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1. PURPOSE

This document describes how Australia Pacific LNG has complied with the conditions specified in *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act* Approval (EPBC2009/4977) within the required reporting period.

2. SCOPE

Australia Pacific LNG Pty Limited is constructing a Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) processing plant on Curtis Island as part of the Australia Pacific LNG Project. Construction of Train 1 is scheduled for completion in Quarter 1 2015, with phased commissioning to achieve Train 1 operations in Quarter 3 2015. Train 2 construction will continue through to Quarter 1 2016, followed by commissioning and operation.

Conditions 86 and 87 of EPBC 2009/4977 require that Australia Pacific LNG produces an Annual Environmental Return and publish it on the Australia Pacific LNG website (www.aplng.com.au) within 20 calendar days of the anniversary date each year.

This *Annual Environmental Return Report* covers the period of 21 February 2014 to 20 February 2015.

3. BACKGROUND

On 21 February 2011, the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (now Minister for the Environment) (the Minister) approved the LNG Facility subject to conditions under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth)* (*EPBC Act*). The Minister, through EPBC2009/4977, approved the proposed action of:



The development, construction, operation and decommissioning of a multi-train liquified natural gas (LNG) processing plant (LNG Facility) and associated ancillary onshore and marine facilities within the Curtis Island Industry precinct of the Gladstone State Development Area, in the south-west section of Curtis Island adjacent to Gladstone.

The controlling provisions for which the approval relates are:

- World Heritage Properties (sections 12 and 15A, *EPBC Act*).
- National Heritage Places (sections 15B and 15C, *EPBC Act*).
- Listed threatened species and communities (sections 18 and 18A, *EPBC Act*).
- Listed migratory species (sections 20 and 20A, *EPBC Act*).

Development of the coal seam gas fields associated with the Project is being completed under EPBC 2009/4974, whilst development of the gas pipeline to convey gas between the gas fields and the LNG processing plant is being completed under EPBC 2009/4976.

The Final Investment Decision (FID) to proceed with the Project was announced on 28 July 2011.

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4. INTRODUCTION

This *Annual Environmental Return Report* outlines key areas of works and performance in relation to the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act* Approval granted to Australia Pacific LNG (EPBC2009/4977 21 February 2011). This report assesses:

- Compliance with the conditions listed within *EPBC Act* Approval EPBC2009/4977 by Australia Pacific LNG and its contractors.
- Records of unavoidable adverse impacts on Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES), mitigation measures applied to avoid adverse impacts on MNES and any rehabilitation work undertaken in connection with any unavoidable adverse impacts on MNES.
- Any non-compliance with the conditions of EPBC2009/4977.
- Any amendments to plans needed to achieve compliance with the conditions of EPBC2009/4977.

4.1. RELATIONSHIP TO WESTERN BASIN DREDGING AND DISPOSAL PROJECT



A key component to the Project is the provision of marine and associated facilities to allow access to the Curtis Island site for construction and operation of the LNG Facility. All dredging described in EPBC2009/4977 was completed under an agreement with Gladstone Ports Corporations (GPC). GPC's Western Basin Dredging and Disposal (WBDD) Project is providing the necessary services to Australia Pacific LNG to accommodate vessel access to the site through dredging and disposal of dredged material for the Australia Pacific LNG construction docks and Material Off-Load Facility (MOF). Condition 2 and Conditions 31 to 41 of EPBC2009/4977 relate to dredging requirements for Australia Pacific LNG. These have been addressed in conjunction with the WBDD Project EPBC 2009/4904 approval. Reference is made to the following WBDD Project documents which also provide records of compliance with Australia Pacific LNG's *EPBC Act* Approval, including:

- *Dredge Management Plan* (Aurecon, 2012).
- *Annual Environmental Performance Report* November 2013 (CQG Consulting, 2013).
- *Environmental Impacts Briefing* (GPC, 2013).
- Annual Compliance Report of *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act* (EPBC) 2009/4904 (GPC, 2013)
- Annual Compliance Report of *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act* (EPBC) 2009/4904 (GPC, 2014)

4.2. LNG FACILITY CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

To date, works on site have involved:

- Stage 1 construction works, including site mobilisation which commenced on 23 May 2011.
- Stage 2 construction works, bulk earthworks which commenced on 22 July 2011.
- Shipping activities which commenced on 22 July 2011.
- Dredging for construction docks and material offload facility (MOF), by Gladstone Ports Corporation WBDD Project which commenced on 20 May 2011.
- Stage 3 works involving civil construction works of the LNG Facility, which in parts commenced on or after 1 October 2012 and 7 January 2013 respectively.

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- Stage 4, the commissioning of Train 1 of the LNG Facility, is scheduled to commence in Quarter 1 of 2015.
- Operation of Train 1 is scheduled to commence in Quarter 3, 2015.
- Completion of construction of Train 2 is scheduled for Quarter 1, 2016.

5. CONDITION COMPLIANCE

Condition 86 of EPBC2009/4977 Approval states:

The proponent must produce an Annual Environmental Return which:

(a) Addresses compliance with these conditions;

(b) Records any unavoidable adverse impacts on MNES, mitigation measures applied to avoid adverse impacts on MNES and any rehabilitation work undertaken in connection with any unavoidable adverse impacts on MNES;

(c) Identifies all non-compliances with these conditions;

(d) Identifies any amendments needed to plans to achieve compliance with these conditions.

Condition 87 of EPBC2009/4977 Approval states:

The proponent must publish the Annual Environmental Return on its website within 20 calendar days of each anniversary date of this approval. In complying with this publication requirement, the proponent must ensure that it has obtained relevant rights in relation to confidentiality and intellectual property rights of third parties.

5.1. COMPLIANCE

Condition compliance under EPBC2009/4977 is presented in [Appendix 1](#).

5.2. MATTERS OF NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE (MNES)

5.2.1. Unavoidable Impacts on Matters of National Environmental Significance

1) Listed migratory species:



- No known unavoidable impacts on listed migratory species are considered attributable to the Project.
- Monitoring of the impacts of construction activities on the behaviour and population of migratory shorebirds in the vicinity of the LNG Facility was undertaken in Summer 2012/2013, Summer 2013/2014 and Summer 2014/2015 as planned.

2) Listed threatened species:

- No known impacts on listed threatened species are considered attributable to the Project during the period.

3) World Heritage Properties and National Heritage Places:

- No known unavoidable impacts have occurred to World Heritage Properties or National Heritage Places during the reporting period.

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5.2.2. Mitigation Measures

No additional mitigation measures have been implemented as a result of unavoidable impacts on MNES.

5.3. PLAN AMENDMENTS

No amended plans have been resubmitted to DOTE as a result of an identified non-compliance or a request made by DOTE.

New and revised Plans have been submitted to DOTE as per condition requirements. These are described in the Appendix below.

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Appendix 1: Annual Environmental Return Compliance Response

#	Conditions	Status	Annual Return Response
1	The LNG plant and ancillary onshore and marine facilities site is substantially in accordance with the area outlined on the map at Figure 1.	Complies	<p>The project footprint has been defined within the <i>Construction Environmental Management Plan</i>.</p> <p>Australia Pacific LNG has not identified any construction works extending outside of the boundary indicated in Figure 1 of EPBC2009/4977. Regular inspections are completed to review compliance with this condition .</p>
2	Dredging is to be limited to a maximum of 900,000m ³ for the construction dock on Curtis Island.	Complies	<p>Gladstone Ports Corporation (GPC) is undertaking dredging on behalf of Australia Pacific LNG under EPBC 2009/4904. Dredging for the construction docks was completed between 08 June and 10 September 2011, with a total cumulative volume dredged of 506,556m³.</p> <p>From the information supplied from GPC, Australia Pacific LNG is not aware of any non-compliance by GPC with regard to this condition.</p>
3	<p>The proponent must minimise the visual impact of the construction and operation of the LNG Facility by:</p> <p>a) Constructing the LNG plant and ancillary onshore and marine facilities within the site identified in Figure 1;</p>	Complies	<p>Australia Pacific LNG has not identified any construction works performed outside of the boundary indicated in Figure 1 of EPBC2009/4977. Regular inspections are completed to review compliance with this condition.</p>



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b) Applying a colour scheme to the LNG facility and buildings, other than the LNG storage tanks and any necessary corrosion-protected structures and pipe insulation, from the palette of predominant colours found in the locality (Curtis Island) except where to do so would be in contravention of health and safety legislative requirements;	Complies	The LNG Facility is under construction using a colour palette consistent with the predominant colours on Curtis Island.
c) Ensuring site works minimise tree (including mangrove) clearing, with stabilisation and rehabilitation works on disturbed areas fully implemented within twelve months of completing each component of the LNG Facility (the worker accommodation facility and associated infrastructure; LNG storage tanks; and LNG trains and ancillary equipment and infrastructure, including marine loading and offloading facilities); and	Complies	All clearing works have been completed and stabilisation works are being undertaken progressively.
d) Minimising light spill and direct views of lights outside the LNG facility boundary except where to do so would be in contravention of health and safety legislative requirements.	Complies	The requirement for minimising light spillage and direct light impacts has been addressed within the <i>Construction Environmental Management Plan</i> ,and the <i>Marine Mammal and Turtle Management Plan</i> .



