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## Australia Pacific LNG Annual Environmental Return EPBC 2011/6221 2018

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What can go wrong?  
What could cause it to go wrong?  
What can I do to prevent it?

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## 1. Purpose

The purpose of this document is to report on compliance with specific conditions in EPBC 2011/6221.

Condition 8 of EPBC 2011/6221 requires an Annual Environmental Return to be published on the Australia Pacific LNG website. This report has been prepared in accordance with condition 8.

Condition 8 states that:

*Within three months of every 12 month anniversary of the commencement of the action, the person taking the action must publish a compliance report on their website addressing compliance with each of the conditions of this approval, including implementation of any management plans as specified in the conditions, and provide a detailed account of any non-compliances. Documentary evidence providing proof of the date of publication and proof of non-compliances with any of the conditions of this approval must be provided to the Department at the same time as the compliance report is published.*

## 2. Scope

The reporting period relevant to this report is 3rd December 2016 to 2nd December 2017 inclusive. This scope of this Annual Environmental Return related to the Ruby Spur gas pipeline. Compliance with Federal Approvals EPBC 2009/4976 and EPBC 2009/4794 will be captured in separate reports.

## 3. Acronyms/Definitions

Definitions for terms and acronyms can be found in Table 1 below.

**Table 1: Terms and Acronyms**

Term/Acronym	Definition/Expansion
EPBC Act	Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999
DDPL	Darling Downs Power Station Pipeline
Department	Department of Environment and Energy
Ha	Hectares
KP	Kilometre Point
QGC	Queensland Gas Company
MNES	Matters of National Environmental Significance
ROW	Right of Way
WWF	World Wildlife Fund

## 4. Annual Environmental Return

### 4.1 Compliance

An assessment of compliance with the conditions of EPBC Approval 2011/6221 is set out in Table 2. It is noted that construction activities associated with the pipeline and associated infrastructure were completed during the 2014 reporting period. With the completion of the construction stage, a number of conditions were closed out.

### 4.2 Non-Compliances

No non-compliances with EPBC 2011/6221 were identified during the reporting period.

**Table 2: Compliance EPBC 2011/6221**

Condition Number	Condition	Status	Compliance Statement
Footprint			
1	The person taking the action must ensure that no more than 69 hectares of vegetation is cleared in total across the 17 km Ruby Spur Line Alignment (Attachment 1).	Closed	A total of 56.85 ha of vegetation was previously cleared for the Ruby Spur pipeline. No additional clearing occurred during this reporting period. This condition has been closed.
Management			
2	To protect a single plant of Kogan Waxflower ( <i>Philothea sporadic</i> ), located at KP15.33, the person taking the action must:  Ensure there are no impacts on this plant during construction Prior to construction, create a 5m buffer around the plant and install a barrier and signage preventing access at the 5m boundary  Inform all personnel involved in construction of the location of this plant and relevant avoidance measures  After construction replace all topsoil that has been removed and rehabilitate in accordance with the Ruby Spur Line Species Management Plan Q-4910-15-MP-0003	Closed	The ROW has previously been reinstated in accordance with the Ruby Spur Species Management Plan (Q-4910-15-MP-0003). No additional construction works were conducted during the reporting period. This condition has been closed.
3	To avoid unnecessary impact to listed EPBC species, the person taking the action must apply the 'measures to avoid impact' as outlined in the Ruby Spur Line Species Management Plan Q-4910-15-MP-0003. The Department requires a particular focus on species that have been confirmed as present, or that are likely to occur, within the alignment corridor. These species include but are not limited to:  a) Rainbow Bee-eater ( <i>Merops ornatus</i> ) b) Yakka Skink ( <i>Egernia rugosa</i> ) c) Five-clawed Worm Skink, Long-legged Worm-skink ( <i>Anomalopus mackayi</i> )	Compliant	Construction of the pipeline in accordance with the Ruby Spur Species Management Plan (Q-4910-15-MP-0003) was completed in February 2014.  No additional construction works were conducted during the reporting period.

