



Barossa Offshore Project Proposal (OPP)

Consultation

OPP **Section 8** describes the OPP public comment period and process for making a submission, the stakeholder consultation that has occurred prior to this OPP and the future consultation that will occur.

Previous consultation: ConocoPhillips has been a titleholder and operator of the exploration, appraisal and development activities supporting the project since 2004. Stakeholder engagement in recent years has included consultation in relation to the plans to develop the project area as a future backfill gas supply for the Darwin LNG facility.

Based on its history of proactive consultation, ConocoPhillips believes stakeholders support development of the Barossa offshore development area and the continued economic benefit it will deliver to Australia, in particular Darwin and the NT, and understand that a new gas resource will be required once the Bayu-Undan Field is depleted.

Public comment period: The public is invited to submit their comments on the project to NOPSEMA for consideration. The Barossa OPP public comment period has been publicly advertised and communicated directly to stakeholders. This information is also available on the NOPSEMA and ConocoPhillips websites. Details of how to make a submission can be found on the NOPSEMA website at <https://www.nopsema.gov.au/assets/Information-papers/A473111.pdf>

All written comments will receive a formal response before the final OPP is submitted to NOPSEMA for acceptance. The final OPP submitted to NOPSEMA will summarise all comments received, include an assessment of the merits of objections and claims made and ConocoPhillips' response to the comments.

NOPSEMA's Guidance Note clarifies that an objection or claim does not have to be accommodated through changes to the project, but the proponent must assess whether any changes put forward are practicable or feasible, particularly in reducing impacts and risks.

ConocoPhillips will assess the merits of all comments received and any changes made to this OPP as a result of a public comment will be communicated to the relevant person or organisation and described in the submitted document.

Future consultation: Should the Barossa OPP be accepted by NOPSEMA, ConocoPhillips will commence preparation of Environment Plans (EPs) for project activities. The preparation and assessment of specific EPs for each activity in the project will involve detailed stakeholder consultation.

Consultation will continue during preparation of each EP to further understand and seek feedback on the key issues and concerns of relevant stakeholders, with the outcomes fully documented in the EPs submitted to NOPSEMA. Following this, ConocoPhillips will continue ongoing, targeted consultation with stakeholders with direct interest in the activities. ConocoPhillips has dedicated channels for enquiries and ongoing communication with the public.

ConocoPhillips consults on a regular basis with scientific and academic stakeholders to better understand the environment in which it operates and to explore areas for collaboration and research related to its offshore permits. During the project, ConocoPhillips will continue to seek similar opportunities to share and advance knowledge with other stakeholders.

Broad list of stakeholder groups

Stakeholder group	Description
Commonwealth Government organisations	Commonwealth Government regulatory agencies, organisations and political representatives
NT Government organisations	NT Government regulatory agencies, organisations and political representatives
Foreign Governments and organisations	Foreign governments and organisations with an interest in the project
Associations	Petroleum and professional and recreational fisherman industry associations
Industry	Petroleum titleholders (current and future applicants)
Other marine users	Commercial and recreational fishermen, shipping companies
Environmental interest groups	Including environmental non-government organisations
Darwin Harbour users	Darwin Ports, Darwin Harbour commercial and recreational users
Traditional Owners and Indigenous groups	Traditional Owners and other local Indigenous groups
Business community	Suppliers of goods and services, including those based in the NT or providing services in the NT
Local employees	Employees living and/or working in the NT
Research/education groups	Interested research, education and training organisations
Other community stakeholders	Other interested groups and/or individuals