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4	<p>The proponent must not bring private motor vehicles onto the LNG site, or private watercraft into waters within 100 metres of the LNG site boundary, except for activities directly relating to pre-clearance surveys, site clearance, and the construction and operation of the LNG plant and ancillary onshore and marine facilities.</p>	Complies	<p>This condition is satisfied through the <i>Environmental Protection Code of Conduct</i> and through the <i>Environmental Induction Package</i>. These documents were submitted to DOTE in February 2013 and approved 15 April 2013, subject to amendments to the slide presentation. The slide presentation was revised and is being implemented.</p>
5	<p>The proponent must not bring animals and plants (including domestic cats and dogs and other potential pests and weeds), other than for landscaping and rehabilitation purposes onto the LNG plant and ancillary onshore and marine facilities site, or onto Curtis Island.</p> <p>Note: For clarity, plants that are brought to Curtis Island for landscaping and rehabilitation purposes must be native Australian species sourced from the South Eastern Queensland and/or Brigalow Belt bioregion/s).</p>	Complies	<p>This condition is satisfied through the <i>Environmental Protection Code of Conduct</i> and through the <i>Environmental Induction Package</i>. These documents were submitted to DOTE in February 2013 and approved 15 April 2013, subject to amendments to the slide presentation. The slide presentation was revised and is being implemented.</p>
6	<p>Entry into the Curtis Island Environmental Management Precinct, as identified in Figure 2, must be prohibited for all the proponent's construction workers, construction contractors, and its employees, whilst they are rostered on shifts or accommodated by the proponent on Curtis Island, except with the prior consent in writing of the</p>	Complies	<p>This condition is satisfied through the <i>Environmental Protection Code of Conduct</i> and through the <i>Environmental Induction Package</i>. These documents were submitted to DOTE in February 2013 and approved 15 April 2013, subject to amendments to the slide presentation. The slide presentation was revised and is being implemented.</p>

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	authority responsible for the management of this Precinct.		
7	An induction program must be implemented for all the proponent's employees and sub-contractors at the time or before they commence work on Curtis Island. The induction program must include:		<p>This condition is satisfied through the <i>Environmental Induction Package</i>. This document was submitted to DOTE in February 2013 and approved 15 April 2013, subject to amendments to the slide presentation. The slide presentation was revised and is being implemented.</p>
	a) An overview that clearly explains to all the proponent's employees and sub-contractors engaged on the construction and operation of the LNG Facility that they are working in a World Heritage Area and an explanation of the environmental values of the World Heritage Area;	Complies	
	b) Information on listed species and ecological communities and other native species that are found in the area, and the related responsibilities of the proponent, its employees and subcontractors;	Complies	



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	<p>c) An explanation of the Rodds Bay Dugong Protection Area, and Great Barrier Reef Marine Park zoning on the eastern side of Curtis Island, Rodds Peninsula and the Capricorn Bunker group, and the responsibilities of the proponent, its employees and subcontractors within and in relation to these areas. This explanation must include the provision of maps depicting the zones, an explanation as to what can and cannot be done in the various zones, and information about how important the terrestrial and marine environments of the Capricorn Bunker group are to conserving biodiversity within the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park; and</p>	Complies	
	<p>d) Information that has the objective of fostering a culture of environmental awareness of the values of the area and also raises awareness among all employees and sub-contractors of the compliance and enforcement programs of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority and penalties that apply for offences.</p>	Complies	
8	<p>The obligations under Conditions 4, 5, 6 and 7 must also apply to any visitors to the LNG site, or to Curtis Island, who are under the direction or control of the proponent.</p>	Complies	<p>This condition is satisfied through the <i>Environmental Protection Code of Conduct</i> and through the <i>Environmental Induction Package</i>. These documents were submitted to DOTE in February 2013 and approved 15 April 2013, subject to amendments to the slide presentation. The slide presentation was revised and is being implemented.</p>

9	Within 20 business days of the final investment decision to proceed with the proposed action, the proponent must submit to the Minister for approval:		<p>The <i>Environmental Protection Code of Conduct</i> was submitted to DOTE on 23 August 2011, within 20 business days of final investment decision, 28 July 2011.</p> <p>The Code of Conduct and Implementation Strategy incorporates the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Code of Conduct Framework</i> • <i>Curtis Island Environmental Protection Code of Conduct</i> • <i>Curtis Island, Queensland Australia, Project Work Rules</i> • <i>Environmental Induction and Orientation Package</i>
	a) A Curtis Island environment protection code of conduct for the construction workforce while on site and while travelling to and from the mainland and the construction site; and	Complies	
	b) A code of conduct implementation strategy for enforcing compliance with the Curtis Island environment protection code of conduct.	Complies	The documents were submitted to DOTE following revisions and approved on 15 April 2013 subject to minor revisions.
10	The code of conduct shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, the requirements set out in Conditions 4, 5, 6 and 7.	Complies	This condition is satisfied through the <i>Environmental Protection Code of Conduct</i> and through the <i>Environmental Induction Package</i> . These documents were submitted to DOTE in February 2013 and approved 15 April 2013, subject to amendments to the slide presentation. The slide presentation was revised and is being implemented.
11	The approved Curtis Island environment protection code of conduct must be implemented.	Complies	The <i>Environmental Protection Code of Conduct</i> and the <i>Environmental Induction Package</i> are being implemented.



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12	At least 60 business days before the commissioning of the first LNG train, the proponent must review, and if necessary revise, the Curtis Island environment protection code of conduct and implementation strategy and provide the Minister with evidence that this review has been carried out. If the Curtis Island environment protection code of conduct and/or implementation strategy are revised, the revised document or documents must be submitted to the Minister for approval within 20 business days of the review being finalised. Once the Minister has approved in writing the revised code of conduct and/or implementation strategy, the approved code of conduct and/or implementation strategy must be implemented.	Inactive	This condition is not yet active.
13	An <i>Environmental Offsets Plan</i> to offset the loss of habitat and associated World Heritage and National Heritage values caused by the construction and operation of the LNG facility must be developed.	Complies	An <i>Environmental Offsets Strategy</i> has been prepared for the Australia Pacific LNG Project ("Whole-of-Project"). The Strategy is superseded by the <i>Monte Christo Offset Proposal</i> which was prepared in association with Santos GLNG and Queensland Curtis LNG, submitted to DOTE in 2012 and approved 27 September 2013.



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14	The <i>Plan</i> must address, but not necessarily be limited to, impacts on vegetation, biodiversity and landscape aesthetics arising from:		An <i>Environmental Offsets Strategy</i> has been prepared for the Australia Pacific LNG Project ("Whole-of-Project").
	a) The development and operation of the LNG facility;	Complies	The Strategy is superseded by the <i>Monte Christo Offset Proposal</i> which was prepared in association with Santos GLNG and Queensland Curtis LNG, submitted to DOTE in 2012 and approved 27 September 2013.
	b) Other activities on Curtis Island that are associated with the LNG Facility (including workers' accommodation facilities, port works for the project, and ancillary works); and	Complies	Note, approval for Condition 14(c) has not yet been provided by DOTE. Australia Pacific LNG has commenced documentation demonstrating how the existing offsets satisfy this condition.
	c) Increased risks to biodiversity values of the World Heritage and National Heritage property arising from increased shipping movements and other subsequent or indirect impacts beyond the immediate development site such as water quality impacts and increased recreational access arising from the development and operation of the LNG facility.	Complies	



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15	The <i>Plan</i> must detail:		
	a) The principles adopted in the <i>Plan</i> . These principles must reflect the objective of identifying, protecting, conserving, presenting, transmitting to future generations and, if necessary, rehabilitating, the World Heritage and National Heritage values of the Great Barrier Reef property;	Complies	Australia Pacific LNG has addressed these requirements in the <i>Environmental Offsets Strategy</i> which was prepared for the Australia Pacific LNG Project ("Whole-of-Project"). The Strategy is superseded by the <i>Monte Christo Offset Proposal</i> which was prepared in association with Santos GLNG and Queensland Curtis LNG and submitted to DOTE in 2012.
	b) The predicted total loss (in extent and type) of areas of ecological and aesthetic value, (including remnant vegetation, high value regrowth, significant conservation species, habitat, biodiversity corridors, scenic vistas of outstanding natural beauty);	Complies	Conditions 15 a), 15b), 15e), 15f), 15g), 15h) were approved 27 September 2013. Subsequent correspondence from DOTE on 23 December 2013 approved conditions 15c) and 15d).
	c) The methodology for identifying the requirements for environmental offsets for specific components of the LNG Facility over the life of the project;	Complies	
	d) A proposed timeline for implementing the <i>Environmental Offsets Plan</i> ;	Complies	
	e) Relevance to any Commonwealth or State	Complies	



