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About NOPTA

- NOPTA - established as a branch of Resources Division, RET
- NOPTA is a statutory position (not an independent agency)
- NOPTA's key functions in Commonwealth waters:
 - provide technical advice to the Joint Authority
 - administer titles
 - data and resource management
- States/NT will maintain a titles administrator role in State/NT waters
- NOPTA's head office will be in Perth and a regional office in Melbourne



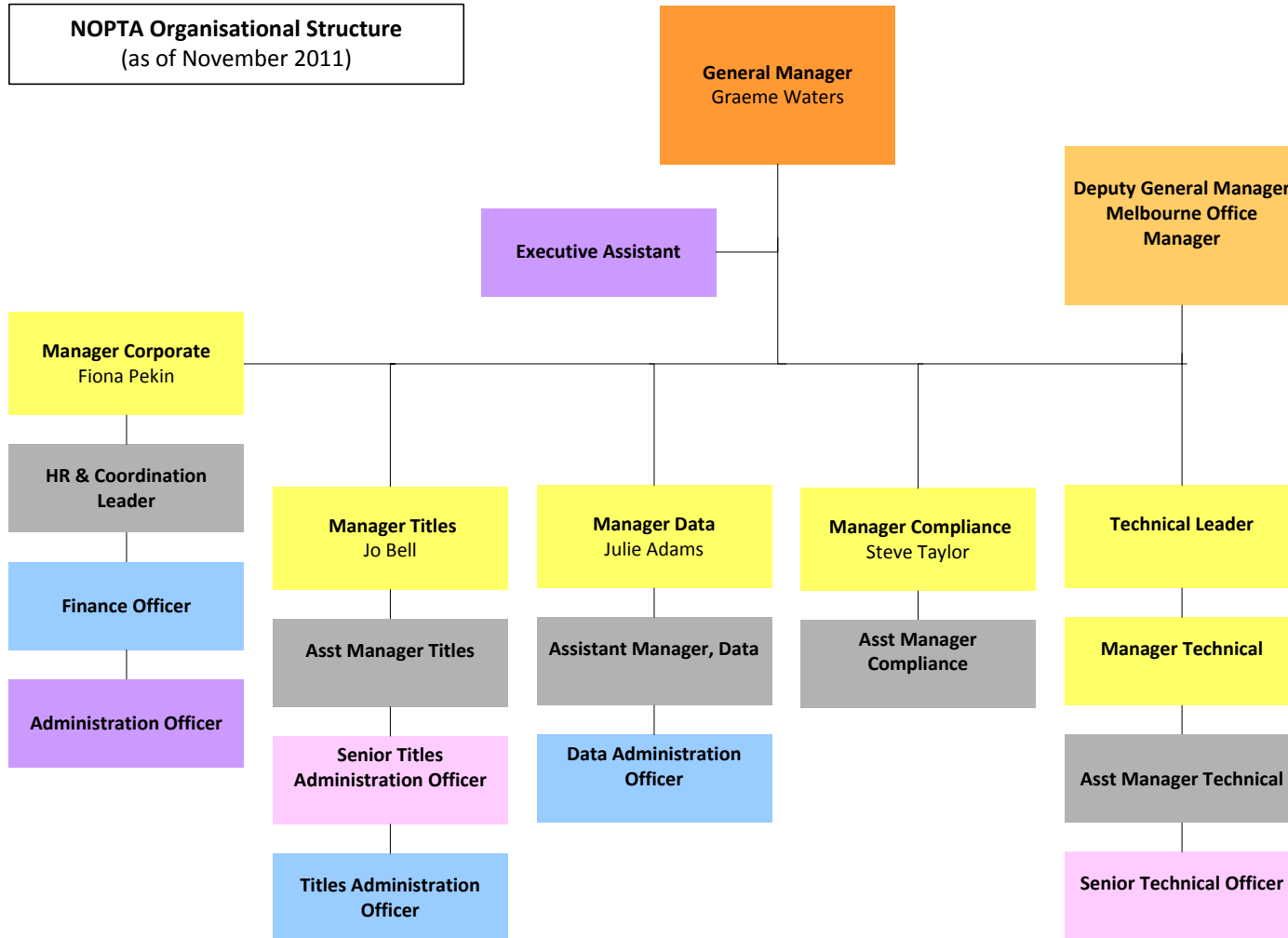
NOPTA Offices

- NOPTA Melbourne Office:
 - Level 1, 451 Little Bourke Street, Melbourne VIC 3000
 - Staff moving in from early December 2011
 - Interim arrangements: some staff working in VIC DPI offices.
- NOPTA Perth Office:
 - Level 8, Alluvion House, 58 Mounts Bay Road, Perth WA 6000
 - Staff moving in from mid-late January 2012 (level 8)
 - Interim arrangements: staff located on Level 11 with NOPSA
- Interaction between Offices: NOPTA General Manager located in Perth, teams will work together across both the Melbourne and Perth offices



NOPTA Organisational Chart

NOPTA Organisational Structure
(as of November 2011)



Legislation and Regulations

- 25 May 2011, Bills into Parliament – referred to House & Senate Committees
- Passed House: 6 July, Passed Senate: 14 September with amendment, returned to House and passed 15 September 2011
- Royal Assent 14 October 2011
- Amendment to regulations
 - machinery i.e. replace Designated Authority with NOPSEMA or NOPTA
 - transitional provisions
 - Environment Management Plan Levy / Annual Titles Administration Levy
 - consultation mechanism in Environment Regulations requested by WA
- Commencement of NOPSEMA and NOPTA 1 January 2012
- New guidelines to reflect NOPTA processes and new regulations



