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Our ref: RPI18-020/Santos - Okotoko North 1

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Dear Ms Spencer

## DECISION NOTICE

### RPI18-020/Santos – Okotoko North 1

(given under section 51 of the *Regional Planning Interests Act 2014*)

The Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning (DSDMIP) advises that the application (that was properly made on 20 November 2018) for resource activities associated with the Okotoko North Project has been approved, subject to conditions. The subject land is described as Lot 1 on SP133822.

### Assessing Agencies

Agency	Area of Regional Interest	Date of assessing agency final response
Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy	Channel Country Strategic Environmental Area	17 December 2018
Department of Environment and Science		17 January 2019

### Reasons for the decision

DSDMIP has determined that the proposed resource activities meet applicable Required Outcome 1 in the Strategic Environmental Area assessment criteria, as contained in the RPI Act. That is, the resource activities will not result in a widespread or irreversible impact on an environmental attribute of a strategic environmental area.

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The attached Regional Interests Development Approval confirms the nature and extent of the resource activities the subject of this approval.

**Appeals**

- The period in which any appeal under Part 5 of the *Regional Planning Interests Act 2014* must be started is set out in Attachment 1.
- How rights of appeal under Part 5 of the *Regional Planning Interests Act 2014* are to be exercised are set out in Attachment 1.

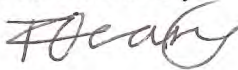
This decision takes effect when the “appeal period” for the decision ends. The “appeal period” means the period ending on the last day on which an appeal against the decision may be started (see s73 in Attachment 1).

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The Regional Interests Development Approval is enclosed.

If you require any further information, please contact Felicity Tait, Manager - Development Assessment and Advisory Team, on 3452 7656 or [RPIAct@dsdmip.qld.gov.au](mailto:RPIAct@dsdmip.qld.gov.au) who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely



**Tim O'Leary**

A/ Director

Development Assessment Division

enc. Regional Interests Development Approval

# Attachment 1 - Extract from the *Regional Planning Interests Act 2014*

## Part 5 Appeals and declarations

### 71 Definitions for pt 5

In this part—

**affected land owner**, for a regional interests decision, means an owner of land (**affected land**) that may be adversely affected by the resource activity or regulated activity because of—

- (a) the proximity of the affected land to the land the subject of the decision; and
- (b) the impact the activity may have on an area of regional interest.

**court** means the Planning and Environment Court under the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009*.

**regional interests decision** means each of the following decisions—

- (a) a decision to grant a regional interests development approval;
- (b) a decision to impose a condition on a regional interests development approval;
- (c) a decision to refuse all or part of an assessment application;
- (d) a decision to make, or refuse to make, a requested amendment to a regional interests development approval.

### 72 Appeal to Planning and Environment Court

The following may appeal (an **appeal**) against a regional interests decision to the court—

- (a) the applicant;
- (b) if the applicant is not the owner of the land—the owner of the land;
- (c) an affected land owner.

*Note—*

See the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009*, chapter 7, part 1 for provisions about the powers, processes and procedures of the court, including, for example—

- section 457 (Costs);
- section 495 (Appeal by way of hearing anew);
- division 12 (Alternative dispute resolution).

### 73 Appeal period

- (1) An appeal may be started only within 20 business days after—
  - (a) for a person who received a decision notice, or a copy of a decision notice, for the decision—the notice was received; or
  - (b) for an affected land owner for a regional interests decision—notice of the decision was published under section 52.
- (2) However, the court may at any time extend the time for starting the appeal.

#### **74 Respondent for appeal**

- (1) The chief executive is the respondent for the appeal.
- (2) If the appellant is not the applicant for the decision, the applicant is a co-respondent for the appeal.
- (3) If the appellant is not the owner of the land for the decision, the owner of the land may apply to the court to be a co-respondent for the appeal.
- (4) If the appeal is about an assessing agency's response, the assessing agency is a co-respondent for the appeal.
- (5) If the appeal is only about an assessing agency's response, the chief executive may apply to the court to withdraw from the appeal.

#### **75 Notice of appeal to other parties**

- (1) An appellant must, within 10 business days after starting an appeal, give notice of the appeal to each of the following—
  - (a) a respondent or co-respondent for the appeal;
  - (b) if the appellant is not the owner of land for the regional interests decision—the owner of the land.
- (2) The notice must state—
  - (a) the grounds of the appeal; and
  - (b) if the person given the notice is the owner of the land—that the person may apply to the court to be a co-respondent for the appeal.

#### **76 Stay of operation of decision**

- (1) The starting of an appeal does not stay the operation of the decision appealed against.
- (2) However, the court may stay the operation of the decision to secure the effectiveness of the appeal.
- (3) A stay—
  - (a) may be given on reasonable conditions as the court considers appropriate; and
  - (b) operates until the first of the following happens—
    - (i) the period fixed by the court ends;
    - (ii) the appeal is decided, withdrawn or dismissed; and
  - (c) may be revoked or amended by the court.

#### **77 Who must prove case for appeal**

- (1) In an appeal by the applicant for a regional interests decision, it is for the appellant to establish the appeal should be upheld.
- (2) In an appeal by either of the following, it is for the applicant for a regional interests decision to establish the appeal should be dismissed—
  - (a) if the applicant is not the owner of the land—the owner of the land;
  - (b) an affected land owner.

# REGIONAL INTERESTS DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL (RIDA) - 18 January 2019

## RPI18/020 – Santos Limited (ABN 80 007 550 923) – Okotoko North 1 Project.

(Given under section 53 of the *Regional Planning Interests Act 2014*)

### Description of the land

Real property description: Lot 1 on SP133822

Local Government Area: Quilpie Shire

### Approved activities

The approved activities are set out in Table 1 below.

