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Statement No. 1253

**STATEMENT TO AMEND THE IMPLEMENTATION CONDITIONS
APPLYING TO A PROPOSAL
(Section 46 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*)**

**GORGON GAS DEVELOPMENT REVISED AND EXPANDED PROPOSAL:
BARROW ISLAND NATURE RESERVE**

Proposal: The construction of facilities for the development of the Greater Gorgon Gas Fields on the North-West Shelf, and the processing and export of the gas at a liquefied natural gas plant to be constructed on Barrow Island, as more generally described in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement / Environmental Review and Management Programme for the Proposed Gorgon Development, the Final Environmental Impact Statement/ Response to Submissions on the Environmental Review and Management Programme; as amended under Section 45C; and as expanded and revised in the Public Environmental Review for the Gorgon Gas Development Revised and Expanded Proposal and the Response to Submissions: Gorgon Gas Development Revised and Expanded Proposal, Public Environmental Review.

Proponent: Chevron Australia Pty Ltd (ACN 086 197 757)

Proponent address: 1 The Esplanade, Perth, Western Australia 6000

Assessment number: 2367

Report of the Environmental Protection Authority: 1781

Preceding Statement/s relating to this proposal: 748, 769, 800, 865, 965, 1002, 1136 and 1198

Pursuant to section 45 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*, as applied by section 46(8), it has been agreed that the implementation conditions set out in Ministerial Statement No. 800, be amended as specified in this Statement.

Conditions 9 and 15 of Ministerial Statement 800 are deleted and replaced with:

9 Quarantine Expert Panel

- 9.1 The Proponent must implement a **Quarantine Expert Panel (QEP)**, from the date of this statement, to provide advice to the Proponent, the **CEO**, and the Minister for the Environment on:
- (1) terrestrial biosecurity and quarantine on Barrow Island;
 - (2) marine biosecurity and quarantine on Barrow Island; and
 - (3) any other matter that may influence biosecurity on Barrow Island that is deemed required by the **CEO**.
- 9.2 The Proponent must **resource** the **QEP**.
- 9.3 The Proponent must continue to implement and **resource** the **QEP** required by condition 9.1, until the **CEO** confirms by notice in writing that **QEP** is no longer required.
- 9.4 The **QEP** must continue to operate in accordance with **Extant Terms of Reference (EToR)** until such time as the **confirmed Terms of Reference (ToR)**, as required by condition 9.5, has been approved by the **CEO**.
- 9.5 The Proponent must prepare and submit the **ToR** required by condition 9.6 within one (1) month from the date of this statement, for approval by the **CEO**, on advice of DBCA. Where revisions have been requested by the **CEO**:
- (1) the Proponent must submit a revised **ToR** within one (1) month of the date of the request by the **CEO**.
- 9.6 The **QEP** must operate in accordance with the **confirmed ToR**, as defined by condition 9.16.
- 9.7 The Proponent must ensure that within six (6) months from the date of this statement, **QEP** membership must not include persons who are **employed** by the Proponent or **environmental regulation agencies**.
- 9.8 Persons **employed** by the Proponent or **environmental regulation agencies** may act as **observers** to the **QEP**.
- 9.9 The Proponent or **environmental regulation agencies** may recommend a person as a **QEP** member to the **CEO**.

- 9.10 A person recommended as a **QEP** member must be approved by the **CEO**, provided the **CEO** is satisfied that the person has:
- (1) a suitable level of interest and experience in matters affecting terrestrial and marine biosecurity and quarantine; and
 - (2) a suitable level of knowledge, skills, experience or qualifications in one (1) or more of the following fields:
 - a) biosecurity management and quarantine control;
 - b) risk assessment and management;
 - c) surveillance and monitoring;
 - d) pest and disease identification;
 - e) **traditional ecological knowledge**;
 - f) statistics; or,
 - g) any other knowledge, skills, experience or qualifications deemed required by the **CEO**; and
 - (3) no **conflict of interest** that limits the ability of a recommended person to act as a **QEP** member or **QEP Chair**.
- 9.11 The Proponent or **environmental regulation agencies** may recommend a person as the **QEP Chair**.
- 9.12 The **QEP Chair** must be approved by the **CEO**, where the **CEO** is satisfied that the person has the requirements set out in condition 9.10.
- 9.13 The membership details of the **QEP**, must be recorded and maintained on a membership register, including but not limited to the:
- (1) names of members of the **QEP** and their professional affiliations;
 - (2) experience and qualifications of members;
 - (3) roles and responsibilities of **QEP** members;
 - (4) term of appointment for **QEP** members; and
 - (5) any **conflicts of interest** of **QEP** members.
- 9.14 The details of **observers** of the **QEP** must be recorded and maintained on an **observer** register, including but not limited to the:
- (1) names of **observers** of the **QEP** and their professional affiliations; and
 - (2) experience and qualifications of **observers**.

