

Environmental Protection Act 1986

Section 43A

**NOTICE OF DECISION TO APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO PROPOSAL DURING
ASSESSMENT**

PERSON TO WHOM THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN

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PROPOSAL TO WHICH THIS NOTICE RELATES:

West Erregulla Field Development Program
Assessment No. 2308

Pursuant to section 43A of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act), the Environmental Protection Authority gives approval to the assessment of the proposal being completed in respect of the proposal as amended in accordance with the proponent's request being:

1. Clarification of the disturbance footprint which comprises the existing cleared footprint of 27.2 hectares (ha) and the proposed clearing footprint of 38.46 ha for a total area of 65.66 ha within a development envelope of 93.97 ha.

See the attached amended Proposal Content Document and Figure 1.

EFFECT OF THIS NOTICE:

1. The assessment of the proposal is to be completed in respect of the proposal as amended in accordance with the decision set out in this notice.
2. The proposal as amended in accordance with this notice is taken to have been referred to the EPA under section 38 of the EP Act.

RIGHTS OF APPEAL:

There are no rights of appeal under the EP Act in respect of this decision.

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Professor Matthew Tonts
Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority
CHAIR

7 January 2022

Amended Proposal Content Document

Table 1: Summary of the proposal

Proposal title	West Erregulla Field Development Program
Proponent name	Strike West Pty Ltd
Short description	<p>The Proposal will allow for the conveying of extracted gas from the West Erregulla field and comprises the following components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of a gathering network comprising flowlines/trunklines to convey gas from four existing/approved wells to an Upstream Compound. • Drilling two new conventional wells (G and J) and potential connection into gathering network. • Remote Terminal Unit (RTU), metering and corrosion inhibitor chemical injection system at each well site. • Pigging facilities for trunklines and flowlines. • An Upstream Compound consisting of pig receiver tie-in points and a common manifold. <p>The Proposal terminates at the transfer point to the third-party gas processing facility.</p>

Table 2: Location and proposed extent of physical and operational elements

Element	Location	Changed Proposal Extent (s43A)
<i>Physical Elements</i>		
Gathering network comprising flowlines/trunklines, wells and an Upstream Compound	Figure 1	Clearing of up to 38.46 ha of native vegetation within a 93.97 ha development envelope, with a total disturbance footprint, including existing facilities of up to approximately 65.66 ha.



Figure 1: Amended Proposal Area

Summary of reasons for decision – request to amend a referred proposal under s43A of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*

Proposal Title: West Erregulla Field Development Program

Proponent: Strike Energy Ltd

Proposal referral date: 23 June 2021

Date request to amend referred proposal under section 43A received: 14 October 2021

Existing referred proposal:

The proposal is to construct and operate a flowline gathering network system to convey extracted gas from the West Erregulla field to an upstream separating facility. The proposal will supply gas to a third party operated gas processing facility which is subject to separate approvals. The proposal is located in the Shires of Three Springs and Mingenew in the Midwest region of Western Australia approximately 50 kilometres (km) southeast of Dongara.

Short description of amendment(s) sought:

- Clarification of the disturbance footprint to include the existing cleared area of 27.2 hectares (ha) and the proposed clearing of 38.46 ha of native vegetation comprising a total disturbance footprint of 65.66 ha within a development envelope of 93.97 ha.

Decision:

Amendment(s) to proposal as set out in Attachment 1 are approved.

Environmental factors relevant to amendment(s):

- Flora and Vegetation: clearing 38.46 ha of native vegetation.
- Terrestrial Fauna: loss of potential habitat for conservation significant fauna species.
- Terrestrial Environmental Quality: potential contamination of soils.
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions: increased emissions.

Summary of likely changes to environmental impacts from proposed amendment(s)

Amendment sought	Changes to environmental impacts
Clarification of the disturbance footprint to include the existing cleared area of 27.2 hectares (ha) and the proposed clearing of 38.46 ha of native vegetation comprising a total disturbance footprint of 65.66 ha within a development envelope of 93.97 ha.	The proposed change does not alter the key environmental factors likely to be impacted by the proposal, which will be considered during the assessment. There will be no change to the proposed extent of native vegetation clearing or the operational area within which proposed works will occur (i.e. the development envelope).

Summary of consultation

No consultation has been undertaken by the proponent on the application.

The section 38 referral supporting document will be subject to 2-week public review, this is considered sufficient for consultation on the impacts of the amendments as incorporated as part of the whole proposal.

Summary of consideration of amendment

The EPA has considered whether, if the proposal were already approved, the amendment would be a significant amendment. This has included considering the likely significance of:

- Effects of the proposed amendment on its own.
- Effects of the proposed amendment in the context of the existing referred proposal.
- Cumulative environmental impacts.
- Holistic impacts.

The EPA has considered whether it has sufficient information about the proposed amendment to be able to reasonably proceed with assessment of the amended proposal with or without performing any additional functions at this stage.

The EPA has considered whether the amended proposal will still be substantially the same character as the existing referred proposal.

Approval – not a significant amendment

The EPA considers the amended proposal to be substantially the same character as the existing referred proposal and does not consider that the amendment would be a significant amendment if the proposal were already approved. The EPA considers it has enough information to reasonably proceed with assessment of the amended proposal without performing any additional functions at this stage.

Attachments

- Attachment 1: Amended Proposal Content Document
- Figure 1: Amended Proposal Area

Appeals: Decision not appealable.



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CHAIR

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Attachment 1

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