Condition Number	Condition	Status	Compliance Statement
4	For continued protection and conservation of EBPC listed species the person taking the action must report any findings in writing (within 10 business days of the sighting) of EPBC listed species on, or within close proximity of, the project site to the Department, relevant Commonwealth and State agencies and the Western Downs Regional Council. These species include, but are not limited to: a) Kogan Waxflower ( <i>Philothea sporadic</i> )	Compliant	There were no findings related to EPBC listed species during this reporting period.
Commencement			
5	Within 30 days after the commencement of the action, the person taking the action must advise the Department in writing of the actual date of commencement.	Closed	Notification of commencement was provided to the Department on 13 December 2012.
6	If, at any time after five years from the date of this approval, the person taking the action has not substantially commenced the action, then the person taking the action must not substantially commence the action without written agreement from the Minister.	N/A	The action commenced on 3 December 2012.
Record Keeping			
7	The person taking the action must maintain accurate records substantiating all activities associated with or relevant to the conditions of approval, including measures taken to implement the management plan referenced by this approval, and make it available upon 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 EPBC Act, or used to verify compliance with the conditions of approval. Summaries of audits will be posted on the Department's website. The results of audits may also be publicised through the general media.	Compliant	All records are being kept within Australia Pacific LNG's document control system. Australia Pacific LNG has not received a request from the Department to undertake an audit on this approval.

Condition Number	Condition	Status	Compliance Statement
8	<p>Within three months of every 12 month anniversary of the commencement of the action, the person taking the action must publish a compliance report on their website addressing compliance with each of the conditions of this approval, including the implementation of any management plans as specified in the conditions, and provide a detailed account of any non-compliances. Documentary evidence providing proof of the date of publication and proof of non-compliances with any of the conditions of this approval must be provided to the Department at the same time as the compliance report is published.</p>	Compliant	<p>The 2017 Annual Environmental Return for the Ruby Spur Line Gas Transmission Pipeline (Q-LNG01-15-AT-1133) has been prepared and provided to the Department on 3 March 2017.</p> <p>The report was uploaded to the Australia Pacific LNG website on 3 March 2017.  <a href="https://www.aplng.com.au/content/dam/aplng/compliance/management-plans/Annual%20Environmental%20Return%20EPBC%202011%206221%202017.pdf">https://www.aplng.com.au/content/dam/aplng/compliance/management-plans/Annual%20Environmental%20Return%20EPBC%202011%206221%202017.pdf</a></p>
<b>Minister's Approval of the Modification of Management Plan</b>			
9	<p>If the person taking the action wishes to carry out any activity otherwise than in accordance with the management plan as specified in the conditions, the person taking the action must submit to the Department for the Minister's written approval a revised version of that management plan. The varied activity shall not commence until the Minister has approved the varied management plan in writing. The Minister will not approve a varied management plan unless the revised management plan would result in an equivalent or improved environmental outcome. If the Minister approves the revised management plan, that management plan must be implemented in place of the management plan originally approved.</p>	Compliant	<p>Activities have been undertaken in accordance with the Ruby Spur Species Management Plan (Q-4910-15-MP-0003). The document was amended in 2014 to remove those species no longer listed, and include any other changes to species conservation status. The revision was approved by the Department on 15 April 2014.</p> <p>There have been no additional amendments during this reporting period.</p>

Minister's Modification to Management Plan			
10	If the Minister believes that it is necessary or convenient for the better protection of EPBC listed species and communities to do so, the Minister may request that the person taking the action make specified revisions to the management plans specified in the conditions and submit the revised management plan for the Minister's written approval. The person taking the action must comply with any such request. The revised approved management plan must be implemented within the timeframe specified by the Minister. Unless the Minister has approved the revised management plan, the person taking the action must continue to implement the management plan originally approved, as specified in the conditions.	N/A	The Minister has not requested a modification to the management plan as specified in the conditions during the reporting period.
Publication			
11	Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister, the person taking the action must publish all management plans referred to in these conditions of approval on their public website. Each management plan must be published on the website within 1 month of being approved.	Compliant	The approved Ruby Spur Species Management Plan (Q-4910-15-MP-0003) can be found on the Project website: <a href="https://www.aplng.com.au/content/dam/aplng/compliance/management-plans/Ruby_Spur_Species_Management_Plan.pdf">https://www.aplng.com.au/content/dam/aplng/compliance/management-plans/Ruby_Spur_Species_Management_Plan.pdf</a>
Independent Audit			
12	Upon the direction of the Minister, the person taking the action must ensure that an independent audit of compliance with the conditions of approval is conducted and a report submitted to the Minister. The independent auditor must be approved by the Minister prior to the commencement of the audit. Audit criteria must be agreed to by the Minister and the audit report must address the criteria to the satisfaction of the Minister.	N/A	To date there has been no direction provided by the Minister to undertake an independent audit of the approval.

## 5. Record keeping

Evidence captured as part of this Annual Environmental Report is stored in [Opentext](#).

## 6. References/Associated documents

Documents referenced in this Environmental Annual Return are listed below.

1. Ruby Spur Species Management Plan - Q-4910-15-MP-0003



## 7. Document information and history

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