


NOTICE OF DECISION

The notice of decision is made under regulation 50 of the Environmental Protection Regulations 2020 (EP Regulations)

Name of proposed action	Carpentaria Pilot Project
Proponent	Imperial Oil & Gas Pty Ltd
NT EPA reference	EP2024/033
Nature of proposed action	Oil and Gas
Description of proposed action	<p>The proposed action is located on Aboriginal freehold land on EP 187 (NT Portion 5706) approximately 66 km west of Cape Crawford and includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the recovery of petroleum on an appraisal basis• land clearing of about 226 ha• drilling, stimulation, tie-in of wells and appraisal testing at up to four new wells and two existing well pads in the Carpentaria Pilot Project area• construction of the Carpentaria Gas Plant and the Water Handling Station• installation of buried gas, water and wastewater flowlines between well pads, the Carpentaria Gas Plant and the McArthur River Gas Pipeline connection (~ 60 km)• groundwater extraction of up to 950 ML over five years• potential for 475,000 t CO₂-e scope 1 greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions annually, of which >90% is proposed to be mitigated (i.e. net annual GHG emissions of 30,000 t CO₂-e) by the export of appraisal gas to the McArthur River Pipeline (subject to statutory approval)• proposed duration of up to five years, dependent on establishing the commercial viability of the resource.
Person authorised to make decision	Paul Purdon Executive Director Environmental Assessment and Policy, Department of Environment Parks and Water Security
Decision	To accept the above named referral of a proposed action for standard assessment in accordance with regulation 44 of the EP Regulations
Signature	

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Date of decision	14 March 2024
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