

# **CLEARING PERMIT**

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

### PERMIT DETAILS

Purpose Permit Number:849 / 3
File Number:A1461/200501
Duration of Permit: From 08 April 2006 to 08 April 2008

### PERMIT HOLDER

Chevron Australia Pty Ltd

### LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Petroleum Production Licences: L 1H R1, TL/9, L10;

Petroleum Exploration Permit: TP/8

## AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

1. Clearing of up to 2 hectares of terrestrial and marine vegetation for the purposes of onshore and offshore geotechnical investigations (drilling), associated access tracks (onshore), and other associated activities, within the areas cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 849/3.

#### CONDITIONS

- 1. The Permit Holder shall, within 12 months of completing the onshore clearing in accordance with this Permit, rehabilitate the areas cleared.
- 2. Prior to carrying out active rehabilitation, the Permit Holder shall prepare a rehabilitation plan in relation to each area to be rehabilitated which shall specify the method of rehabilitation, when such work will be carried out, and provide for a process of review and remediation of rehabilitation.
- 3. Rehabilitation shall be carried out in accordance with the rehabilitation plan.
- Condition 1 ceases to have effect if future clearing of the areas cleared under this application is approved for the purpose of implementation of the proposed Gorgon Development.
- 5. The Permit Holder shall record the following for each instance of clearing:
  - (a) the location where clearing occurred, expressed as grid coordinates using the Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 coordinate system;
  - (b) the area cleared in hectares or square meters:
  - (c) the method of clearing;
  - (d) the purpose of clearing; and
  - (e) the area rehabilitated in hectares or square meters.
- 6. The Permit Holder shall provide a report to the Director, Environment, Department of Industry and Resources (DoIR) by 29 August 2008 setting out the records required under Condition 5 of this permit in relation to clearing carried out.
- 7. The Permit Holder shall record the information collected under Condition 5 of this permit in the Gorgon Project Vegetation Clearing Database, which shall be added to the Chevron Barrow Island Environmental Sensitivities Layer located in the Chevron Geographical Information System Database, by 29 August 2008.

- 8. The Permit Holder shall ensure that prior to the movement and positioning of drilling equipment and supporting vessels throughout the offshore clearing area, appropriate inspections are undertaken, as outlined in the DoIR approved Environmental Management Plan (Chevron Australia 2006. Phase 11 Near-Shore Geotechnical Program), to identify the location of coral bomboras so as to avoid impact on them and disturbance nearby.
- 9. Prior to the carrying out of any clearing onshore, the Permit Holder shall inspect and survey for Priority and/or significant flora, significant vegetation communities and significant fauna habitat (as listed in the draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Review and Management Program and the approved Environmental Management Plan), all locations at which any proposed clearing activity is to be undertaken, as outlined in the DOIR approved Environmental Management Plan (Chevron Australia 2006. Phase 11 Near-Shore Geotechnical Program). This inspection shall be undertaken by an appropriately qualified environmental professional (such as a qualified botanist, the Environmental Specialist or the Environmental Technician) with the intent of defining and/or confirming the location and extent of any Priority and/or significant flora, significant vegetation communities and significant fauna habitat, such that they can be avoided unless clearing of them is absolutely necessary.

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**ENVIRONMENT DIVISION** 

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND RESOURCES

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