- 9.15 If the membership or **observer** registers are revised, the Proponent must provide the **CEO** with the updated member or observer register within seven (7) business days.
- 9.16 The **QEP ToR** must include, but not limited to:
- (1) background information describing the context for the **QEP**;
 - (2) a description clearly defining the specific roles the **QEP** is to perform;
 - (3) a description of the **QEP** governance structure and how interactions with other advisory groups, other scientific experts, or **observers** will be managed;
 - (4) a description of the processes for how **QEP** membership is established or revoked, the minimum number of **QEP** members to be maintained, and the processes and timeframes for reviewing membership and roles of members;
 - (5) a description of the processes for how **QEP observers** are established or revoked, the maximum number of **QEP observers** to be maintained, and the processes and timeframes for reviewing an **observer's** membership and the roles of **observers**;
 - (6) a description of **QEP decision-making** processes and policies, including protocols for **conflict of interest** and confidentiality;
 - (7) a description of operational arrangements and processes, including but not limited to:
 - a) frequency of meetings;
 - b) meeting locations;
 - c) meeting records and minutes;
 - d) administrative protocols, including members and **observers** conduct requirements;
 - e) information management;
 - f) communication and advice protocols;
 - g) notification and timing of notifications of changes to membership and **observer** details required by conditions 9.13 and 9.14; and
 - h) costs and expenses associated with meetings;

- (8) description of procedures for reporting within the **QEP**, to the Proponent and **CEO**, including but not limited to how reporting is coordinated, communicated, and the timing of reporting; and
- (9) a description of procedures for reviewing the **QEP** efficiency, effectiveness, and **ToR**.

9.17 The Proponent:

- (1) may review and revise the **confirmed QEP ToR** provided it meets the relevant requirements of condition 9.15; and
- (2) must review and revise the **confirmed QEP ToR**, as and when directed by the **CEO**, within one (1) month of the date of the direction.

9.18 If the Proponent is to implement revisions to the **confirmed QEP ToR** under condition 9.17(1), the Proponent must one (1) month prior to implementing any revised **QEP ToR** provide to the **CEO** for approval:

- (1) the revised **QEP ToR** clearly showing the revisions; and
- (2) an explanation of and justification for the **QEP ToR** revisions.

9.19 The Proponent must cease to implement any revisions of the **confirmed QEP ToR** which the **CEO** notifies the Proponent (at any time) in writing may not be implemented.

9.20 The Proponent must make publicly available, in a manner approved by the **CEO**, the:

- (1) **QEP** membership register;
- (2) **QEP ToR**;
- (3) all **QEP** meeting minutes, supporting information and reports relevant to the **QEP** function and operations required by condition 9.1; and
- (4) all supporting materials related to **QEP ToR**.

9.21 If any data or information referred to in condition 9.20 contains:

- (1) trade secrets; or,
- (2) confidential information (other than trade secrets) or commercially sensitive information that has commercial value to a person that would be, or could reasonably be expected to be, destroyed, or diminished if the confidential information were published; or,
- (3) cultural information (other than trade secrets) that has value to a **Relevant Traditional Owner** that would be, or could reasonably be

expected to be, destroyed, or diminished if the confidential information were published.

The Proponent, **QEP** members and **QEP observers** may submit a request for approval from the **CEO** to not make this data or information publicly available, and the **CEO** must approve the request where the **CEO** is satisfied that the data or information meets the criteria defined by conditions 9.21(1), 9.21(2) or 9.21(3).

