

Public record pursuant to s. 39 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*

Section 46 inquiry into conditions

Statement number: 800

Proposal title: The Gorgon Gas Development Revised and Expanded Proposal:
Barrow Island Nature Reserve

Proposal location: Barrow Island Nature Reserve, 90 kilometres north of Onslow,
Western Australia

Proponent: Chevron Australia Pty Ltd

Date Minister's request received: 11-03-2023

Amendment/s requested:

Inquire into implementation Condition 9 (Quarantine Expert Panel) and Condition 15 (Marine Turtle Expert Panel) to ensure that they are effective and act as an independent advisory group for the Minister for Environment and the proponent on matters relating to terrestrial and marine quarantine and marine turtle monitoring and management. It is noted that a second Section 46 inquiry into Ministerial 800 (dated 11-04-2023) has also been requested by the Minister for Environment in relation to Conditions 10, 16 and 25 (Inquiry 2). Inquiry 2 will be initiated following the completion of this inquiry, due to the inputs required from the respective expert panels into the effectiveness of conditions to be examined in Inquiry 2.

Preliminary factors relevant to the requested amendment/s:

From: benthic communities and habitat, coastal processes, marine environmental quality, marine fauna, terrestrial environmental quality, terrestrial fauna, flora and vegetation

Determination:

Section 46 – Request for a change to environmental conditions.

Explanation of decision:

Request from the Minister for Environment to EPA to inquire into changing implementation conditions.

Appeals: Decision is not appealable



Prof. Matthew Tonts

CHAIR

Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority

Date: 20 June 2023