

Submission on the referral

INPEX Operations Australia Pty Ltd – Ichthys LNG AGRU Upgrades and CCS Preparedness Project

This submission is made under regulation 53 of the Environment Protection Regulations 2020

Government authority: NT Health. Centre for Disease Control – Medical Entomology branch

Summary: There is no requirement for further biting insect information. There is an existing Biting Insect Management Plan that the project should follow, where applicable. Particularly with regards to personal protection from biting insects, and minimising the creation of localised mosquito breeding sites that could impact workers or provide habitat for endemic or exotic mosquitoes.

Section of Referral	Theme or issue	Comment
Main report – section 3 Appendix A: Preliminary assessment of potential to impact environmental factors or values	Applicable legislation Human Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Public and Environmental Health Act 2011 and associated Public and Environmental Health Regulations 2014 should be applicable to this development, particularly regarding preventing mosquito breeding. <p>In general, there is no requirement for further biting insect trapping at the Blaydin Point site. Previous information on biting midge abundance is likely to still be relevant, with very high pest biting midge abundance affecting all of Blaydin Point. Mosquito populations may have changed due to stormwater drain discharge and reclaiming, particularly on the western side of the site, and there is also the potential for mosquito breeding in the built environment. However, if any new mosquito breeding sites have been created, they can be managed as per instructions in the existing Biting Insect Management Plan for the Ichthys LNG development. The BIMP also outlines personal protection options to reduce mosquito and biting midge bites. The Biting Insect Management plan can be found on the Inpex website ichthys-onshore-lng-facilities-operations-biting-insect-management-plan.pdf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Probably the highest risk impact for the new development would be if an exotic mosquito is imported via the MOF or East Arm Port. Whilst the development is required to follow DAFF biosecurity protocols, the proponent can assist in minimising the risk of an exotic mosquito incursion by maintaining the site free from small containers, used tyres and any another receptacle that can hold water and breed mosquitoes.
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