



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

*Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006*

**NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR WORK PROGRAM PETROLEUM EXPLORATION PERMIT APPLICATION**

I, **GRAEME ALBERT WATERS**, the National Offshore Petroleum Titles Administrator (**NOPTA**), on behalf of the Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands Offshore Petroleum Joint Authority, the Commonwealth-Western Australia Offshore Petroleum Joint Authority, the Commonwealth-Tasmania Offshore Petroleum Joint Authority, and the Commonwealth-Victoria Offshore Petroleum Joint Authority (**the Joint Authorities**), pursuant to section 104 of the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006* (**the Act**), hereby invite applications for the grant of work-bid petroleum exploration permits in respect of the blocks and within the areas described below.

Applications must be received, in the manner prescribed below, by **Thursday 4:00 pm local time** at the place of submission on **Thursday, 3 March 2022**.

Applicants are advised to review comments received for areas they intend to bid on via Consultation Hub at [https://consult.industry.gov.au/offshore-exploration/2021-acreage-release-consultation/consultation/published\\_select\\_respondent](https://consult.industry.gov.au/offshore-exploration/2021-acreage-release-consultation/consultation/published_select_respondent).

**GRATICULAR BLOCK LISTINGS**

***Release Area AC21-1***

***Bonaparte Basin, Vulcan Sub-basin, the Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands***

**Map Sheet SD51 (Brunswick Bay)**

0268	0269	0340
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Assessed to contain three full blocks.

***Release Area W21-1***

***Bonaparte Basin, Londonderry High, Western Australia***

**Map Sheet SC51 (Kupang)**

2591 part	2663 part	2734 part	2735 part	2736	2806 part	2807	2808
2877 part	2878 part	2879	2880	2949 part	2950	2951	2952
3020 part	3021 part	3022	3023	3024	3092 part	3093	3094
3095	3096	3163 part	3164 part	3165	3166	3167	3168
3235 part	3236	3237	3238	3239	3240	3306 part	3307 part
3308	3309	3310	3311	3312	3378 part	3379	3380
3381	3382	3383	3384	3449 part	3450 part	3451	3452
3453	3454	3455	3456				

**Map Sheet SC52 (Melville Island)**

3097	3098	3099	3100	3101	3169	3170	3171
3172	3173	3241	3242	3243	3244	3245	3313
3314	3315	3316	3317	3385	3386	3387	3388
3389							

**Map Sheet SD51 (Brunswick Bay)**

0070	0071	0072	0142	0143	0144	0214	0215
0216	0286	0287	0288	0358	0359	0360	0430
0431	0432	0502	0503	0504	0574	0575	0576
0646	0647	0648	0718	0719	0720	0790	0791
0792	0862	0863	0864	0934	0935	0936	1006
1007	1008						

**Map Sheet SD52 (Darwin)**

0001	0002	0003	0004	0005	0073	0074	0075
0076	0077	0145	0146	0147	0148	0149	0217
0218	0219	0220	0221	0289	0290	0291	0292
0293	0361	0362	0363	0364	0365	0433	0434
0435	0436	0437	0505	0506	0507	0508	0509
0510	0511	0512	0513	0514	0577	0578	0579
0580	0581	0582	0583	0584	0585	0586	0587
0588	0589	0649	0650	0651	0652	0653	0654
0655	0656	0657	0658	0659	0660	0661	0721
0722	0723	0724	0725	0726	0793	0794	0795
0796	0797	0798	0865	0866	0867	0868	0869
0870	0937	0938	0939	0940	0941	0942	

Assessed to contain 222 blocks (203 full blocks and 19 part blocks).

**Perth Treaty**

W21-1 partially overlaps a region designated by the Treaty between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia establishing an Exclusive Economic Zone Boundary and Certain Seabed Boundaries (Perth, 14 March 1997) (1997 Perth Treaty) that has been signed but is not yet in force.