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	government requirements for offsets;		
	f) In relation to any land retained at the time of preparation of the <i>Plan</i> , the location, size and environmental values of the offsets (land);	Complies	
	g) In relation to any land retained at the time of preparation of the <i>Plan</i> , the management measures, including funding, required to secure, maintain and enhance the values of the proposed offset (land); and	Complies	
	h) A system for reporting to the Minister on offset arrangements, their management and how offset values are being maintained.	Complies	
16	The <i>Environmental Offsets Plan</i> must as a minimum include:		<p>Australia Pacific LNG has addressed these requirements in the <i>Environmental Offsets Strategy</i> which was prepared for the Australia Pacific LNG Project ("Whole-of-Project"). Revision 7 of the Strategy was submitted to DOTE on 02 April 2012.</p> <p>The Strategy is superseded by the <i>Monte Christo Offset Proposal</i> which was prepared in association with Santos GLNG and Queensland Curtis LNG and submitted to DOTE in 2012.</p> <p>Conditions 16a) and 16b) were approved 27 September 2013 , whilst Condition 16c) will be deemed approved when the commitments of the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area Strategy are addressed. Australia Pacific LNG is currently negotiating a Funding Deed to enable Condition 16c) to be addressed.</p>
	a) To offset direct impacts, the securing by the proponent of an offset property:	Complies	
	(i) That contains attributes or characteristics at least corresponding with those of the LNG facility site; and	Complies	



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(ii) At a ratio of no less than 5:1 of the LNG facility site area, excluding the proposed reclamation area (that is, a property of at least 1,153 ha in total area);	Complies	
b) A commitment by the proponent must use its best endeavours to secure National Park status for the offset property. At a minimum the proponent must ensure the retention and management for conservation purposes, under a secure permanent land tenure arrangement, of the offset property.	Complies	
c) To offset indirect impacts, a strategy for contributions to field management and visitor awareness of the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area. The strategy must:	Complies	
(i) Provide for activities to support field management to address the increased pressures on the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area, including but not limited to, pressures on populations of vulnerable species, increased risks from shipping and increased use of the Area;	Complies	



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(ii) Be developed in consultation with the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, to give priority to objectives for the protection of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and World Heritage Area identified (from time to time), which may include (without limitation) patrols, support for incident response planning and preparedness, data collection, and assistance in visitor management;	Complies	
(iii) Provide for the submission of periodic reports to the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority on the activities conducted;	Complies	
(iv) Provide for a budget of at least \$200,000 per annum for the life of the project (indexed at CPI) and in addition \$100,000 per annum (indexed at CPI) for each operating LNG Train (commencing on commissioning of the relevant Train) to support implementation of the strategy.	Complies	
Note: For clarity, contributions or offsets negotiated with the Queensland Government with respect to the LNG Facility site (e.g. including under the <i>Environmental Management Precinct Agreement</i>) may, in whole or in part, meet the requirements of Condition 15(a).	Noted	



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17	Subject to Condition 18, any property that is purchased or otherwise retained under a secure land tenure arrangement for the purposes of the <i>Environmental Offsets Plan</i> must be located within the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area, preferably on Curtis island or nearby.	Complies	This condition is satisfied through the <i>Monte Christo Offset Proposal</i> which was prepared in association with Santos GLNG and Queensland Curtis LNG and approved by DOTE on 27 September 2013.
18	If, within the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area (GBRWHA), no area of land containing attributes or characteristics at least corresponding with those of the LNG facility site can be secured and protected in the manner described in Condition 16 within 24 months of the Minister's approval of this project, an alternative proposal and timetable for acquiring (by purchase, lease or otherwise) property other than in the GBRWHA must be provided to the Minister for approval in writing.	Complies	An extension request dated 20 February 2013 was submitted to DOTE, as a process of securing the offsets property was being implemented. The <i>Monte Christo Offset Proposal</i> was approved 27 September 2013.
19	To avoid doubt, the offset required under Condition 16 is additional to any similar offset required under an <i>EPBC Act</i> condition of approval for another proponent for an LNG facility on Curtis Island.	Complies	Correspondence from DOTE on 23 December 2013 identified that this condition has been addressed through the <i>Monte Christo Offset Proposal</i> .



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20	<p>Within 6 months of the final investment decision to proceed with the proposed action, the <i>Environmental Offsets Plan</i> must be submitted in writing for the approval of the Minister. The approved plan must be implemented.</p> <p>Note: To avoid doubt, The Environmental Offsets Plan, or components of it, may be prepared and implemented in consultation with the Gladstone Ports Corporation or other bodies.</p>	Complies	<p>The <i>Environmental Offsets Strategy</i> was prepared for the Australia Pacific LNG Project ("Whole-of-Project") and submitted to DOTE on 02 April 2012.</p> <p>The Strategy is superseded by the <i>Monte Christo Offset Proposal</i> which was prepared in association with Santos GLNG and Queensland Curtis LNG, submitted to DOTE in 2012 and approved 27 September 2013.</p> <p>Implementation of the plan is progressing.</p>
21	<p>At least one week before the commencement of clearance of native vegetation associated with the construction and operation of the LNG plant, the proponent must undertake pre-clearance surveys to check for the presence of listed ecological communities, listed threatened species, listed migratory species, their habitat, and species identified as contributing to the World Heritage and National Heritage values of the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area.</p>	Complies	<p>The site was surveyed as part of the EIS. Additional surveys were conducted over 18 days across three survey periods. The surveys were conducted 13 – 25 March, 31 May – 2 June and 15 – 17 June 2011.</p> <p>The <i>Pre-clearance Survey Report</i> was uploaded on the Australia Pacific LNG website.</p>
22	<p>Pre-clearance surveys must:</p>		<p>The <i>Pre-clearance Survey</i> was carried out consistent with Condition 22.</p> <p>DOTE approved the suitably qualified ecologist engaged to complete the surveys on 31 March and 11 May 2011.</p>



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a) Be undertaken consistent with the Department's survey guidelines in effect at the time of the survey. This information can be obtained from http://www.environment.gov.au/epbc/guidelines-policies.html#threatened ;	Complies	
b) Take account and reference previous ecological surveys undertaken by the proponent for the area and relevant new information on likely presence of MNES;	Complies	
c) Be undertaken by a suitably qualified ecologist approved in writing by the Department;	Complies	
d) Document the survey methodology, targeted species and ecological communities, results and significant findings in relation to MNES; and	Complies	
e) Apply best practice site assessment and ecological survey methods appropriate for each listed threatened species, listed migratory species, their habitat, and listed ecological communities. Pre-clearance survey reports (which document the methods used and the results obtained) must be published by the proponent on the internet before commencement and provided to the Department on request.	Complies	

23	<p>If a listed threatened species or migratory species or their habitat, is found during the pre-clearance surveys undertaken as required by Condition 21, and is not specified in Conditions 48-57 inclusive, the proponent must submit a separate management plan for each such species, ecological community or other MNES, to manage the impacts of construction and operation of the LNG facility. Each such plan must be submitted before the commencement of construction of the LNG facility. Each plan must include:</p>		<p>Seven individual Species Management Plans originally submitted to DOTE on 17 May 2011:</p> <p>These were for the following species:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Species Management Plan - Eastern Osprey (<i>Pandion cristatus</i>) • Species Management Plan - Satin Flycatcher (<i>Myiagra cyanoleuca</i>) • Species Management Plan - Caspian Tern (<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>) • Species Management Plan - White Bellied Sea-eagle (<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>) • Species Management Plan - Eastern Reef Egret (<i>Egretta sacra</i>) • Species Management Plan - Fork-tailed Swift (<i>Apus pacificus</i>) • Species Management Plan - Rainbow Bee-eater (<i>Myiagra cyanoleuca</i>) <p>No revisions were submitted to DOTE in the current reporting period.</p>
	a) A map of the location of species or species habitat in relation to the LNG Facility and its associated infrastructure;	Complies	
	b) A description of the measures that will be employed to avoid impact on the species or species habitat;	Complies	
	c) Where impacts are unavoidable, and if an impacted species is not specified in Conditions 48-57 inclusive, propose offsets to compensate for the impact on the population or impact on the species habitat.	Complies	