- 9.22 In making a request under condition 9.21, the Proponent, **QEP** member or **QEP observer** must provide the **CEO** with an explanation and reasons why the data or information should not be made publicly available.

15 Marine Turtle Expert Panel

- 15.1 The Proponent must implement a **Marine Turtle Expert Panel (MTEP)**, from the date of this statement, to provide advice to the Proponent, the **CEO**, and the Minister for the Environment on:

- (1) marine turtle biology and ecology on Barrow Island;
- (2) marine turtle monitoring and management on Barrow Island; and
- (3) any other matter that may influence marine turtles on Barrow Island that is deemed required by the **CEO**.

- 15.2 The Proponent must **resource** the **MTEP**.

- 15.3 The Proponent must continue to implement and **resource** the **MTEP** required by condition 15.1, until the **CEO** confirms by notice in writing that **MTEP** is no longer required.

- 15.4 The **MTEP** must continue to operate in accordance with the **Extant Terms of Reference (EToR)** until such time as the **confirmed Terms of Reference (ToR)**, as required by condition 15.5, has been approved by the **CEO**.

- 15.5 The Proponent must prepare and submit the **ToR** required by condition 15.6 within one (1) month from the date of this statement, for approval by the **CEO**, on advice of DBCA. Where revisions have been requested by the **CEO**:

- (1) the Proponent must submit a revised **ToR** within one (1) month of the date of the request by the **CEO**.

- 15.6 The **MTEP** must operate in accordance with the **confirmed ToR**, as defined by condition 15.16.

- 15.7 The Proponent must ensure that within six (6) months from the date of this statement, **MTEP** membership must not include persons who are **employed** by the Proponent or **environmental regulation agencies**.
- 15.8 Persons **employed** by the Proponent or **environmental regulation agencies** may act as **observers** to the **MTEP**.
- 15.9 The Proponent or **environmental regulation agencies** may recommend a person as a **MTEP** member to the **CEO**.
- 15.10 A person recommended as a **MTEP** member must be approved by the **CEO**, where the **CEO** is satisfied that the person has:
- (1) a suitable level of interest in, and experience of, matters affecting marine turtle biology and ecology, monitoring and management;
 - (2) a suitable level of knowledge, skills, experience or qualifications in one (1) or more of the following fields:
 - a) marine turtle biology and ecology;
 - b) risk assessment and management;
 - c) surveillance and monitoring;
 - d) coastal geomorphology;
 - e) coastal engineering;
 - f) **traditional ecological knowledge**;
 - g) statistics; or,
 - h) any other knowledge, skills, experience or qualifications deemed required and approved by the **CEO**; and
 - (3) no **conflict of interest** that limits the ability of a recommended person to act as a **MTEP** member or **MTEP Chair**.
- 15.11 The Proponent or **environmental regulation agencies** may recommend a person as the **MTEP Chair**.
- 15.12 The **MTEP Chair** must be approved by the **CEO**, where the **CEO** is satisfied that the person has the requirements set out in condition 15.10.
- 15.13 The membership details of the **MTEP**, must be recorded maintained on a membership register, including but not limited to the:
- (1) names of members of the **MTEP** and their professional affiliations;
 - (2) experience and qualifications of members;

- (3) roles and responsibilities of **MTEP** members;
 - (4) term of appointment for **MTEP** members; and
 - (5) any **conflicts of interest** of **MTEP** members.
- 15.14 The details of **observers** of the **MTEP**, must be recorded and maintained on an **observer** register, including but not limited to the:
- (1) names of **observers** of the **MTEP** and their professional affiliations;
 - (2) experience and qualifications of **observers**.
- 15.15 If the membership or **observer** registers are revised, the Proponent must provide the **CEO** with the updated member or **observer** register within seven (7) business days.
- 15.16 The **MTEP ToR** must include, but not limited to:
- (1) background information describing the context for the **MTEP**;
 - (2) a description clearly defining the specific roles the **MTEP** is to perform;
 - (3) a description of the **MTEP** governance structure and how interactions with other advisory groups, other scientific experts, or **observers** will be managed;
 - (4) a description of the processes for how **MTEP** membership is established or revoked, the minimum number of **MTEP** members to be maintained, and the processes and timeframes for reviewing membership and roles of members;
 - (5) a description of the processes for how **MTEP observers** are established or revoked, the maximum number of **MTEP observers** to be maintained, and the processes and timeframes for reviewing an **observer's** membership and the roles of **observers**;
 - (6) a description of **MTEP decision-making** processes and policies, including protocols for **conflict of interest** and confidentiality;
 - (7) a description of operational arrangements and processes, including but not limited to:
 - a) frequency of meetings;
 - b) meeting locations;
 - c) meeting records and minutes;
 - d) administrative protocols, including members and **observers** conduct requirements;
 - e) information management;
 - f) communication and advice protocols;