While the 1997 Perth Treaty is not yet in force, the Australian Government acts in accordance with its provisions, including in relation to notification. Under Article 7(d) of the 1997 Perth Treaty, Australia is required to notify Indonesia three months prior to the proposed grant of exploration or exploitation rights in an area of overlapping jurisdiction. If exploration activity within an area of overlapping jurisdiction involves the construction of an installation or structure,

the 1997 Perth Treaty requires Australia to give Indonesia ‘due notice’ of this. A permanent means of giving warning of the installation or structure’s presence must be maintained. An installation or structure generally would be a structure that rests on, or is fixed or connected to, the seabed.

Marine parks

At the time of gazettal, W21-1 was known to intersect the **Oceanic Shoals Marine Park** which is a Multiple Use zone (IUCN V1).

Biologically Important Areas

At the time of gazettal, W21-1 was known to intersect the **Carbonate bank and terrace system of the Sahul Shelf** key ecological feature.

Public consultation comments

Potential investors should note public consultation comments in relation to this area at [https://consult.industry.gov.au/offshore-exploration/2021-acreage-release-consultation/consultation/published\\_select\\_respondent](https://consult.industry.gov.au/offshore-exploration/2021-acreage-release-consultation/consultation/published_select_respondent)

**Release Area W21-2**

***Bonaparte Basin, Londonderry High, Western Australia***

**Map Sheet SD51 (Brunswick Bay)**

0064 part	0065 part	0066	0067	0068	0069	0136 part	0137
0138	0139	0140	0141	0207 part	0208 part	0209	0210
0211	0212	0213	0279 part	0280	0281	0282	0283
0284	0285	0350 part	0351 part	0352	0353	0354	0355
0356	0357	0422 part	0423	0424	0425	0426	0427
0428	0429	0493 part	0494 part	0495	0496	0497	0498
0499	0500	0501	0564 part	0565 part	0566	0567	0568
0569	0570	0571	0572	0573	0636 part	0637	0638
0639	0640	0641	0642	0643	0644	0645	0707 part
0708 part	0709	0710	0711	0712	0713	0714	0715
0716	0717	0778 part	0779 part	0780	0781	0782	0783
0784	0785	0786	0787	0788	0789	0850 part	0851
0852	0853	0854	0855	0856	0857	0858	0859
0860	0861	0921 part	0922 part	0923	0924	0925	0926
0927	0928	0929	0930	0931	0932	0933	0992 part
0993 part	0994	0995	0996	0997	0998	0999	1000
1001	1002	1003	1004	1005	1063 part	1064 part	1065
1066	1067	1068	1069	1070	1071	1072	

Assessed to contain 143 blocks (118 full blocks and 25 part blocks).

### Biologically Important Areas

At the time of gazettal, W21-2 was known to intersect the **Carbonate bank and terrace system of the Sahul Shelf** and the **Ancient coastline at 125 m depth contour** key ecological features.

### Public consultation comments

Potential investors should note public consultation comments in relation to this area at [https://consult.industry.gov.au/offshore-exploration/2021-acreage-release-consultation/consultation/published\\_select\\_respondent](https://consult.industry.gov.au/offshore-exploration/2021-acreage-release-consultation/consultation/published_select_respondent)

### ***Release Area W21-3***

### ***Browse Basin, Yampi Shelf, Western Australia***

### **Map Sheet SD51 (Brunswick Bay)**

1135 part	1136	1137	1138	1139	1140	1141	1142
1143	1144	1145	1207	1208	1209	1210	1211
1212	1213	1214	1215	1216	1279	1280	1281
1282	1283	1284	1285	1286	1287	1351	1352
1353	1354	1355	1356	1357	1358	1420	1421
1422	1423	1424	1425	1426	1427	1428	1429
1492	1493	1494	1495	1496	1497	1498	1499
1500	1564	1565	1566	1567	1568	1569	1570
1571	1636	1637	1638	1639	1640	1641	1642
1711	1712	1713					

Assessed to contain 75 blocks (74 full blocks and one part block).

### Marine parks

At the time of gazettal, W21-3 was known to intersect the **Kimberley Marine Park** which is a Multiple Use zone (IUCN V1).

### Biologically Important Areas

At the time of gazettal, W21-3 was known to intersect the **Ancient coastline at 125 m depth contour** key ecological feature.