Definitions of the resource activities are included in Table 2 below.

This development approval authorises impacts on the Channel Country Strategic Environmental Area (Channel Country SEA) by the approved activities.

**Table 1: Approved resource activities**

Area of regional interest	Location	Resource activity	Area of disturbance (hectares)
Channel Country Strategic Environmental Area	Lot 1 on SP133822	Petroleum Well Pad (Okotoko North 1)	1.4
		Buried Pipeline	0.3
		Access Track	0.55
		Borrow Pit	0.69
		<b>Total area of disturbance is 2.94 ha*.</b>	

\*Disturbance is already existing.

**Table 2: Definitions**

Resource activity	Definition
Petroleum Well Pad	An area of up to 1.4 hectares (approximately 120m x 120m) used to provide a stable platform for workover rigs and the operation of the petroleum well.
Buried Pipeline	A pipeline buried beneath the ground and used to transport petroleum.
Access Track	A cleared track (having a maximum width of 6 metres) constructed of earthen material to facilitate ongoing operational access to the petroleum well.
Borrow Pit	A source of shallow earthen material excavated to provide material for well lease and access track maintenance.

### Regional interests conditions

A person who is the holder of, or is acting under, this RIDA must not contravene a condition of this approval.

Condition number	Condition	Timing for condition
1.	Carry out the approved resource activities and disturbance of land generally in accordance with: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The activities identified in Table 1: Approved resource activities.</li> <li>b) The activities defined in Table 2: Definitions.</li> <li>c) The stamped approved plan:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Location of Pre-Existing Infrastructure, File No. NACCOW499, dated 14 November 2018 and lodged with the application on 20 November 2018 (refer <b>Attachment 1</b>).</i></li> </ul> </li> </ol>	At all times.
2.	No construction activities are to be undertaken: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) when surface water is present;</li> <li>b) during a flood event.</li> </ol>	As stated in condition.
3.	Measures to minimise the diversion of overland flow must be implemented during any construction, maintenance or operation of the resource activities.	At all times.
4.	Develop and implement erosion and sediment controls which: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) allows stormwater to pass through or around the site in a controlled manner and at non-erosive</li> </ol>	At all times.

	<p>flow velocities;</p> <p>b) minimises soil erosion resulting from wind, rain and flowing water;</p> <p>c) minimises the duration that disturbed soils are exposed to the erosive forces of wind, rain and flowing water;</p> <p>d) minimises work-related soil erosion and sediment runoff; and</p> <p>e) minimises impacts to land adjacent to the activities.</p>	
5.	The access track and the buried pipeline must allow for the natural passage of surface water.	At all times.
6.	Contaminants must not be directly or indirectly released to waters (including groundwater) in the Channel Country SEA.	At all times.
7.	The applicant must reinstate disturbed areas to a pre-activity condition as soon as practical.	Within two months of decommissioning.
8.	<p>The applicant must retain records of the pre-disturbance, post-reinstatement and post-restoration condition of impacted land within the Channel Country SEA and make these records available to the Chief Executive upon request. Such records must include:</p> <p>a) photographs of the pre-disturbance site conditions of the disturbance areas; and</p> <p>b) photographs of the post-reinstatement site conditions demonstrating that the impacted land within the Channel Country SEA has been returned to its pre-activity condition; and</p> <p>c) photographs of the post-restoration site conditions for the disturbed areas of Channel Country SEA land.</p> <p>The applicant must provide the chief executive evidence with the records and photographic evidence (date and GPS stamped) required by parts a) to c) of this condition via:  <a href="mailto:RPIAct@dsgmip.qld.gov.au">RPIAct@dsgmip.qld.gov.au</a></p> <p>The notification to the chief executive must state the application reference number, being RPI18-020.</p> <p>Note:  The following definitions apply to this condition:  ‘pre-disturbance’ – given the resource activities are</p>	<p>a) Within two weeks of the approval being of effect.</p> <p>b) Within three months of completing all post-reinstatement works.</p> <p>c) Within three months of completing all post-restoration works.</p>

	<p>established, the condition of the land immediately adjoining the subject land (being a representative reference point of the state of the subject land before any resource activities occurred).</p> <p>'post-reinstatement' – following the construction phase, being the return of the soil to its previous profile, topography and drainage.</p> <p>'post-restoration' – this is the point at which the ground cover has been established and ponding, erosion, subsidence, etc has been dealt with (being a longer process than the reinstatement phase).</p>	
9.	<p>a) All complaints received, and resulting actions taken, about the impact of the approved activities on the environmental attributes in the Channel Country Strategic Environmental Area must be recorded. The record must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) name, address and contact number of the complainant</li> <li>ii) time and date of complaint</li> <li>iii) reasons for the complaint</li> <li>iv) investigations undertaken</li> <li>v) conclusions formed</li> <li>vi) actions taken to resolve the complaint</li> <li>vii) any abatement measures implemented</li> <li>viii) person responsible for resolving the complaint.</li> </ul> <p>b) The records of any complaints received and recorded in accordance with this condition must be provided to the chief executive via:  <a href="mailto:RPIAct@dsmip.qld.gov.au">RPIAct@dsmip.qld.gov.au</a></p> <p>The record of complaint provided to the chief executive must state the application reference number, being RPI18-020.</p>	<p>a) At all times.</p> <p>b) Within three business days of receipt of a complaint.</p>
10.	<p>A full copy of the regional interests development approval must be kept on-site and available to any person(s) contracted to undertake the approved activity, throughout the construction, operation and restoration period.</p>	<p>At all times.</p>

### General Advice

It is the applicants' responsibility to ensure all relevant approvals and licenses are obtained from the applicable Local, State, and/or Federal Authorities prior to works commencing on site.