- g) notification and timing of notifications of changes to membership and **observer** details required by conditions 15.13 and 15.14; and
 - h) costs and expenses associated with meetings;
- (8) description of procedures for reporting within the **MTEP**, to the Proponent and **CEO**, including but not limited to how reporting is coordinated, communicated, and the timing of reporting; and
- (9) a description of procedures for reviewing the **MTEP** efficiency, effectiveness, and **ToR**.

15.17 The Proponent:

- (1) may review and revise the **confirmed MTEP ToR** provided it meets the relevant requirements of condition 15.15; and
- (2) must review and revise the **confirmed MTEP ToR**, as and when directed by the **CEO**, within one (1) month of the date of the direction.

15.18 If the Proponent is to implement revisions to **confirmed MTEP ToR** under condition 15.17(1), the Proponent must one (1) month prior to implementing any revised **MTEP ToR** provide to the **CEO** for approval:

- (1) the revised **MTEP ToR** clearly showing the revisions; and
- (2) an explanation of and justification for the **MTEP ToR** revisions.

15.19 The Proponent must cease to implement any revisions of the **confirmed MTEP ToR** which the **CEO** notifies the Proponent (at any time) in writing may not be implemented.

15.20 The Proponent must make publicly available, in a manner approved by the **CEO**, the:

- (1) **MTEP** membership register;
- (2) **MTEP ToR**;
- (3) all **MTEP** meeting minutes, supporting information and reports relevant to the **MTEP** function and operations required by condition 15.1; and
- (4) all supporting materials related to **MTEP ToR**.

15.21 If any data or information referred to in condition 15.20 contains:

- (1) trade secrets; or,
- (2) confidential information (other than trade secrets) or commercially sensitive information that has commercial value to a person that would be, or could reasonably be expected to be, destroyed, or diminished if the confidential information were published; or,

- (3) cultural information (other than trade secrets) that has value to a **Relevant Traditional Owner** that would be, or could reasonably be expected to be, destroyed, or diminished if the confidential information were published.

The Proponent, **MTEP** members and **MTPE observers** may submit a request for approval from the **CEO** to not make this data or information publicly available, and the **CEO** must approve the request where the **CEO** is satisfied that the data or information meets the criteria defined by condition 9.21(1), 9.21(2) or 9.21(3).

15.22 In making a request under condition 15.21, the Proponent must provide the **CEO** with an explanation and reasons why the data or information should not be made publicly available.

[signed on 3 September 2025]

Hon. Matthew Swinbourn BA LLB MLC

MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT; COMMUNITY SERVICES; HOMELESSNESS

Affected decision-making authorities consulted under section 46(8A):
Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Minister for Lands Minister for Mines and Petroleum Minister for Ports Minister for State Development Minister for Transport Minister for Water

