


DIRECTION TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This direction is given under regulation 40 of the Environment Protection Regulation 2020

Name of proposed action	Ichthys LNG AGRU Upgrades and CCS Preparedness Project
Proponent	INPEX Operations Australia Pty Ltd
Proposed action	<p>The proposal is for Stage 1 of development of a carbon dioxide (CO₂) compression and export system at Bladin Point. Works proposed in stage 1 include site-preparation, construction (including civil works, piling, drainage installation), and installation, pre-commissioning and cold commissioning of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • modularised equipment to upgrade the two existing acid gas removal units (AGRUs) • CO₂ compressor modules (including auxiliary vents) • an in-plant section of CO₂ export pipeline, export metering, and pipeline inspection gauge launcher • a modular building with combined electrical and control equipment to power and control the new facilities • a common dehydration module • a water treatment system/s, including water tanks, to treat and re-use water recovered from the CO₂ stream • supplementary power infrastructure (i.e. a small battery energy storage system, electrical power distribution system and cabling). <p>Once cold commissioning has been performed, the new CO₂ compression and export system equipment and infrastructure would remain in place, preserved until such time it could be connected to future offsite carbon capture and storage (CCS) infrastructure.</p>
Direction	The proponent is directed to provide the additional information in relation to the Referral, as detailed in Attachment A to ensure that the NT EPA has sufficient information to properly consider the referral and whether it is required to be made.
Submission period for additional information	The additional information must be submitted to the NT EPA within three months of the date of this Direction.
Person authorised to give direction	<p>Paul Purdon – Executive Director Environment and Heritage, Department of Lands, Planning and Environment</p> <p>Delegate of the NT EPA under section 36 of the <i>Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority Act 2012</i></p>
Signature	
Date of direction	03 October 2025

FURTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED (EP Regulation 40):

INPEX OPERATIONS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD - ICHTHYS LNG AGRU UPGRADES AND CCS PREPAREDNESS PROJECT

Topic	Comment	Further Information Required
Proposal		
Larger Action	<p>Regulation 47 of the Environment Protection Regulations 2020 sets out the general grounds for refusal to accept a referral. Regulation 47(c) allows the NT EPA to refuse to accept a referral of a proposed action that relates to part of a larger action proposed by the proponent. To inform the NT EPA's consideration under the regulation 47(c), information is required on timing, location and scale of the associated activities and projects is required.</p> <p>Section 1.4.2 of the referral describes associated projects including the Ichthys and Bonaparte CCS projects, however it does not explain the anticipated regulatory context and framework for each of those projects - and how they relate to the current referral.</p> <p>The NT EPA requires further context to inform its decision about whether the referred proposal can be accepted/refused, without information on the larger action.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide a detailed description of INPEX's overall strategic plan regarding this referral and associated projects and activities. Additional information is required on the nature and scale of associated projects and activities. 2. Justify why associated activities and projects are not considered as part of this referral and assessment of the project and associated activities cannot be completed under one referral. 3. Clearly identify the timing of the associated activities and projects such as the Ichthys CCS Project and Bonaparte CCS project. This may be represented similar to figure 2-1 of the referral report. 4. Clearly identify the locations of the other associated activities and projects, using figures / maps to support this. 5. Identify the proposed timing of regulatory approvals relevant to the associated activities and projects that INPEX considers do not form part of this referral.