

Submission on the referral

INPEX Operations Australia Pty Ltd – Bonaparte Carbon Capture and Storage Project

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

Government authority: NT Health – Medical Entomology section

Summary: There is no requirement for further biting insect information. High to very high biting insect abundance has been documented nearby to the onshore component of the project area. There is an existing Biting Insect Management Plan that the project should follow, particularly with regards to personal protection from biting insects, and minimising the creation of new mosquito breeding sites.

Section of Referral	Theme or issue	Comment
Main report – section Table 3.1 Key components – Onshore infrastructure	Human health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous information on biting midge abundance is still relevant, with very high pest biting midge abundance expected to affect the onshore component of the project area. Moderate to high seasonal mosquito problems are also likely to affect the project area. • Construction activities, particularly near the landward mangrove margin, have the potential to create new mosquito breeding sites. Mosquitoes could also breed in bunded areas, small containers and other construction material that ponds water. • The existing Biting Insect Management Plan for the Ichthys LNG development outlines personal protection options to reduce mosquito and biting midge bites, and provides measures to prevent the creation of new mosquito breeding sites. The BIMP is applicable to the new development. The Biting Insect Management plan can be found on the Inpex website ichthys-onshore-lng-facilities-operations-biting-insect-management-plan.pdf