### Public consultation comments

Potential investors should note public consultation comments in relation to this area at [https://consult.industry.gov.au/offshore-exploration/2021-acreage-release-consultation/consultation/published\\_select\\_respondent](https://consult.industry.gov.au/offshore-exploration/2021-acreage-release-consultation/consultation/published_select_respondent)

**Release Area W21-4**

**Northern Carnarvon Basin, Exmouth Plateau and Beagle Sub-basin, Western Australia**

**Map Sheet SE50 (Rowley Shoals)**

2121	2122	2192	2193	2194	2261	2262	2263
2264	2265	2266	2267	2268	2330	2331	2332
2333	2334	2335	2336	2337	2338	2339	2340
2401	2402	2403	2406	2407	2408	2409	2410
2411	2412	2472	2473	2475	2479	2480	2481
2482	2483	2484	2544	2548	2549	2551	2552
2553	2554	2555	2556	2621	2622	2623	2624
2625	2626	2627	2692	2693	2694	2695	2696
2697	2698	2699	2764	2765	2766	2767	2769
2836	2838	2910					

Assessed to contain 75 full blocks.

Biologically Important Areas

At the time of gazettal, W21-4 was known to intersect the **Ancient coastline at 125 m depth contour** key ecological feature.

Public consultation comments

Potential investors should note public consultation comments in relation to this area at [https://consult.industry.gov.au/offshore-exploration/2021-acreage-release-consultation/consultation/published\\_select\\_respondent](https://consult.industry.gov.au/offshore-exploration/2021-acreage-release-consultation/consultation/published_select_respondent)

**Release Area W21-5**

**Northern Carnarvon Basin, Beagle and Dampier sub-basins, Western Australia**

**Map Sheet SE50 (Rowley Shoals)**

2844	2845	2914	2915	2916
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Assessed to contain five full blocks.

Biologically Important Areas

At the time of gazettal, W21-5 was known to intersect the **Ancient coastline at 125 m depth contour** key ecological feature.

Public consultation comments

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***Release Area W21-6***

***Northern Carnarvon Basin, Exmouth Plateau and Rankin Platform, Western Australia***

**Map Sheet SE50 (Rowley Shoals)**

2834	2905	2906	2907
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Assessed to contain four full blocks.

Biologically Important Areas

At the time of gazettal, W21-6 was known to intersect the **Ancient coastline at 125 m depth contour** key ecological feature.

Public consultation comments

Potential investors should note public consultation comments in relation to this area at [https://consult.industry.gov.au/offshore-exploration/2021-acreage-release-consultation/consultation/published\\_select\\_respondent](https://consult.industry.gov.au/offshore-exploration/2021-acreage-release-consultation/consultation/published_select_respondent)

***Release Area W21-7***

***Northern Carnarvon Basin, Dampier Sub-basin, Western Australia***

**Map Sheet SE50 (Rowley Shoals)**

3404	3405	3406
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**Map Sheet SF50 (Hamersley Range)**

0019	0020	0021
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Assessed to contain six full blocks

Marine parks

At the time of gazettal, W21-7 was known to intersect the **Montebello Marine Park** which is a Multiple Use zone (IUCN V1).

Public consultation comments

Potential investors should note public consultation comments in relation to this area at [https://consult.industry.gov.au/offshore-exploration/2021-acreage-release-consultation/consultation/published\\_select\\_respondent](https://consult.industry.gov.au/offshore-exploration/2021-acreage-release-consultation/consultation/published_select_respondent)

***Release Area W21-8***

***Northern Carnarvon Basin, Dampier and Barrow sub-basins, Western Australia***

**Map Sheet SF50 (Hamersley Range)**

0090	0160	0161	0162	0163	0230	0231	0232
0233	0234 part	0235 part	0305	0306 part			

Assessed to contain 13 blocks (ten full blocks and three part blocks).

### Marine parks

At the time of gazettal, W21-8 was known to intersect the **Montebello Marine Park** which is a Multiple Use zone (IUCN V1).