Table 1: Abbreviations and definitions

Acronym or abbreviation	Definition or term
CEO	The Chief Executive Officer of the Department of the Public Service of the State responsible for the administration of section 48 of the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i> , or the CEO's delegate.
Chair	An approved member of the QEP or MTEP appointed by the CEO to be the Chair , who is responsible for leading and facilitating the panel's discussions, ensuring the panel operates efficiently, and guiding the panel towards its objectives.
Confirmed	In relation to the Terms of Reference (ToR) required to be made and submitted to the CEO , means, at the relevant time, the submitted ToR that the CEO confirmed , by notice in writing, meets the requirements of the relevant condition.
Conflict of interest	<p>Instances where a member's personal and professional interests overlap, or may be perceived to overlap, with their duties as a QEP or MTEP member.</p> <p>A conflict of interest exists when a reasonable person might perceive that personal interests could be favoured over members duties. Personal interests include (but not limited to) personal relationships, business interests and secondary employment. Accepting gifts or hospitality may also present a conflict of interest.</p> <p>There are 3 types of conflicts of interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actual: A conflict happening now; • Potential: A personal interest that may present a conflict later; or, • Perceived: A reasonable third party may believe a member's personal interests could improperly influence a member's decisions now or in the future – whether this is the case or not.
Employed	<p>A person who has entered into or works under a contract of service with the Proponent or environmental regulation agencies, for the purposes of pecuniary gain. This does not include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) any pecuniary gain associated with duties or work performed as members on the QEP and MTEP; or, (b) any pecuniary gain associated with historical duties or work performed more than 10 years prior to the date of this statement; or, (c) where, to the satisfaction of the CEO, no conflict of interest exists.
Environmental Regulation Agencies	<p>Any government entity which has responsibility for administering any provisions of the following legislation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i> (EP Act);

Acronym or abbreviation	Definition or term
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the <i>Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016</i> (BC Act); the <i>Conservation and Land Management Act 1984</i> (CALM Act); the <i>Biosecurity and Agricultural Management Act 2007</i> (BAM Act); the <i>Fish Resources Management Act 1994</i> (FRMA Act); the <i>Biosecurity Act 2015</i> (B Act); and, the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (EPBC Act).
Extant Terms of Reference (EToR)	<p>Terms of Reference for each expert panel, in existence prior to any the s.46 inquiry condition amendments.</p> <p>In relation to the QEP, the extant terms of reference is Doc Id: G1-NT-GDLX0000102, Revision 3, dated December 2016 – see https://australia.chevron.com/-/media/australia/our-businesses/documents/Quarantine-Expert-Panel-Terms-of-Reference_rev-3.pdf (accessed 20 February 2025).</p> <p>In relation to the MTEP, the extant terms of reference is Doc Id: G1-NT-GDLX0000103, Revision 3, dated March 2013 – see https://australia.chevron.com/-/media/australia/our-businesses/documents/gorgon-marine-turtle-expert-panel-terms-of-reference.pdf (accessed 20 February 2025).</p>
Decision-making	<p>The selection of a course of action among options. Where the selection process considers the <i>Ombudsman Western Australia: Guidelines on Decision Making (Revised April 2019)</i> – see https://www.ombudsman.wa.gov.au/Publications/Documents/guidelines/Binder-Decision-Making.pdf (accessed 20 February 2025)</p>
Marine Expert Panel (MTEP)	Group of suitably qualified and experienced professionals who provide advice on marine turtle biology and ecology, monitoring and management.
Member	A person for the time being approved by the CEO as a member of the QEP or MTEP and includes the Chair .
Observer	A person or entity who attends meetings or reviews documents without having the right to vote or directly participate in decision-making but can observe and contribute to discussions where invited to do so by the Chair .
Terms of Reference (ToR)	A description of the roles, expectations, and purpose of individuals who are involved in the development and/or implementation of a scientific expert/advisory panel.

Acronym or abbreviation	Definition or term
Traditional ecological knowledge	The knowledge, practices, and beliefs about the relationships between people, plants, animals, natural phenomena, landscapes, and the timing of events for activities like hunting, fishing, and agriculture held by the Relevant Traditional Owners for a region.
Quarantine Expert Panel (QEP)	Group of suitably qualified and experienced professionals who provide advice on terrestrial and marine biosecurity.
Relevant Traditional Owners	In relation to the land or waters subject to the proposal, means one or more of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a registered native title body corporate for the land or waters; or, - a registered native title claimant for the land or waters; or, - a group of persons with Aboriginal traditional and cultural associations with the land or waters.
Resource	Support (including but not limited to funding and administrative support) for QEP and MTEP members to ensure the ongoing efficient and effective functioning of the QEP and MTEP to meet the requirements of each panels ToR .