



AUSTRALIA PACIFIC LNG EPBC 2011/6221 COMPLIANCE REPORT 3 December 2021 - 2 December 2022

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1. Purpose

The purpose of this document is to report on compliance with each condition of EPBC Approval 2011/6221.

Condition 8 of EPBC Approval 2011/6221 requires 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.

This report has been prepared in accordance with Condition 8.

2. Details of Activities and Scope

Table 1 sets out the scope and details of the relevant activities subject to EPBC Approval 2011/6221 and this compliance report.

Table 1 Key Approval and Project Details

Element	Description
EPBC number	2011/6221
Project Name	Ruby Spur Line
Approval Holder and ABN	Australia Pacific LNG CSG Transmission Pty Limited, 52 138 156 466
The Approved Action	To construct, operate and decommission a 17 km gas transmission pipeline from the Ruby Gas Facility (GPF) owned by Queensland Gas Company (QGC) to a connection point on the existing Darling Downs Power Station Pipeline (PPL 133), 40km west of Dalby, Queensland.
Location of the Project	40km west of Dalby, Queensland
Person Accepting Responsibility for this Report	Nicole Buchanski
Dates for the Reporting Period for the Report	4 December 2021 to 3 December 2022 inclusive
Date of Preparation of the report	8 February 2023

Compliance with the conditions of EPBC Approval 2011/6221 are set out in Table 3.

3. Definitions/Acronyms

Definitions and acronyms of terms used in this report are set out in Table 2.

Table 2 Terms and Acronyms

Term/Acronym	Definition/Expansion
APLNG	Australia Pacific LNG
Cth	Commonwealth
EPBC Act	<i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i>

GPF	Gas processing facility
ha	Hectares
ID	Identification
km	Kilometre
KP	Kilometre point
LNG	Liquified natural gas
N/A	Not applicable
PPL	Petroleum pipeline licence
QGC	Queensland Gas Company
ROW	Right of way

4. Compliance Findings

Table 3 Compliance findings for EPBC Approval 2011/6221

Condition Number	Condition	Is the project compliant with this condition?	Evidence/Comments
Footprint			
1	The person taking the action must ensure that no more than 69 hectares of vegetation is cleared in total across the 17km Ruby Spur Line Alignment (Attachment 1).	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A total of 57.23ha of vegetation was cleared for the Ruby Spur pipeline. This condition was completed during the 2014 reporting period. There have been no additional clearances of vegetation since that time, including the current reporting period.
Management			
2	<p>To protect a single plant of Kogan Waxflower (<i>Philothea sporadic</i>), located at KP15.33, the person taking the action must:</p> <p>Ensure there are no impacts on this plant during construction</p> <p>Prior to construction, create a 5m buffer around the plant and install a barrier and signage preventing access at the 5m boundary</p> <p>Inform all personnel involved in construction of the location of this plant and relevant avoidance measures</p> <p>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</p>	N/A	The right of way was reinstated in accordance with the Ruby Spur Species Management Plan (Q-4910-15-MP-0003). This condition was completed during the 2014 and 2015 reporting periods.
3	<p>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:</p> <p>a) Rainbow Bee-eater (<i>Merops ornatus</i>)</p> <p>b) Yakka Skink (<i>Egernia rugosa</i>)</p> <p>c) Five-clawed Worm Skink, Long-legged Worm-skink (<i>Anomalopus mackayi</i>)</p>	N/A	Construction of the pipeline in accordance with the Ruby Spur Species Management Plan (Q-4910-15-MP-0003) was completed in February 2014.

Condition Number	Condition	Is the project compliant with this condition?	Evidence/Comments
4	For continued protection and conservation of EPBC 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>)	N/A	No additional works or findings were made during the 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.	N/A	This condition was completed with notification 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	This condition lapsed on 28 November 2019.
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 relevant records are maintained within the document control system.
8	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.	Compliant	The 2022 Annual Environmental Return for the Ruby Spur Line (ID 28889733) was prepared and uploaded to the Australia Pacific LNG website prior to 03 March 2023 - https://aplng.com.au/management-plans/ . Following confirmation of publication of the document on the APLNG website, an email was provided to the Department on 03 March 2023, which included a link to the published report.

Condition Number	Condition	Is the project compliant with this condition?	Evidence/Comments
Minister's Approval of the Modification of Management Plan			
9	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.	N/A	No action has been taken during the reporting period. No amendments have been sought for the management plan under this approval.
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), was published on the website on 28 January 2014 and can be found here: https://aplng.com.au/document-library/
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. Correcting Non-Compliances

There were no non-compliances identified during the relevant reporting period.

6. New Environmental Risks

There have been no new environmental risks identified during the relevant reporting period.

7. Declaration of Accuracy

Declaration of accuracy

In making this declaration, I am aware that sections 490 and 491 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth) (EPBC Act) make it an offence in certain circumstances to knowingly provide false or misleading information or documents. The offence is punishable on conviction by imprisonment or a fine, or both. I declare that all the information and documentation supporting this compliance report is true and correct in every particular. I am authorised to bind the approval holder to this declaration and that I have no knowledge of that authorisation being revoked at the time of making this declaration.

Signed: Steve Thatcher

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