### Public consultation comments

Potential investors should note public consultation comments in relation to this area at [https://consult.industry.gov.au/offshore-exploration/2021-acreage-release-consultation/consultation/published\\_select\\_respondent](https://consult.industry.gov.au/offshore-exploration/2021-acreage-release-consultation/consultation/published_select_respondent)

### ***Release Area W21-9***

***Northern Carnarvon Basin, Barrow Sub-basin, Western Australia***

### **Map Sheet SF50 (Hamersley Range)**

0659	0660
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Assessed to contain two full blocks.

### Defence

Potential bidders should note that the Australian Department of Defence does not support the installation of any production infrastructure within this area due to potential impacts on Defence activities.

It should also be noted that this area is within the North Western Australia Exercise Area (NWXA) and Restricted Airspace R852. Proponents should liaise with Defence early in the project planning phase in order to facilitate deconfliction with Defence activities.

For more information please refer to full comments and advice from Defence at [https://consult.industry.gov.au/offshore-exploration/2021-acreage-release-consultation/consultation/published\\_select\\_respondent](https://consult.industry.gov.au/offshore-exploration/2021-acreage-release-consultation/consultation/published_select_respondent).

### Biologically Important Areas

At the time of gazettal, W21-9 was known to intersect the **Ancient coastline at 125 m depth contour** key ecological feature.

### Public consultation comments

Potential investors should note public consultation comments in relation to this area at [https://consult.industry.gov.au/offshore-exploration/2021-acreage-release-consultation/consultation/published\\_select\\_respondent](https://consult.industry.gov.au/offshore-exploration/2021-acreage-release-consultation/consultation/published_select_respondent)

### ***Release Area W21-10***

***Northern Carnarvon Basin, Exmouth Plateau, Western Australia***

### **Map Sheet SE50 (Rowley Shoals)**

2746	2753	2816	2817	2818	2824	2825	2888
2889	2890	2891	2896	2897	2960	2961	2962
2963	2964	2965	2966	2967	2968	2969	2970
2971	3032	3033	3034	3035	3038	3039	3040

3041	3042	3043	3104	3105	3106	3107	3110
3111	3112	3113	3114	3115	3176	3179	3180
3181	3186	3187	3188	3252	3258	3259	3330
3331							

Assessed to contain 57 full blocks.

#### Defence

Potential bidders should note that this area is within the North Western Australia Exercise Area (NWXA). Proponents should liaise with the Australian Department of Defence early in the project planning phase in order to facilitate deconfliction with Defence activities.

For more information please refer to full comments and advice from Defence at [https://consult.industry.gov.au/offshore-exploration/2021-acreage-release-consultation/consultation/published\\_select\\_respondent](https://consult.industry.gov.au/offshore-exploration/2021-acreage-release-consultation/consultation/published_select_respondent).

#### Biologically Important Areas

At the time of gazettal, W21-10 was known to intersect the **Ancient coastline at 125 m depth contour** and the **Continental Slope Demersal Fish Communities** key ecological feature.

#### Public consultation comments

Potential investors should note public consultation comments in relation to this area at [https://consult.industry.gov.au/offshore-exploration/2021-acreage-release-consultation/consultation/published\\_select\\_respondent](https://consult.industry.gov.au/offshore-exploration/2021-acreage-release-consultation/consultation/published_select_respondent)

### ***Release Area W21-11***

***Northern Carnarvon Basin, Exmouth Plateau, Western Australia***

#### **Map Sheet SF50 (Hamersley Range)**

0005	0006	0007	0076	0077	0078	0146	0147
0148	0149	0218					

Assessed to contain 11 full blocks.

#### Defence

Potential bidders should note that the Australian Department of Defence does not support the installation of any production infrastructure within this area due to potential impacts on Defence activities. For more information, please refer to full comments and advice from Defence.

It should also be noted that this area is within the North Western Australia Exercise Area (NWXA) and Restricted Airspace R853. Proponents should liaise with the Australian Department of Defence early in the project planning phase in order to facilitate deconfliction with Defence activities.

For more information please refer to full comments and advice from Defence at [https://consult.industry.gov.au/offshore-exploration/2021-acreage-release-consultation/consultation/published\\_select\\_respondent](https://consult.industry.gov.au/offshore-exploration/2021-acreage-release-consultation/consultation/published_select_respondent).