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24	<p>Before commencement the proponent must prepare a <i>Construction Environmental Management Plan</i> (CEMP). The CEMP may be submitted in stages (Staged CEMP) in which case commencement of a stage covered by the staged CEMP cannot commence until submitted and approved by the Minister.</p>	Complies (Stage 1, 2, 3) Inactive (Stage 4)	<p>Staged Construction Environmental Management Plans have been submitted to DOTE as required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stage 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Construction Environmental Management Plan</i> submitted on 8 March 2011. – Approved by Minister for SEWPaC on 01 June 2011. • Stage 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Construction Environmental Management Plan</i> submitted to the DSEWPaC on 29 April 2011. – Approved by Minister for SEWPaC on 15 July 2011. • Stage 3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Stage 3 <i>Construction Environmental Management Plan</i> was approved DOTE in two stages on 25 September 2012 and 13 December 2012. A revised document was submitted 18 September 2013. • Stage 4: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Commissioning and Start Up Environmental Management Plan Revision 2 (18 December 2014) (APLN-000-EN-R01-D-25659). – Approved by Minister for the Environment on 16 January 2015 (APLN-DOTE-APLN-L-000004).
25	<p>The CEMP must address, but not necessarily be limited to, an identification of all activities with potential to adversely impact on MNES proposed to be undertaken during the construction of LNG facilities, including the construction camp and supporting facilities and the marine facilities on Curtis Island. The CEMP must include:</p> <p>a) Design plans showing the type and extent of the works proposed;</p> <p>b) A construction schedule and methodology, including plans and maps showing discharge points and emission controls for all</p>	Complies	<p>Stage 3 <i>Construction Environmental Management Plan</i> was approved by Minister for DOTE in two stages on 25 September 2012 and 13 December 2012.</p> <p>Stage 4 Commissioning and Start Up Environmental Management Plan was approved by the Minister for the Environment on 16 January 2015 (APLN-DOTE-APLN-L-000004).</p> <p>The rehabilitation plan is currently being revised prior to decommissioning of construction activities.</p>

construction stages;		
c) An environmental monitoring and a sampling program which details baseline data collection and provides the basis for ongoing monitoring of specified parameters for the construction and operational phases, including appropriate triggers for mitigation and cessation of works, including pile driving, and reporting mechanisms that ensure reporting to the Minister within one business day of injury to, or mortality of, an individual or individuals of EPBC listed threatened or migratory species caused by construction activities;	Complies	
d) Any potential impacts or effects of the proposed works on the environment during the construction phase and the means by which adverse impacts will be avoided or mitigated; including measures to minimise light emission onto the water from the loading jetty and construction docks during construction;	Complies	
e) Details of the sewage treatment plant and desalination plant, including: (i) Design and operational performance information for sewage treatment and desalination (including acoustic performance of pumps and other	Complies	



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machinery);
(ii) Design and operational performance information for any outfalls and diffusers for emissions, including liquid and solid emissions into Port Curtis including detailed analysis of existing water quality, effluent contaminants, acute and chronic toxic effects of contaminants on fauna and flora and any long term ecological effects from outfalls and emissions;
(iii) A detailed description of impacts from the discharge of treated sewage and brine. Source water quality data and characteristics of additives must be provided, and the disposal methods to be used must be described in the plan. The information must be used to determine the site specific mitigation measures proposed, including monitoring and reporting regimes;
(iv) Information on the eco-toxicity of effluent at the point of release, in the mixing zone, and cumulative impacts of contaminants in the marine ecosystem over time;
(v) The assumptions, adequacy, and limitations of any modelling used to predict the dimensions and duration of the mixing zone.



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f) Details on any other plant, equipment or activities that involve emissions to the environment, including: (i) A description of the plant, equipment or activities; (ii) Design and operational performance information for plant, equipment or activities; and (iii) The potential for unforeseen or accidental incidents and proposed responses to these incidents.	Complies	
g) A detailed list of waste streams including their handling, treatment and disposal arrangements;	Complies	
h) The environmental protection commitments proposed for the activities (including all associated accommodation and recreation activities on the Island) to protect the environmental values under best practice environmental management;	Complies	
i) A rehabilitation program for land proposed to be disturbed during construction of all infrastructure (including associated accommodation and recreation activities) on Curtis Island;	Complies	
j) Details of a response plan, with appropriate triggers, which will be initiated in response to any significant impacts on the environment from the works.	Complies	



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	k) Identification and characterisation of all wastes and emissions produced by the LNG Facility and its associated support infrastructure including its source, handling, treatment, disposal or release to the environment.	Complies	
26	The CEMP, or a stage of the CEMP, must be submitted for the approval of the Minister. Commencement of the action to which the staged CEMP relates must not occur without the approval in writing of the Minister of the CEMP. The approved plan must be implemented.	Complies)	Refer Condition 24 above. Stage 3 works were approved in two stages by DOTE on 25 September and 13 December 2012 and respective works commenced soon after. A revised document was submitted 18 September 2013. Implementation of the <i>Construction Environmental Management Plan</i> is being monitored through regular inspections and review of condition and commitment compliance. <i>Stage 4 Commissioning and Start Up Environmental Management Plan</i> was approved by the Minister for the Environment on 16 January 2015 (APLN-DOTE-APLN-L-000004).
27	Before the commissioning of the first LNG train, an <i>Operational Environmental Management Plan</i> (OEMP) must be prepared.	Inactive	This condition is not yet active.
28	The OEMP must address the matters required to be included in the CEMP while incorporating changes and any additions the proponent believes are necessary to reflect the shift from the construction phase to the operational phase.	Inactive	This condition is not yet active.



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29	<p>The OEMP must be submitted for the approval of the Minister. Commissioning of the first LNG train must not occur without the approval in writing of the Minister. The approved plan must be implemented.</p> <p>Note: To avoid doubt, if a condition of another approval held by the proponent requires a Construction Environmental Management Plan and/or Operational Environmental Management Plan, the proponent may simultaneously meet the relevant requirements of both conditions by submitting a single plan.</p>	Inactive	This condition is not yet active.
30	<p>Any discharge of treated sewage effluent into the waters surrounding Curtis Island must, at minimum, meet the definition of tertiary treatment as specified in section 135(3) of the <i>Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Regulations 1983</i> and be in accord with <i>GBRMPA Sewage Discharge Policy March 2005</i>, unless studies required to develop the CEMP under Conditions 24 and 25 indicate that more stringent pollutant limits are necessary.</p>	Complies – on site sewage treatment deleted	<p>The treatment of sewage on site has been deleted from the LNG Facility project scope, therefore no discharge of treated sewage effluent is proposed from the site to the waters surrounding Curtis Island.</p> <p>Gladstone Area Water Board (GAWB) has constructed a wastewater pipeline between Curtis Island and the Gladstone mainland. The GAWB pipeline removes sewage from Curtis Island.</p>
31	<p>For the construction dock, the proponent must submit to the Minister a <i>Dredging Management Plan</i> which must include:</p>		<p>Australia Pacific LNG has reached an agreement with Gladstone Ports Corporation that dredging and dredge disposal required for the LNG Facility is being addressed through Gladstone Ports Corporation <i>Gladstone Western Basin Dredging and Disposal Project (WBDD)</i> (EPBC 2009/4904).</p>

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	a) Mapping of significant and sensitive receptors in the area of the marine facilities, with linkages to applicable monitoring programs;	Complies	<p>DOTE approved the <i>WBDD Project Dredge Management Plan Stage 1</i> on 20 April 2011 incorporating the dredging works proposed in the Australia Pacific LNG EIS for the LNG Facility.</p> <p>GPC reports compliance through its Annual Return and the documents listed in Section 4.1.</p>
	b) Assessment of all potential and real environmental risks to matters protected by the <i>EPBC Act</i> from dredging activities;	Complies	
	c) Appropriate measures (for example mitigation measures, performance indicators/trigger levels and corrective actions/management actions) that will ensure that there are no unacceptable impacts on the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area, Great Barrier Reef National Heritage Place, EPBC listed threatened or migratory species. These must include:	Complies	



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<p>(i) Operating procedures to minimise injury to, or mortality of, EPBC Act listed threatened or migratory species from dredging activities or construction activities;</p> <p>(ii) Reporting mechanisms that ensure reporting to the Minister within one business day of the proponent becoming aware of injury to, or mortality of, an EPBC listed threatened or migratory species caused by dredging activities;</p> <p>(iii) Management triggers, based on results obtained from the Water Quality Monitoring Program, including a reporting requirement to advise the Department in writing within one working day when triggers are exceeded;</p> <p>(iv) Contingency measures, based upon results of water quality and applicable research and monitoring programs, when dredging operations must be varied or suspended;</p> <p>(v) Measures that minimise the risk of introduced marine pest species, including ballast-water management and vessel inspections for any non-domestic vessels; and</p> <p>(vi) Responsive actions that will be undertaken in the event contingency measures are employed, including reporting to the Minister.</p>	Complies	
d) Details of dredge spoil placement; and	Complies	



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	e) Provisions to sample and analyse dredge spoil composition.	Complies	
32	The <i>Dredging Management Plan</i> must be submitted for the approval of the Minister. Commencement of dredging must not occur without approval. The approved plan must be implemented.	Complies	Refer to Condition 31. GPC reports compliance through its Annual Return and the documents listed in Section 4.1.
33	A dredge management plan satisfying State requirements and addressing the matters identified in this condition will be deemed to have been submitted and approved. Note 1: Applicable research and monitoring programs may include programs undertaken in accordance with conditions attached to the approval for the Gladstone Western Basin Dredging and Disposal Project (EPBC 2009/4904). Note 2: These conditions do not prevent the Gladstone Ports Corporation, on behalf of the proponent, from submitting a single dredge management plan which relates to both dredging for the construction dock under these conditions, and dredging undertaken under conditions attached to the approval for the Gladstone Western Basin Dredging and Disposal Project (EPBC 2009/4904).	Complies	Refer to Condition 31. GPC reports compliance through its Annual Return and the documents listed in Section 4.1.



