



PART A
INFORMATION FOR THE PUBLIC

**DRAFT GUIDELINES FOR PREPARATION OF
A PUBLIC ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT**

INJIN BEACH WHARF FACILITY

Eni Australia B.V.

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1 PURPOSE

These guidelines have been developed to assist Eni Australia B.V. in preparing a PER for the proposed Injin Beach Wharf Facility in accordance with Clause 8 of the Administrative Procedures of the *Environmental Assessment Act*.

The Northern Territory Minister for Natural Resources, Environment and Heritage has determined that this proposal requires assessment under the *Environmental Assessment Act* at the level of a Public Environmental Report (PER). The project has also been deemed a controlled action by the Australian Government under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act (EPBC Act) as it is likely to have a significant impact on listed threatened species and communities (sections 18 & 18A) and listed migratory species (sections 20 & 20A).

The object of these guidelines is to identify those matters that should be addressed in the PER. The guidelines are based on the initial outline of the proposal in the Notice of Intent (NOI). The guidelines, however, are not necessarily exhaustive. They should not be interpreted as excluding from consideration any matters which are currently unforeseen that emerge as important or significant from scientific studies or otherwise during the preparation of the PER and the public consultation process.

These guidelines consist of two sections:

- Part A (this section) is the introduction and brief description of the project and the PER process; and
- Part B details the type and extent of information to be included in the PER.

This section of the guidelines has been developed to assist members of the public and other interested parties in preparing comments on the PER.

2 THE PROPONENT

Eni Australia B.V. (Eni)

3 DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

This proposal is a variation to the original Blacktip Onshore Gas Project (OGP). The OGP proposal underwent formal environmental assessment at the level of Environmental Impact Statement in 2005. The variation involves the construction of a barge wharf facility at Injin Beach and an access road from the gas facility to Injin Beach, approximately 2km northwest of the OGP.

During the environmental assessment of the Blacktip OGP proposal the proponent, then Woodside Energy, proposed to build a barge landing at Injin Beach. This barge proposal was retracted during the assessment period due to a stakeholder suggestion that the facility be built at Yelcherr Beach, the location already marked for disturbance due to the installation of the pipeline. Woodside Energy, at that time, retracted the requirement for a wharf facility and stated that if a wharf facility was required in the future, that it could be constructed at Yelcherr Beach.

Eni's current proposal would reinstate the original idea to build the wharf facility at Injin Beach. The wharf facility would be designed to transport large modules of the gas plant, equipment, goods and supplies for construction of the gas plant. As the intended use of the barge is to transport construction materials, it will be required for only a limited period of time by Eni. It is not yet known whether Eni propose to decommission the barge once construction of the gas plant is completed. Suggestions have been made that the barge could serve an ongoing purpose for the local community of Wadeye.

Applications for the permits required to build the gas pipeline are yet to be received by the Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines.

The proposed site for the wharf facility is located on part of NT Portion 1637 (Volume 511, Folio 164). This is Aboriginal freehold land within the meaning of the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*. The proposed site also includes an area seaward of the mean high water mark. It is estimated that the total area required for the wharf facility would be approximately 50m by 100m (just over one acre). The wharf facility would also require an access road to be constructed from the OGP to Injin Beach which would constitute an area to be cleared and developed for the access road of approximately 50m wide by 2000m long.

Development of wharf facility would involve:

- Dredging of a wharf channel
- Filling and compaction to form an elevated area and concrete hardstand
- Pile driving of sheet piles into the coastal substrate
- Clearing of bushland to create a sealed haul road, 50m in width and 2km in length

4 PER PROCESS

The proponent has been directed to prepare a PER. Once prepared, the PER will be exhibited for public review and comment for a period of 28 days, during which time advisory bodies will also comment on the document. Public and government advisory body comments will be forwarded to the proponent. The Proponent will prepare a Supplement to the PER and will submit this to the Minister.

The Environment Protection Agency Program will prepare an Environmental Assessment Report and Recommendations based on the PER, the

Supplement and any comments received. The Minister will approve the Report and Recommendations. These will be forwarded to the Australian Government Minister for the Environment and Heritage for consideration of approval under the EPBC Act. Subject to approval under the EPBC Act, the Report and Recommendations will be forwarded to the responsible (consent) Minister(s) for inclusion in the permit, lease or license conditions and relevant management procedures (e.g. Mining Management Plans).

The Assessment Report and Recommendations will be included on the Environment Protection Agency Program's webpage and hard copies are provided to respondents and selected public libraries and viewing sites.

5 ADMINISTRATION

The nominated Action Officer for this project is Wendy Hutchison from the Environment Protection Agency Program, Department of Natural Resources, Environment and the Arts. The contact telephone number is (08) 8924 4136 and facsimile number (08) 8924 4053, e-mail: wendy.hutchison@nt.gov.au .

Copies of the final guidelines will be posted on the DNRETA website at [http:// www.nt.gov.au/nreta/environment/assessment/register](http://www.nt.gov.au/nreta/environment/assessment/register)
Copies of the PER will be available to the public for purchase from the proponent.

Comments on the Draft Guidelines should be forwarded to the nominated Action Officer.

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Figure 1 The Northern Territory Environmental Assessment Process