### Public consultation comments

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### **Release Area V21-1**

#### **Otway Basin, Nelson Sub-basin, Victoria**

#### **Map Sheet SJ54 (Hamilton)**

2414	2415	2416	2417	2418	2419	2420	2421
2422	2423	2424	2425	2486	2487	2488	2489
2490	2491	2492	2493	2494	2495	2496	2497
2498	2499	2558	2559	2560	2561	2562	2563
2564	2565	2566	2567	2568	2569	2570	2571
2572	2634	2635	2636	2637	2638	2639	2640
2641	2642	2643	2644	2645	2708	2709	2710
2711	2712	2713	2714	2715	2716	2717	2780
2781	2782	2783	2784	2785	2786	2787	2788
2789	2790 part	2852	2853	2854	2855	2856	2857
2858	2859	2860	2861 part	2862 part	2928	2929	2930
2931	2932	2933 part					

Assessed to contain 91 blocks (87 full blocks and four part blocks).

### Seismic survey data

Potential bidders should note that recent seismic data over this area is available on Geoscience Australia's National Offshore Petroleum Information Management System ([www.ga.gov.au/nopims](http://www.ga.gov.au/nopims)). Bidders are strongly encouraged to consider this data to formulate a more targeted exploration work bid.

### Biologically Important Areas

At the time of gazettal, V21-1 was known to intersect the **West Tasmania Canyons** key ecological feature.

### Public consultation comments

Potential investors should note public consultation comments in relation to this area at [https://consult.industry.gov.au/offshore-exploration/2021-acreage-release-consultation/consultation/published\\_select\\_respondent](https://consult.industry.gov.au/offshore-exploration/2021-acreage-release-consultation/consultation/published_select_respondent)

**Release Area V21-2**  
**Otway Basin, Nelson Sub-basin, Victoria**  
**Map Sheet SJ54 (Hamilton)**

2407 part	2408 part	2409	2410	2411	2412	2413	2479 part
2480	2481	2482	2483	2484	2485	2550 part	2551 part
2552	2553	2554	2555	2556	2557	2621 part	2622 part
2623	2624	2625	2626	2627	2628	2629	2630
2631	2632	2633	2693 part	2694	2695	2696	2697
2698	2699	2700	2701	2702	2703	2704	2705
2706	2707	2766	2767	2768	2769	2770	2771
2772	2773	2774	2775	2776	2777	2778	2779
2841	2842	2843	2844	2845	2846	2847	2848
2849	2850	2851	2915	2916	2917	2918	2919
2920	2921	2922	2923	2924	2925	2926	2927
2989	2990	2991	2992	2993	2994	2995	2996
2997	2998	2999	3000	3001	3002	3003	3004 part
3062	3063	3064	3065	3066	3067	3068	3069
3070	3071	3072	3073	3074	3075 part	3076 part	3136
3137	3138	3139	3140	3141	3142	3143	3144
3145	3146 part	3147 part	3210	3211	3212	3213	3214
3215	3216	3217 part	3218 part	3284	3285	3286	3287
3288 part	3289 part	3358	3359 part	3360 part			

Assessed to contain 149 blocks (130 full blocks and 19 part blocks).

Seismic survey data

Potential bidders should note that recent seismic data over this area is available on Geoscience Australia's National Offshore Petroleum Information Management System ([www.ga.gov.au/nopims](http://www.ga.gov.au/nopims)). Bidders are strongly encouraged to consider this data to formulate a more targeted exploration work bid.

Biologically Important Areas

At the time of gazettal, V21-2 was known to intersect the **West Tasmania Canyons** key ecological feature.

Public consultation comments

Potential investors should note public consultation comments in relation to this area at [https://consult.industry.gov.au/offshore-exploration/2021-acreage-release-consultation/consultation/published\\_select\\_respondent](https://consult.industry.gov.au/offshore-exploration/2021-acreage-release-consultation/consultation/published_select_respondent)

**Release Area V21-3**  
**Otway Basin, Shipwreck Trough, Victoria**  
**Map Sheet SJ54 (Hamilton)**

2365 part	2366 part	2437	2438 part	2439 part	2440 part	2509	2510
2511	2512	2580	2581	2582	2583	2584	2652
2653	2654	2655	2656	2657	2725	2726	2727
2728	2729	2795 part	2796 part	2797 part	2798 part	2799 part	2800 part
2801 part							

Assessed to contain 33 blocks (21 full blocks and 12 part blocks).