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34	<p>Dredging and disposal of dredge material associated with the Material Offloading Facility is to be undertaken in accordance with conditions imposed under and by the holder of the approval for the <i>Gladstone Western Basin Dredging and Disposal Project</i> (EPBC 2009/4904).</p> <p>Note: This condition does not prevent the proponent from undertaking dredging on behalf of the Gladstone Ports Corporation, under conditions attached to the approval for the Gladstone Western Basin Dredging and Disposal Project (EPBC 2009/4904).</p>	Complies	<p>Refer to Condition 31.</p> <p>GPC reports compliance through its Annual Return and the documents listed in Section 4.1.</p>
35	<p>The proponent must not undertake any underwater dredge material rehandling.</p>	Complies	<p>Refer to Condition 31.</p> <p>GPC reports compliance through its Annual Return and the documents listed in Section 4.1.</p>
36	<p>Only one Trailer Suction Hopper Dredge (TSHD) is permitted to operate within Gladstone Harbour at any given time.</p>	Complies	<p>Refer to Condition 31.</p> <p>GPC reports compliance through its Annual Return and the documents listed in Section 4.1.</p>



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37	When the TSHD is in use, a maximum of two cutter suction dredges may operate at any given time unless otherwise prescribed in an approved Water Quality Monitoring Program required under conditions attached to the <i>Gladstone Western Basin Dredging and Disposal Project</i> (EPBC 2009/4904).	Complies	Refer to Condition 31. GPC reports compliance through its Annual Return and the documents listed in Section 4.1.
38	The TSHD must not operate in overflow mode except during the last one hour of flood tide and first three hours of ebb tide unless otherwise in accordance with the approved Water Quality Monitoring Program.	Complies	Refer to Condition 31. GPC reports compliance through its Annual Return and the documents listed in Section 4.1..
39	The TSHD must not operate in overflow mode for more than 30 minutes per cycle, with no more than two cycles per tide unless otherwise in accordance with the approved Water Quality Monitoring Program.	Complies	Refer to Condition 31. GPC reports compliance through its Annual Return.
40	Where construction and/or dredging methods with lower environmental impacts are identified to be practical, these methods must be implemented.	Noted	Refer to Condition 31. GPC reports compliance through its Annual Return.



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41	<p>In this condition, “at any given time” means at any given time with any other dredging operations being undertaken by another holder of an approval relating to dredging activities in the Port of Gladstone.</p> <p>Note: Similarly to conditions attached to the approval for the Gladstone Western Basin Dredging and Disposal Project (EPBC 2009/4904), these conditions are intended to limit the number of dredges being operated at any one time in Port Curtis.</p>	Noted	No action required.
42	<p>The proponent must prepare a <i>Shipping Activity Management Plan</i> (‘the Plan’) for shipping undertaken by or under the control of the proponent which includes:</p>		<p>A staged <i>Shipping Activity Management Plan</i> was submitted to DOTE on 11 May 2011 covering construction activities. A revised plan was submitted on 8 June 2011.</p> <p>DOTE approved the staged <i>Shipping Activity Management Plan</i> meeting Conditions 42 to 45 on 9 June 2011.</p> <p>Construction shipping activities commenced on 22 July 2011.</p> <p>No revisions were submitted to DOTE in the current reporting period.</p>



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a) Provision for the protection of Dugongs (<i>Dugong dugon</i>); Green Turtles (<i>Chelonia mydas</i>); Loggerhead Turtles (<i>Caretta caretta</i>); Flatback Turtles (<i>Natator depressus</i>); Water Mouse, (<i>Xeromys myoides</i>) and the seagrass species <i>Halodule uninervis</i> , <i>Halophila ovalis</i> , <i>Halophila decipens</i> , <i>Halophila minor</i> , <i>Halophila spinulosa</i> , and <i>Zostera capricorni</i> ;	Complies
b) Identification of the habitats, activities, and environmental tolerances in relation to the shipping activity associated with this referral for the species specified in Condition 42(a);	Complies
c) To minimise environmental disturbance to the species mentioned in Condition 42(a); (i) Limits on vessel speeds, including speeds for particular vessel types; (ii) Limits on vessel movements, including the use of thrusters; and (iii) Limits on vessel light and sound.	Complies



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<p>d) A comprehensive outline of mitigation measures and controls for each of the types of shipping activities to minimise their impact on the species mentioned in Condition 42(a), including actions to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) Prevent and respond to the impact of accidental fuel, oil or chemical spills;(ii) Minimise the impact of marine discharges, including those associated with vessel cleaning, anti-fouling and waste disposal;(iii) Minimise disturbance to the seagrass species mentioned in Condition 42(a);(iv) Minimise the impact of bow-wash on Water Mouse (<i>Xeromys myoides</i>) nesting sites; and(v) Proposed remedial action in the event of any impacts directly attributable to the proponent's shipping activities on the species specified in Condition 42(a), and the habitats identified in Condition 42(b), including a feasible and beneficial offsets strategy.	Complies	
<p>e) A comprehensive outline of monitoring arrangements to determine the impact of shipping activity on the species specified in Condition 42(a), which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) Recommendations on the timing and frequency of species surveys;(ii) Proposed monitoring arrangements; and(iii) The nature and frequency of	Complies	



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	proposed reporting arrangements.		
43	Subject to Condition 44 and 45, the plan required under Condition 42 must be submitted for the approval of the Minister before commencement. The action must not commence until the plan has been approved. The approved plan must be implemented.	Complies	<p>The <i>Shipping Activity Management Plan</i> addresses the minimum content requirements specified in Condition 42.</p> <p>A <i>Shipping Activity Management Plan</i> was submitted to DOTE on 11 May 2011 covering construction activities. A revised plan was submitted on 8 June 2011.</p> <p>DOTE approved the staged <i>Shipping Activity Management Plan</i> (staged) meeting Conditions 42 to 45 on 9 June 2011.</p> <p>Construction shipping activities commenced on 22 July 2011 in accordance with the approved and subsequently revised plan.</p> <p>No revisions have been submitted to DOTE in the current reporting period.</p>
44	The plan required under Condition 42 may be provided in two parts, to address:		<p>A <i>Shipping Activity Management Plan</i> was submitted to DOTE on 11 May 2011 covering construction activities. A revised plan was submitted on 8 June 2011.</p> <p>The <i>Shipping Activity Management Plan</i> was updated and was submitted to DOTE on 02 April 2012.</p>
	a) Shipping associated with the construction of the LNG plant; and;	Complies (Construction) Inactive	



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		(Operations)	
	b) LNG tanker operation and LNG tanker activities.	Complies (Construction) Inactive (Operations)	
45	<p>If the plan required under Condition 42 is provided in two parts, each part must be provided before the commencement of the activity to which that part relates.</p> <p>Note: The requirements under Condition 42 may be included in a plan which the proponent provides to the State, including in a Marine Traffic Management Plan or a Shipping Transport Management Plan. If these State plans are provided for this purpose, that plan should explicitly state that it is also provided for the purposes of this condition, and clearly reference matters addressing the requirements above. It is acknowledged that, before approval of the first part of the Plan, minor vessel movements may be undertaken to facilitate early site access including for the initial construction of the Construction Dock.</p>	Complies (Construction) Inactive (Operations)	<p>A <i>Shipping Activity Management Plan</i> was submitted to DOTE on 11 May 2011 covering construction activities. A revised plan was submitted on 8 June 2011.</p> <p>Construction shipping activities commenced on 22 July 2011.</p>



