shall be available within 24 hours should it be required.

3. Before drilling operations begin, the proponent shall successfully trial run the Oil Spill Contingency Plan (to the satisfaction of the Minister for Environment) up to the point of deployment of resources, in order to ensure that the plan is workable.
4. In order to minimise the likelihood of failure of the well casing, the proponent shall prior to drilling ahead, pressure test each string of casing to the satisfaction of the Director, Petroleum Division, Department of Mines.

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5. The proponent shall ensure that drill cuttings and fluid are disposed of to the satisfaction of the Environmental Protection Authority.
6. Before approval is given for drilling the Roller 1 well, the proponent shall provide an undertaking to accept responsibility for any adverse environmental impacts which may occur as a consequence of the proposal. The arrangements for meeting this condition shall be to the satisfaction of the Minister for Environment after consultation with the Minister for Mines and the Minister for Fisheries.
7. The proponent shall refer any further drilling or development plans resulting from this exploration drilling proposal to the Environmental Protection Authority for assessment.
8. The proponent shall be responsible for decommissioning the rig and the well, and rehabilitating the site and its environs to the satisfaction of the Director, Petroleum Division, Department of Mines.
9. Prior to any transfer of ownership of the proposal or other action which would give rise to a need to change the nominated proponent, the proponent shall advise the Minister for Environment so that a new proponent, who shall assume responsibility for the conditions contained in this statement, can be nominated. Any such advice shall be accompanied by a copy of this statement endorsed with an undertaking by the proposed replacement proponent to carry out the project in accordance with the conditions and procedures set out in the statement.

Bob Pearce, MLA
MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT

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Appendix 2

Proponent's commitments

WAPET hereby commit themselves to comply with commitments made in this NOI. Specifically this means that WAPET will:

- comply with all legislative requirements pertaining to this project;
- adopt industry and government standards and guidelines for safe exploration drilling practices;
- implement the environmental management programme documented in the NOI;
- comply with guidelines provided in the oil spill contingency plan; and
- implement the monitoring programme outlined in the environmental management programme.



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Dear Sir

SUBJECT: ROLLER NO 1 WELL IN PERMIT TP/3 PART 1

In reference to our letter dated 6 December 1989 on this subject, officers of the EPA have requested a revision to our non-biodegradable waste disposal procedure. The current procedure in our Drilling Operating Manual and quoted on page 2 of the referenced letter is:

"Section 3.2.4. If the generation of toxic, oily or generally non-biodegradable wastes cannot be avoided, these should be removed by the supply vessels for shore disposal. Disposal requirements will be determined by Perth office in conjunction with the Health Department of Western Australia"

The requested change is to replace the final sentence with:

"Disposal requirements shall be to the satisfaction of the EPA"

WAPET agrees with the revision and will abide by the revised procedure on its current and future offshore drilling operations.

Yours faithfully
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