Public consultation comments

Potential investors should note public consultation comments in relation to this area at [https://consult.industry.gov.au/offshore-exploration/2021-acreage-release-consultation/consultation/published\\_select\\_respondent](https://consult.industry.gov.au/offshore-exploration/2021-acreage-release-consultation/consultation/published_select_respondent)

**Release Area V21-4**  
**Gippsland Basin, Victoria**  
**Map Sheet SJ55 (Melbourne)**

2080	2081	2082	2083	2152	2153	2154	2155
2224	2225	2226	2227	2295	2296	2297	2298
2299	2367	2368	2369	2370	2371	2439	2440
2441	2442	2443	2511	2512	2513	2514	2515

Assessed to contain 32 full blocks.

Biologically Important Areas

At the time of gazettal, V21-4 was known to intersect the **Upwelling East of Eden** and **Big Horseshoe Canyon** key ecological features.

Public consultation comments

Potential investors should note public consultation comments in relation to this area at [https://consult.industry.gov.au/offshore-exploration/2021-acreage-release-consultation/consultation/published\\_select\\_respondent](https://consult.industry.gov.au/offshore-exploration/2021-acreage-release-consultation/consultation/published_select_respondent)

**Release Area V21-5**  
**Gippsland Basin, Victoria**  
**Map Sheet SJ55 (Melbourne)**

2578	2579	2580	2581	2582	2583	2584	2650
2651	2652	2653	2654	2655	2656	2722	2723
2724	2725	2726	2727	2728			

Assessed to contain 21 full blocks.

### Public consultation comments

Potential investors should note public consultation comments in relation to this area at [https://consult.industry.gov.au/offshore-exploration/2021-acreage-release-consultation/consultation/published\\_select\\_respondent](https://consult.industry.gov.au/offshore-exploration/2021-acreage-release-consultation/consultation/published_select_respondent)

### **Release Area T21-1**

#### ***Otway Basin, Nelson Sub-basin, Tasmania***

#### **Map Sheet SJ54 (Hamilton)**

2792 part	2864	2936	2937	3008	3009	3010	3081
3082	3083	3084	3085	3153	3154	3155	3156
3157	3158	3226	3227	3228	3231	3298	3299
3300	3301	3303	3372	3373	3374	3375	3444
3445	3446	3447					

#### **Map Sheet SK54 (King Island)**

0060	0061	0062	0063
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Assessed to contain 39 blocks (38 full blocks and one part block).

### Seismic survey data

Potential bidders should note that recent seismic data over this area is available on Geoscience Australia's National Offshore Petroleum Information Management System ([www.ga.gov.au/nopims](http://www.ga.gov.au/nopims)). Bidders are strongly encouraged to consider this data to formulate a more targeted exploration work bid.

### Marine Parks

At the time of gazettal, T21-1 was known to intersect the **Zeehan Marine Park** which is a Multiple Use zone (IUCN V1).

### Biologically Important Areas

At the time of gazettal, T21-1 was known to intersect the **West Tasmania Canyons** key ecological feature.

### Public consultation comments

Potential investors should note public consultation comments in relation to this area at [https://consult.industry.gov.au/offshore-exploration/2021-acreage-release-consultation/consultation/published\\_select\\_respondent](https://consult.industry.gov.au/offshore-exploration/2021-acreage-release-consultation/consultation/published_select_respondent)

### **Release Area T21-2**

#### ***Otway Basin, Nelson Sub-basin, Tasmania***

#### **Map Sheet SJ54 (Hamilton)**

2790 Part	2791 Part	2861 Part	2862 Part	2863	2932 Part	2933 Part	2934
2935	3004 Part	3005	3006	3007	3075 Part	3076 Part	3077

3078	3079	3080	3147 Part	3148	3149	3150	3151
3152	3219	3220	3221	3222	3223	3224	3225
3291	3292	3293	3294	3295	3296	3297	3366
3367	3368	3369	3370	3371	3438	3439	3440
3441	3442	3443					

#### **Map Sheet SK54 (King Island)**

0055	0056	0057	0058	0059	0127	0128	0129
0130	0131	0132	0133	0134	0201	0202	0203
0204	0205	0206	0273	0274	0275	0276	0277
0278							

Assessed to contain 76 blocks (66 full blocks and ten part blocks).