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46	Before the commencement of construction of the LNG plant and ancillary onshore facilities, the proponent must prepare a <i>Quarantine Management Plan</i> (QMP). The objectives of the QMP are to prevent the introduction of non-endemic species on to Curtis Island. The QMP must include measures to:		<p>Condition 46 has been addressed by the <i>Biosecurity Management Plan</i> first submitted to DOTE on 9 March 2011.</p> <p>DOTE approved the <i>Biosecurity Management Plan</i> on 1 June 2011.</p> <p>No revisions have been submitted to DOTE in the current reporting period.</p>
	a) Detect pests and weeds, and prevent weed introduction and/or proliferation;	Complies	
	b) Control and, unless otherwise determined by the relevant State authorities, eradicate detected non-indigenous terrestrial species (including weeds);	Complies	
	c) Mitigate adverse impacts of any control and eradication actions on indigenous species taken against detected pests and weeds;	Complies	
	d) Assess risk, manage supply chains, and manage and inspect vessels;	Complies	
	e) Mitigate any pest or weed impacts;	Complies	
	f) Report and record any quarantine incidents;	Complies	
	g) Identify performance standards to be achieved by the QMP; and	Complies	
	h) Undertake a review of the QMP and identify the need for any further studies.	Complies	

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	Note: To avoid doubt, the QMP may be submitted in stages, for example to cover the period prior to any planned direct arrival at the MOF of international imports, and after this time.	Noted	
47	<p>The QMP must be submitted for the approval of the Minister. Commencement must not occur without the approval in writing of the Minister. The approved <i>Plan</i> must be implemented.</p> <p>Note: To avoid doubt, if a condition of another approval held by the proponent requires a Quarantine Management Plan, the proponent may simultaneously meet the relevant requirements of both conditions by submitting a single plan. The plan, or components thereof, may also be prepared and implemented in consultation with the Gladstone Ports Corporation or other bodies.</p>	Complies	The <i>Biosecurity Management Plan</i> has been implemented at the LNG Facility site.
48	To protect the Water Mouse (<i>Xeromys myoides</i>), the proponent must submit to the Minister an <i>Environmental Management Plan</i> (the <i>Water Mouse Environmental Management Plan</i>) which must include:		<p>A <i>Water Mouse Management Plan</i> addressing the requirements of Condition 48 was submitted to DOTE for approval on 26 August 2011.</p> <p>The Plan was submitted 20 August 2013 for approval by the Minister. Australia Pacific LNG is currently addressing comments from DOTE and finalising the plan. .</p>
	a) Results of a pre-clearance survey undertaken at the appropriate time and season for the species;	Complies	The <i>Monte Christo Offsets Proposal</i> has been approved against Condition 48d by DOTE.



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	<p>b) A map of the location of potential habitat for the Water Mouse in proximity to the LNG plant and ancillary onshore and marine facilities;</p> <p>c) Measures that will be employed to avoid impacts on the Water Mouse or its potential habitat; and</p> <p>d) If impacts on the Water Mouse or its potential habitat are unavoidable, propose offsets to compensate for the impacts.</p> <p>Note: To avoid doubt, if a condition of another approval held by the proponent requires a <i>Water Mouse Environmental Management Plan</i>, the proponent may simultaneously meet the relevant requirements of both conditions by submitting a single plan. The plan may also be prepared in consultation with the Gladstone Ports Corporation in accordance with conditions imposed for the <i>Gladstone Western Basin Dredging and Disposal Project</i> (EPBC 2009/4904).</p>	<p>Complies</p> <p>Complies</p> <p>Complies</p>	
49	<p>The <i>Water Mouse Environmental Management Plan</i> must be submitted for the approval of the Minister within 6 months of this approval. The plan must be implemented.</p>	<p>Complies</p>	<p>A <i>Water Mouse Management Plan</i>) was submitted to DOTE for approval on 26 August 2011.</p> <p>The Plan was submitted 20 August 2013 for approval by the Minister. Australia Pacific LNG is currently addressing comments from DOTE and finalising the plan. .</p>



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50	a) The proponent must submit to the Minister an <i>Environmental Management Plan</i> (the <i>Migratory Shorebirds Environmental Management Plan</i>) which includes measures for:	Complies	<p>A <i>Migratory Shorebird Management Plan</i> addressing the requirements of Condition 50 was submitted to DOTE for approval on 17 March 2011.</p> <p>Following a response to feedback, approval was granted by DOTE on 1 June 2011.</p> <p>No revisions were submitted to DOTE in the current reporting period.</p>
	b) Managing the impacts of the action on listed Migratory Shorebirds including but not limited to the Whimbrel (<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>) and the Terek Sandpiper (<i>Xenus cinereus</i>);	Complies	
	c) Determining baseline population densities and habitat utilisation for migratory shorebirds on or contiguous to the proponent's LNG facility site including, at a minimum, undertaking annual/twice annual surveys during northwards and southwards migrations;	Complies	
	d) Minimising impacts from noise and light on the feeding and roosting sites of listed migratory shorebirds; and	Complies	

	<p>e) Monitoring the effect of the construction of the marine facilities on shorebirds, including but not limited to, and to the extent relevant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Dredge vessel movement; (ii) Pile driving; (iii) Construction dredging; (iv) Noise impulse levels; (v) Light spill; (vi) Water quality reduction; (vii) Decreased access to intertidal foreshore habitat; (viii) Increased sedimentation; and (ix) Displacement. 	Complies	
51	<p>The <i>Migratory Shorebirds Environmental Management Plan</i> must be submitted for the approval of the Minister. Commencement, other than Construction Dock dredging, must not occur without approval. The approved plan must be implemented.</p> <p>Note: To avoid doubt, the Migratory Shorebirds Environmental Management Plan may be prepared in consultation with the Gladstone Ports Corporation under conditions imposed for the Gladstone Western Basin Dredging and Disposal Project (EPBC 2009/4904).</p>	Complies	<p>A <i>Migratory Shorebird Management Plan</i> (APLN-000-EN-R01-D-10438 Revision 4, 17 March 2011) addressing the requirements of Condition 50 was submitted to DOTE for approval on 17 March 2011.</p> <p>Following a response to feedback, approval was granted by DOTE on 1 June 2011.</p> <p>No revisions were submitted to DOTE in the current reporting period.</p> <p>The <i>Migratory Shorebird Management Plan</i> is being implemented.</p>
52	<p>Within six months of this approval, the proponent must :</p>		<p>Australia Pacific LNG allowed for contribution to the <i>Long Term Marine Turtle Management Plan</i> within the project budget.</p>



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	a) Contribute an initial amount of \$150 000 towards preparation of a long term marine turtle management plan; and	Complies	<p>DOTE was notified on 02 November 2011 of Australia Pacific LNG's commitments with regard to Conditions 52 and 53. A limited response was received by existing industries in Gladstone, therefore Australia Pacific LNG continued to work with the other LNG proponents to meet Conditions 52 and 53.</p> <p>Confirmation of an initial payment and advice that a Long Term Marine Turtle Management Plan will be developed in conjunction with Gladstone LNG (GLNG) and Queensland Curtis LNG (QCLNG) was issued to DOTE 24 August 2012.</p> <p>The <i>LNG Proponents' Long Term Turtle Management Plan</i> was issued to DOTE for approval 15 February 2013.. The Plan was approved by DOTE on 2 July 2014 (APLN-DOTE-APLN-L-000003).</p>
	b) Participate in industry wide discussions with the Gladstone Ports Corporation and other port users (including LNG proponents) with a view to establishing a long term marine turtle management plan and future funding requirements for the plan.	Complies	
53	If terms of the long term marine turtle management plan cannot be agreed on an industry wide basis (within the Port of Gladstone) within six months of this approval, then the proponent must prepare a long term marine turtle management plan in consultation with other LNG proponents who have confirmed an intention to establish an LNG Facility on Curtis Island.	Complies	<p>DOTE was notified on 2 November 2011 of Australia Pacific LNG's commitments with regard to Conditions 52 and 53. A limited response was received by existing industries in Gladstone, therefore Australia Pacific LNG continued to work with the other LNG proponents to meet Conditions 52 and 53.</p> <p>Confirmation of an initial payment and advice that a Long Term Marine Turtle Management Plan will be developed in conjunction with GLNG and QCLNG was issued to DOTE 24 August 2012.</p> <p>The <i>LNG Proponents' Long Term Turtle Management Plan</i> was issued to DOTE for approval 15 February 2013. The Plan was approved by DOTE on 2 July 2014 (APLN-DOTE-APLN-L-000003)..</p>
54	The plan (in either case referred to in 52 and 53 above), must include:		<p>Australia Pacific LNG actively participated in regular meetings with the other LNG proponents to reach an agreement regarding the preparation of the Long Term Marine Turtle Management Plan.</p> <p>Confirmation of an initial payment and advice that a Long Term Marine Turtle Management Plan will be developed in conjunction with GLNG and QCLNG was issued to DOTE 24 August 2012.</p> <p>The Plan was submitted to DOTE for review on 18 February 2013. The Plan was approved by DOTE on 2 July 2014 (APLN-DOTE-APLN-L-000003).</p>
	a) A program to establish comprehensive baseline information on populations of marine turtles that utilise the beaches and nearby waters of Curtis and Facing Island (including the Green Turtle <i>Chelonia mydas</i> , the Loggerhead Turtle <i>Caretta caretta</i> , and the Flatback Turtle	Complies	



