



# **Industry Research and Development (Offshore Decommissioning Directorate Program) Instrument 2024**

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I, Madeleine King, Minister for Resources, make the following instrument.

Dated: 12 September 2024

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Minister for Resources

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## 1 Name

This instrument is the *Industry Research and Development (Offshore Decommissioning Directorate Program) Instrument 2024*.

## 2 Commencement

- (1) Each provision of this instrument specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

Commencement information		
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provisions	Commencement	Date/Details
1. The whole of this instrument	The day after this instrument is registered.	

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this instrument.

- (2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this instrument. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this instrument.

## 3 Authority

This instrument is made under section 33 of the *Industry Research and Development Act 1986*.

## 4 Definitions

In this instrument:

*Act* means the *Industry Research and Development Act 1986*.

*decommissioning* includes all activities associated with or connected to:

- (a) the disconnection, removal and disposal of infrastructure from an offshore area that was previously used to support oil and gas operations;
- (b) the suspension, plugging (whether temporary or permanent) and abandonment of wells and flushing of associated pipelines;
- (c) removal or any other treatment of subsea infrastructure;
- (d) associated environmental remediation.

*program*: see subsection 5(1).

## 5 Prescribed program

- (1) For the purposes of subsection 33(1) of the Act, the Offshore Decommissioning Directorate Program (the *program*) is prescribed.

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- (2) The program provides funding for the Offshore Decommissioning Directorate to work with industry, unions, First Nations groups, state and territory governments and the community to address barriers to the growth of Australia's decommissioning industry.
- (3) The purpose of the program is to support an effective and efficient decommissioning industry in Australia, including by providing funding for the following:
- (a) to support greater awareness of Commonwealth and other regulations amongst the decommissioning industry;
  - (b) to undertake research and provide advice on aspects of decommissioning policy, regulation and industry activity;
  - (c) to encourage industry coordination of decommissioning projects;
  - (d) international engagement and cooperation.

## **6 Specified legislative power**

For the purposes of subsection 33(3) of the Act, the powers of the Parliament to make laws with respect to the following are specified:

- (a) trade and commerce with other countries, and among the States (within the meaning of paragraph 51(i) of the Constitution);
- (b) external affairs (within the meaning of paragraph 51(xxix) of the Constitution).