#### Seismic survey data

Potential bidders should note that recent seismic data over this area is available on Geoscience Australia's National Offshore Petroleum Information Management System ([www.ga.gov.au/nopims](http://www.ga.gov.au/nopims)). Bidders are strongly encouraged to consider this data to formulate a more targeted exploration work bid.

#### Marine Parks

At the time of gazettal, T21-2 was known to intersect the **Zeehan Marine Park** which is a Multiple Use zone (IUCN V1).

#### Biologically Important Areas

At the time of gazettal, T21-2 was known to intersect the **West Tasmania Canyons** key ecological feature.

#### Public consultation comments

Potential investors should note public consultation comments in relation to this area at [https://consult.industry.gov.au/offshore-exploration/2021-acreage-release-consultation/consultation/published\\_select\\_respondent](https://consult.industry.gov.au/offshore-exploration/2021-acreage-release-consultation/consultation/published_select_respondent)

#### **Release Area T21-3**

#### ***Otway Basin, Nelson Sub-basin, Tasmania***

#### **Map Sheet SJ54 (Hamilton)**

3146 part	3217 part	3218 part	3288 part	3289 part	3290	3359 part	3360 part
3361	3362	3363	3364	3365	3432	3433	3434
3435	3436	3437					

#### **Map Sheet SK54 (King Island)**

0049	0050	0051	0052	0053	0054	0121	0122
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0123	0124	0125	0126	0194	0195	0196	0197
0198	0199	0200	0267	0268	0269	0270	0271
0272	0339	0340	0341	0342	0343	0344	0413
0414	0415	0486					

Assessed to contain 54 blocks (47 full blocks and seven part blocks).

#### Seismic survey data

Potential bidders should note that recent seismic data over this area is available on Geoscience Australia's National Offshore Petroleum Information Management System ([www.ga.gov.au/nopims](http://www.ga.gov.au/nopims)). Bidders are strongly encouraged to consider this data to formulate a more targeted exploration work bid.

#### Marine Parks

At the time of gazettal, T21-3 was known to intersect the **Zeehan Marine Park** which is a Multiple Use zone (IUCN V1).

#### Public consultation comments

Potential investors should note public consultation comments in relation to this area at [https://consult.industry.gov.au/offshore-exploration/2021-acreage-release-consultation/consultation/published\\_select\\_respondent](https://consult.industry.gov.au/offshore-exploration/2021-acreage-release-consultation/consultation/published_select_respondent)

#### ***Release Area T21-4***

#### ***Sorell Basin, Tasmania***

#### **Map Sheet SK54 (King Island)**

0345	0346	0347	0348	0349	0350	0351	0416
0417	0418	0419	0420	0421	0422	0423	0487
0488	0489	0490	0491	0492	0493	0494	0495
0496	0559	0560	0561	0562	0563	0564	0565
0566	0567	0568	0632	0633	0634	0635	0636
0637	0638	0639	0640	0641	0706	0707	0708
0709	0710	0711	0712	0713	0781	0782	0783
0784	0785	0853	0854	0855	0856	0857	0926
0927							

Assessed to contain 65 full blocks.

#### Seismic survey data

Potential bidders should note that recent seismic data over this area is available on Geoscience Australia's National Offshore Petroleum Information Management System ([www.ga.gov.au/nopims](http://www.ga.gov.au/nopims)). Bidders are strongly encouraged to consider this data to formulate a more targeted exploration work bid.

### Marine Parks

At the time of gazettal, T21-4 was known to intersect the **Zeehan Marine Park** which is a Multiple Use zone (IUCN V1).