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<i>Natator depressus</i>);		
b) A monitoring program to measure and detect changes to the marine turtle populations over a period of at least 10 years from commencement of the program. Monitoring methods must have the ability to detect changes at a statistical power of 0.8, or an alternative statistical power as determined in writing by the Minister;	Complies	
c) The identification of significant activities relating to the construction and operation of LNG facilities (or in the case of an industry wide plan, activities within the Port of Gladstone) with the potential to cause adverse impacts on marine turtles;	Complies	
d) Management measures including operating controls and design features to help manage and avoid adverse impacts to marine turtles shown to be adversely impacted by LNG operations (or in the case of an industry wide plan, activities conducted within the Port of Gladstone). In relation to the LNG operations, management measures will include any reasonable and practicable measures found necessary or desirable to minimise disturbance to marine turtles from gas flaring,	Complies	



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	and from lighting of the LNG plant and ships moored at the loading berth (except where the adoption of measures would be in contravention of health and safety legislative requirements).		
	e) Identification of annual contributions by the proponent, other LNG proponents who have confirmed an intention to establish an LNG Facility on Curtis Island and, in the case of an industry wide plan, contributions by other port users.	Complies	
55	The <i>Turtle Management Plan</i> must be submitted for the approval of the Minister at least 3 months before the planned date of the commissioning of the first LNG train. The approved Plan must be implemented.	Complies	Confirmation of initial payment and advice that a Long Term Marine Turtle Management Plan will be developed in conjunction with GLNG and QCLNG was issued to DOTE 24 August 2012. The <i>LNG Proponents' Long Term Turtle Management Plan</i> was issued to DOTE for approval 15 February 2013. The Plan was approved by DOTE on 2 July 2014 (APLN-DOTE-APLN-L-000003).



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56	<p>Within 60 days of each anniversary of the approval of the plan the proponent must provide a review report (“the Report”) of the effectiveness of the management measures and operating controls directed at avoiding impacts on the marine turtle species.</p> <p>Note: The review report may be provided by the Gladstone Ports Corporation or another entity on behalf of the proponent.</p>	Inactive	The Plan was approved by DOTE on 2 July 2014 (APLN-DOTE-APLN-L-000003). This condition will become active 60 days prior to 02 July 2015.
57	<p>If an impact on any of the marine turtle species is identified, the report must recommend improvements to the conduct of those operations and activities which are found to have a causal connection with the identified impact, and provide the report to the Minister in writing within 30 days of identifying the impact. The Minister may require improvements to be implemented.</p> <p>Note: To avoid doubt, if a condition of another approval held by the proponent requires a Turtle Management Plan, the proponent may simultaneously meet the relevant requirements of both conditions by submitting a single plan. The plan may also be prepared and implemented in consultation with the Gladstone Ports Corporation or other bodies.</p>	Inactive	The Plan was approved by DOTE on 2 July 2014 (APLN-DOTE-APLN-L-000003). This condition will become active 60 days prior to 02 July 2015



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58	Unless the proponent advises the Department that it cannot decommission the site or sites where the LNG plant and ancillary onshore and marine facilities are located, because of lawful continuing use rights by a third party (that might include the State of Queensland), at least five years before the planned date of cessation of operations of the LNG Facility and associated infrastructure on Curtis Island the proponent must develop a <i>Decommissioning Plan</i> . The <i>Plan</i> must:	Inactive	Condition will be enacted at least 5 years prior to planned date of decommissioning.
	a) Ensure that, following the cessation of operations at the LNG Facility and associated infrastructure on Curtis Island, decommissioning arrangements are prepared;	Inactive	
	b) Define a timetable for the future implementation of decommissioning including for: (i) The removal of remnant infrastructure and works that interfere with natural coastal processes, and human recreational and commercial activities; (ii) The return of sediment levels and water quality in the immediate area of the LNG Facility to pre-construction background levels; and (iii) The rehabilitation of the LNG Facility and associated sites to their natural state, and their	Inactive	



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	ongoing management during rehabilitation.		
59	If decommissioning does not commence on the date proposed in the initial <i>Decommissioning Plan</i> , the proponent must review the decommissioning plan before each subsequent third anniversary of the date of the submission of the initial decommissioning plan over the operational life of the LNG facility. The proponent must advise the Minister in writing of the outcomes of this review, including any proposed changes to the decommissioning plan. Any proposed changes to the decommissioning plan must be approved in writing by the Minister.	Inactive	Condition will be enacted at least 5 years prior to decommissioning.
60	The <i>Decommissioning Plan</i> must be submitted for the approval of the Minister. Decommissioning must not occur without approval of the Minister. Subject to Condition 58 the approved <i>Plan</i> must be implemented on decommissioning.	Inactive	Condition will be enacted at least 5 years prior to decommissioning.



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61	<p>A management plan required under these conditions may comprise a plan (a joint plan) submitted by the Gladstone Ports Corporation under conditions of approval for the <i>Western Basin Dredging and Disposal Project</i> (EPBC 2009/4904) or another LNG proponent. If a joint plan is submitted by the GPC or another LNG proponent for this purpose, it must also be specified as a plan for the purpose of (as relevant) these conditions.</p>	Complies	<p>Australia Pacific LNG has reached an agreement with Gladstone Ports Corporation that dredging and dredge disposal required for the LNG Facility is being addressed through Gladstone Ports Corporation <i>Gladstone Western Basin Dredging and Disposal Project</i> (EPBC 2009/4904).</p> <p>DOTe approved the WBDD Project Dredge Management Plan Stage 1 on 20 April 2011.</p> <p>Environmental offsets have been addressed under a joint proponent plan (<i>Monte Christo Offsets Proposal</i>). The Plan was approved 27 September 2013 against conditions 13, 14a), 14b), 15a), 15b), 15e), 15f), 15g), 16a), 16b), 17 and 48d) of EPBC2009/4977.</p> <p>The <i>Joint Proponents Long Term Turtle Management Plan</i> has been prepared by Australia Pacific LNG, Queensland Curtis LNG and Gladstone LNG to meet Conditions 52, 53, 54, 55 and 56 of EPBC2009/4977 and the respective conditions of the two other LNG proponents. The Plan was approved by DOTe on 2 July 2014 (APLN-DOTE-APLN-L-000003).</p>
62	<p>If a joint plan is submitted under these conditions the plan may specify roles and responsibilities of the proponent, and the roles and responsibilities of another person. A role and responsibility of the proponent must be implemented by the proponent, unless otherwise specified in the joint plan.</p> <p>Note: The purpose of this condition is to allow a single management plan to be submitted by different proponents to satisfy the requirements of conditions of separate but related approvals, so that actions with related potential impacts may be considered and addressed cumulatively.</p>	Complies	<p>Australia Pacific LNG has reached an agreement with Gladstone Ports Corporation that dredging and dredge disposal required for the LNG Facility will be addressed through Gladstone Ports Corporation <i>Gladstone Western Basin Dredging and Disposal Project</i> (EPBC 2009/4904).</p> <p>The <i>Joint Proponents Long Term Turtle Management Plan</i> specifies the roles and responsibilities of the proponents with regard to turtle management. The Plan was approved by DOTe on 2 July 2014 (APLN-DOTE-APLN-L-000003).</p> <p>Environmental offsets have been addressed under a joint proponent plan (<i>Monte Christo Offsets Proposal</i>). The Plan was approved 27 September 2013 against conditions 13, 14a), 14b), 15a), 15b), 15e), 15f), 15g), 16a), 16b), 17 and 48d) of EPBC2009/4977.</p>



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63	Within 20 business days of commencement of the action, the proponent must advise the Department in writing of the actual date of commencement.	Complies	<p>A letter of commencement of mobilisation was submitted to DOTE on 13 May 2011.</p> <p>Reply letter from DOTE was received 16 May 2011.</p> <p>Mobilisation to site commenced on 23 May 2011.</p> <p>Clarification of these dates was provided to DOTE on 14 March 2013. Correspondence confirmed that construction commencement was 06 June 2011.</p>
64	If, at any time after five years from the date of this approval, the Minister notifies the proponent in writing that the Minister is not satisfied that there has been commencement of the action, the action must not commence without the written agreement of the Minister.	Complies	<p>Work has commenced on site.</p> <p>No notification on this subject was received from DOTE during the reporting period.</p>
65	If the proponent wants to act other than in accordance with a plan approved by the Minister under these conditions, the proponent must submit a revised plan for the Minister's approval.	Complies	<p>Apart from those plans referenced above no deviations from plans have warranted resubmission.</p>
66	If the Minister approves a revised plan, then that plan must be implemented instead of the plan originally approved.	Complies	<p>Apart from those plans referenced above no deviations from plans have warranted resubmission.</p>
67	Until the Minister has approved the revised plan, the proponent must continue to implement the original plan.	Complies	<p>Only those plans referenced above have warranted resubmission.</p>