NOPTA Establishment – Cost Recovery

- Cost Recovery Impact Statement (CRIS) on NOPTA's operating costs has been prepared
- A CRIS is undertaken to improve the consistency, transparency and accountability of Commonwealth cost recovery arrangements and to promote the efficient allocation of resources
- Draft CRIS released for consultation on 28 October 2011. Submissions closed 5pm (AEDT) Wednesday 9 November 2011.
- The draft CRIS has been revised to address stakeholder comments and is under review by Department of Finance prior to certification by RET Secretary and acceptance by the Minister
- The draft CRIS is still available for viewing on the RET website at www.ret.gov.au



NOPTA Establishment – Recruitment

- NOPTA recruitment is almost finalised, with interviews held in September and appointments in the finalisation phase
- Staff have commenced taking up roles with NOPTA from 1 November and will continue through November, December and January
- Commencement of individual staff – reflective of operational needs



NOPTA Establishment – NEATS

- A National Electronic Approvals Tracking System (NEATS) is being developed by RET
- NEATS will be a public portal (similar to Western Australia's PGR system)
- NEATS will provide portal access to industry for the lodgement and tracking of applications
- The system will go live at the end of January 2012
- New guidelines will be developed to incorporate the electronic lodgement of applications
- Further information on NEATS will be available on the NOPTA website prior to implementation



Transitional Arrangements – Timeline

Milestone	Date
Transfer of records from the DA's to NOPTA	Oct – Dec 2011
CRIS released for consultation	Oct 2011
NOPTA industry information sessions	16 & 21 Nov 2011
NOPTA staff commencing	Nov - Jan
Transfer of digital and physical data from DA's to NOPTA/GA	Jan - June 2012
Introduction of NEATS	Feb 2012

Transition – Records Transfer

- Transfer of existing records held by the Designated Authorities will occur ahead of the commencement of NOPTA
- Agreement has been reached with Western Australia, Tasmania, Victoria and the Northern Territory on the process and timing for transfer of titles records and titles registers
- Discussions have commenced with the other states to reach similar agreements
- Key objective to allow operations to commence on 1 January 2012



Transition – Titles & Applications

- NOPTA will receive all new applications and accompanying fee from 1 January
- NOPTA's Melbourne office will cover titles applications for Tasmania, Victoria, South Australia, New South Wales and Queensland
- NOPTA's Titles staff will be allocated desks in DPI's offices commencing in the week of 21 November to work together on transition arrangements (similar arrangements have been made with WA DMP)
- NOPTA will take a case by case approach to the transition of titles applications currently in progress, in consultation with each applicant
- Application forms and guidelines will be available online in December



Transition – Data Management

- NOPTA will receive all data submissions from 1 January 2012
- Changes will be required to the way in which physical and digital data are managed
- Management of hard copy and digital data will be transitioned to a central source managed by Geoscience Australia
- Working to ensure all data is retained and that services to industry are maintained during this process
- GA is undertaking a scoping study of the current data holdings of each of the DA's
- Digital and hard copy records will be transferred from the DA's to GA during the first half of 2012



Transition – Data Management

Physical data

- In order to facilitate industry access to physical core and samples, it is proposed to maintain storage facilities in Western Australia and Victoria to provide services to all jurisdictions
- Discussions are underway to enable existing core store facilities in WA and Vic to be continued

Digital and Hard copy

- WA WAPIM's system will continue to operate throughout transition period
- Aim to maintain all current sources of online access to data
- GA will provide access to other data through existing delivery arrangements



Impact on Industry

- Liaison with one central administrator in Commonwealth waters: NOPTA
- Reduced timelines – imposition of statutory timeframes and removal of duplication
- Key NOPTA contacts:
 - Graeme Waters (overall NOPTA issues)
 - Jo Bell (Titles)
 - Steve Taylor (Compliance)
 - Fiona Pekin (Corporate)



Impact on Industry - Applications

- Active applications: NOPTA and the DAs will determine who completes applications in progress and discuss with applicants accordingly
- Approved applications: NOPTA will be the point of contact for all title related issues post 1 Jan 2012
- Submission of new applications to NOPTA:
 - Initially paper/email based via the NOPTA website: www.nopta.gov.au / email: titles@nopta.gov.au / postal: address to be advised
 - Application forms will be available on www.nopta.gov.au
 - From end Jan 2012 – electronic submission of applications via the NEATS portal on the NOPTA website: www.nopta.gov.au
- New guidelines will be available from www.nopta.gov.au from December 2011



Impact on Industry – Fees

- Offshore Petroleum Fees due up to end December 2011: to the DAs
- Annual Title Fees due in December 2011 are payable to the DAs in January 2012
- From 1 January 2012 Annual Title Fees abolished and replaced by new annual title administration (ATA) levy
- NOPTA will invoice for ATA levy and fees due from 1 January 2012
- Payment of fees to NOPTA:
 - Initially electronic payment of fees with NOPTA bank details to be advised on www.nopta.gov.au / Email: corporate@nopta.gov.au
 - From end Jan 2012 – electronic payment of fees via the NEATS portal on the NOPTA website: www.nopta.gov.au



Next Steps

- One-on-one meetings: To arrange one-on-one meetings with Graeme Waters: Email: grame.waters@nopta.gov.au
- NOPTA Newsletter: Issue One circulated November 2011/ Issue Two expected in early 2012 / Email: info@nopta.gov.au to get on the distribution list
- Fee payment processes - discuss with Fiona Pekin corporate@nopta.gov.au
- Questions and Answers?
- NEATS Information Sessions: December 2012



Thank You

NOPTA Establishment Team

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