### Biologically Important Areas

At the time of gazettal, T21-4 was known to intersect the **West Tasmania Canyons** key ecological feature.

### Public consultation comments

Potential investors should note public consultation comments in relation to this area at [https://consult.industry.gov.au/offshore-exploration/2021-acreage-release-consultation/consultation/published\\_select\\_respondent](https://consult.industry.gov.au/offshore-exploration/2021-acreage-release-consultation/consultation/published_select_respondent)

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

When preparing a bid and planning exploration, explorers should:

- carefully consider the relevant maritime boundaries and international treaties
- take all relevant advice to inform decision-making.

### **Marine Parks and Biologically Important Areas (BIA)**

Investors should note that some of the gazetted areas overlap marine parks and key ecological features. For more information in relation to these areas please refer to <https://www.environment.gov.au/marine/marine-species/bias> and <https://parksaustralia.gov.au/marine/management/>

### **Foreign Investment Review Board**

International investors may need to seek approval from the Australian Treasurer. See the Foreign Investment Review Board (FIRB) website (<https://firb.gov.au/>) for more information. If FIRB approval is not available at the time of submission, it will need to be provided separately before any new acreage will be awarded.

### **Seismic survey data**

Investors are encouraged to consider all available seismic data to determine if further seismic acquisition is necessary in an area and to form a more targeted work program bid. Geoscience Australia's National Offshore Petroleum Information Management System ([www.ga.gov.au/nopims](http://www.ga.gov.au/nopims)) is available and bidders are strongly encouraged to consider this data to formulate an exploration work program.

## **APPLICATIONS**

In accordance with subsection 104(3) of the Act, applications must be accompanied by details of:

- a. the applicant's proposals for work and expenditure in relation to the block or blocks specified in the application;**
- b. the technical qualifications of the applicant and of the applicant's employees;**
- c. the technical advice available to the applicant; and**
- d. the financial resources available to the applicant.**

For further details of the expectations of the Joint Authorities in relation to the content of applications and used as the criteria for ranking of competing applicants in accordance with section 106 of the Act, please refer to the *Offshore Petroleum Exploration Guideline: Work-bid* available at <https://www.nopta.gov.au/guidelines-and-factsheets/index.html>.

## FEE

An application must be accompanied by the appropriate application fee and evidence of payment. The amount of the fee is prescribed in Schedule 6 of the RMA regulations<sup>1</sup>. Details on how to pay the prescribed fee are on NOPTA's website.

If paying by cheque, please write the full company name and Australian Business Number of each applicant and work-bid release area number on the back of the bank cheque. Cheques should be made payable to 'NOPTA – Commonwealth of Australia'.

If paying by electronic funds transfer, please make payment to the following account:

Bank Name	Reserve Bank of Australia
Account Name	Dept of Industry Science Energy and Resources Official Administered Receipts Account Resources (RET)
BSB	092-009
Account Number	119585
Swift Code	RSBKAU2S

## SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

The application must be on the prescribed application form and signed by all applicants and in accordance with section 127 of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth). The application form is available for download from the NOPTA website at <http://www.nopta.gov.au/forms/forms.html>.

One bound paper copy and one electronic copy in text search format (on DVD, CD or USB) of the application, together with evidence of payment of the application fee, must be submitted to the NOPTA in the following manner:

- the application should be sealed and clearly marked as “**Application for Area [Release Area Number as appropriate] Commercial-in-Confidence**” and
- this envelope or package should then be enclosed in a plain covering envelope or package and delivered by hand (couriers accepted) to the below address:

To submit an application please make an appointment with the NOPTA by emailing [titles@nopta.gov.au](mailto:titles@nopta.gov.au) or phoning 08 6424 5317.

Please check the NOPTA website prior to submitting an application for further updates on submissions.

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<sup>1</sup> Please note that application fees are subject to change. Applicants should refer to the application fee stated in Schedule 6, Part 1 of the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Resource Management and Administration) Regulations 2011* or confirm with NOPTA prior to submitting an application <https://www.nopta.gov.au/documents/schedule-of-fees.pdf>



Location	Address	Date
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