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68	If the Minister believes that it is necessary or desirable for the better protection of a relevant controlling provision for the action, the Minister may request the proponent to make, within a period specified by the Minister, specified revisions to a plan approved by the Minister under these conditions.	Complies	Australia Pacific LNG is not aware of a request from DOTE to revise the approved plans. Where DOTE has requested amendments as a condition of approval of each submitted plan these have been made and resubmitted.
69	If the Minister makes a request for revisions to a plan, the proponent must:		Australia Pacific LNG is not aware of a request from DOTE to revise the approved plans. Where DOTE has requested amendments as a condition of approval of each submitted plan these have been made and resubmitted.
	a) Comply with that request; and	Complies	
	b) Submit the revised plan to the Minister for approval within the period specified in the request.	Complies	
70	The proponent must implement the revised plan, on written approval of the Minister.	Complies	Australia Pacific LNG is not aware of a request from DOTE to revise the approved plans. Where DOTE has requested amendments as a condition of approval of each submitted plan these have been made and resubmitted.
71	Until the Minister has approved the revised plan, the proponent must continue to implement the original plan.	Complies	Australia Pacific LNG is not aware of a request from DOTE to revise the approved plans. Where DOTE has requested amendments as a condition of approval of each submitted plan these have been made and resubmitted.
72	For any plan required to be approved by the Minister under these conditions, the proponent must ensure the Minister is provided at least 20 business days for review and consideration of any plan, unless otherwise agreed in writing between the proponent and the Minister.	Complies	Australia Pacific LNG has met this requirement. No variation to this condition has been requested by Australia Pacific LNG or DOTE.



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73	The proponent must comply with all environmental authorisations issued by the State, including conditions of an environmental authority issued under the <i>EP Act</i> .	Complies	DOTE has been kept informed in a timely manner of all relevant state matters.
74	If a condition of a State approval requires the proponent to provide a plan then the proponent must also provide the plan to the Department or Minister on request, within the period specified in the request.	Complies	No requests were received during this period.
75	If these conditions require the proponent to provide something by a specified time, a longer period may be specified in writing by the Minister.	Complies	An extension of time for provision of <i>Monte Christo Offsets Proposal</i> on the Australia Pacific LNG website was granted by DOTE on 27 September until 28 November 2013. On 20 December 2013 DOTE extended this deadline until 02 June 2014 under the provisions of Condition 75 of EPBC2009/4977.
76	On the request of and within a period specified by the Department, the proponent must ensure that:		Australia Pacific LNG has not received an audit request from DOTE.
	a) An independent audit of compliance with these conditions is conducted; and	Complies	
77	b) An audit report, which addresses the audit criteria to the satisfaction of the Department, is published on the Internet and submitted to the Department.	Complies	Australia Pacific LNG has not received an audit request from DOTE.
	Before the audit begins, the following must be approved by the Department:		
	a) The independent auditor; and	Complies	
	b) The audit criteria.	Complies	
78	The audit report must include:		



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	a) The components of the project being audited;	Complies	Australia Pacific LNG has not received an audit request from DOTE.
	b) The conditions that were activated during the period covered by the audit;	Complies	
	c) A compliance/non-compliance table;	Complies	
	d) A description of the evidence to support audit findings of compliance or non-compliance;	Complies	
	e) Recommendations on any non-compliance or other matter to improve compliance;	Complies	
	f) A response by the proponent to the recommendations in the report (or, if the proponent does not respond within 20 business days of a request to do so by the auditor, a statement by the auditor to that effect);	Complies	
	g) Certification by the independent auditor of the findings of the audit report.	Complies	
79	The financial cost of the audit will be borne by the proponent.	Complies	Australia Pacific LNG has not received an audit request from DOTE.
80	The proponent must:		
	a) Implement any recommendations in the audit report, as directed in writing by the Department;	Complies	Australia Pacific LNG has not received an audit request from DOTE.
	b) Investigate any non-compliance identified in the audit report; and	Complies	



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	c) If non-compliance is identified in the audit report – take action as soon as practicable to ensure compliance with these conditions.	Complies	
81	If the audit report identifies any non-compliance with the conditions, within 20 business days after the audit report is submitted to the Department the proponent must provide written advice to the Minister setting out the:		Australia Pacific LNG has not received an audit request from DOTE.
	a) Actions taken by the proponent to ensure compliance with these conditions; and	Complies	
	b) Actions taken to prevent a recurrence of any non-compliance, or implement any other recommendation to improve compliance, identified in the audit report.	Complies	
	Note: To avoid doubt, independent third party auditing may include audit of the proponent's performance against the requirements of any plan required under these conditions.	Complies	
82	The proponent must, when first aware of a non-compliance of any condition of this approval, or a plan required to be approved by the Minister under these conditions:		There have been no MNES related matters which required Ministerial notification during the current reporting period.
	a) Report the non-compliance and remedial action to the Department within five business days; and	Complies	



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	b) Bring the matter into compliance within a reasonable timeframe agreed to, in writing by the Department.	Complies	
	The proponent must:		
83	a) Maintain accurate records substantiating all activities associated with or relevant to these conditions of approval, including measures taken to implement a plan approved by the Minister under these conditions; and	Complies	Australia Pacific LNG has a record management system in place. Australia Pacific LNG has reviewed a sample of the records maintained by the Principal Construction Contractor and is satisfied that accurate records are being kept. No request for records has been made by DOTE.
	b) Make those records available on request to the Department. Such records may be subject to audit by the Department or an independent auditor in accordance with section 458 of the <i>EPBC Act</i> , or used to verify compliance with these conditions of approval.	Complies	
	Note: Summaries of audits carried out under these conditions, or under section 458 of the <i>EPBC Act</i> , will be posted on the Department's website. The results of such audits may also be publicised through the general media.	Noted	
84	The proponent must:		Australia Pacific LNG has not received a financial assurance request from DOTE

	a) Provide the Minister with a financial assurance in the amount and form required from time to time by the Minister for activities to which these conditions apply; and	Inactive	
	b) Review and maintain the amount of financial assurance based on proponent reporting on compliance with these conditions, and any auditing of the activities.	Inactive	
85	The financial assurance is to remain in force until the Minister is satisfied that no claim is likely to be made on the assurance. Note: The financial assurance may be used for rehabilitation of habitat and other purposes not addressed adequately by the proponent during the life of the project.	Inactive	Australia Pacific LNG has not received a financial assurance request from DOTE.
86	The proponent must produce an <i>Annual Environmental Return</i> which:		Refers to this document, <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act Approval 2009/4977 – Annual Environmental Return – 21 February 2014 to 20 February 2015.</i>
	a) Addresses compliance with these conditions;	Complies	
	b) Records any unavoidable adverse impacts on MNES, mitigation measures applied to avoid adverse impacts on MNES; and any rehabilitation work undertaken in connection with any unavoidable adverse impacts on MNES:	Complies	
	c) Identifies all non-compliances with these conditions;	Complies	
	d) Identifies any amendments needed to plans to achieve	Complies	



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	compliance with these conditions.		
87	The proponent must publish the <i>Annual Environmental Return</i> on its website within 20 calendar days of each anniversary date of this approval. In complying with this publication requirement, the proponent must ensure that it has obtained relevant rights in relation to confidentiality and intellectual property rights of third parties.	Complies	The <i>Annual Environmental Return</i> for the period 21 February 2014 to 20 February 2015 will be published on the Australia Pacific LNG website prior to 12 March 2015.
88	If requested by the Department, the proponent must provide all species and ecological survey data and related survey information from ecological surveys undertaken for MNES. The data must be collected and recorded to conform to data standards notified from time to time by the Department.	Complies	Australia Pacific LNG has not received a request for survey data from DOTE.
89	All plans approved by the Minister under these conditions must be published on the proponent's website within 30 business days of approval by the Minister.	Complies	All approved plans are available on the Australia Pacific LNG website.
90	The Department may request the proponent to publish on the internet a plan in a specified location or format and with specified accompanying text. The proponent must comply with any such request.	Complies	Australia Pacific LNG has not received a request from DOTE to publish specific plans or text on the internet.



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Appendix 2: Acronym Definitions

Acronym	Definition
CEMP	Construction Environmental Management Plan
CSUEMP	Commissioning and Start Up Environmental Management Plan
DOTE	Department of the Environment
EPBC Act	Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act
FID	Final Investment Decision
GAWB	Gladstone Area Water Board
GLNG	Gladstone LNG
GPC	Gladstone Ports Corporation
LNG	Liquefied Natural Gas
MNES	Matters of National Environmental Significance
MOF	Material Off-Load Facility
Q	Quarter (Calendar Year)
QCLNG	Queensland Curtis LNG
QMP	Quarantine Management Plan
SEWPaC	Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities
WBDD	Western Basin Dredging and Disposal