

Environmental Protection Act 1986**Section 45C****NOTICE OF DECISION TO CONSENT TO AMEND AN APPROVED PROPOSAL
WITHOUT INQUIRY****PERSON TO WHOM THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN**

MEPAU Perth Basin Pty Ltd

PROPOSAL TO WHICH THIS NOTICE RELATES

Waitsia Gas Project Stage 2

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT and ANY APPROVED CHANGES

MS 1164, issued 1 February 2021

Attachment 1 to MS 1164, issued 4 October 2021

Attachment 2 to MS 1164, issued 16 April 2024

Attachment 3 to MS 1164, issued 16 April 2024

DECISION

Pursuant to s. 45C(1)(a) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act), the Chair acting as delegate for the Minister for Environment gives approval to the following amendments of the approved proposal:

- Increase in the development envelope from 580.9 ha to 581.2 ha.
- Increase the disturbance footprint from 479.2 ha to 479.6 ha within the development envelope.
- Increase the gas production facility capacity from 91.25 PJ per annum to 100.375 PJ per annum

The amended proposal content document and figures are attached.

SUMMARY OF REASONS

- The increase in development envelope of 0.3 ha and disturbance footprint of 0.4 ha is to account for a previous mapping error where a section of the approved development envelope was omitted, and to allow for an access track to be increased for safety purposes.
- No additional clearing of native vegetation is proposed.

- The proposed increase in the current gas production facility is unlikely to result in an increase in the authorised scope 1 greenhouse gas emissions of 300,000 tonnes CO₂-e per annum. The implementation of technology to reduce fuel gas consumption at the Waitsia Gas Plant and flow testing of CO₂ concentrations at the production wells indicated less emissions associated with the removal of CO₂ from the reservoir. This allows for the increase in production capacity that does not affect the authorised scope 1 greenhouse gas emissions limit.
- There are no new environmental factors likely to be significantly affected as a result of the amendments.
- The amendments would not, if the proposal were already approved, be a significant amendment. In considering this, the effects of the amendments on their own, the effect of the amendments in the context of the existing referred proposal, cumulative and holistic impacts have been considered.
- The amended proposal will be substantially the same character as the existing referred proposal.

EFFECT OF THIS NOTICE:

1. The proposal as amended in accordance with this notice is taken to be able to be implemented under s. 45 of the EP Act.

The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation conducted a due diligence concurrently during the assessment for this s45C amendment to reflect the change in proponent name requested.

RIGHTS OF APPEAL:

There are no rights of appeal under the EP Act in respect of this decision.



Darren Walsh
Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority
CHAIR

21 January 2025

Encl. Attachment 4 to Ministerial Statement 1164