



Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (National Offshore Petroleum Titles Administrator) Approved Manner 2026 No. 1

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Approved manner for making specified applications for the purposes of the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006* (the OPGGS Act)

I, Graeme Albert Waters, the National Offshore Petroleum Titles Administrator (NOPTA), under subsection 33(3) of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901* and sections 168, 255, 312, 312A, 324, 329A, 330, 335A, 336, 343, 361, 368A, 369, 426, 473, 488, 498, 525, 539, 548, 566C of the OPGGS Act,

**REVOKE**

- 1) any previous approvals made under subsection 168(4) of the OPGGS Act in relation to the manner of a variation of an application for a production licence by the holder of an exploration permit;
- 2) any previous approvals made under section 255(2) of the OPGGS Act in relation to the manner of a cash bid or tie-breaking cash bid application for:
  - a) the grant or renewal of a petroleum exploration permit under Part 2.2 of the OPGGS Act;
  - b) the grant or renewal of a petroleum retention lease under Part 2.3 of the OPGGS Act;
  - c) the grant, variation or renewal of a petroleum production licence under Part 2.4 of the OPGGS Act;
  - d) the grant or variation of an infrastructure licence under Part 2.5 of the OPGGS Act;
  - e) the grant or variation of a pipeline licence under Part 2.6 of the OPGGS Act;
  - f) the grant of a petroleum special prospecting authority under Part 2.7 of the OPGGS Act; and
  - g) the grant or variation of a petroleum access authority under Part 2.8 of the OPGGS Act.
- 3) any previous approvals made under subsection 312(8) of the OPGGS Act in relation to the manner of a variation of an application for declaration of identified greenhouse gas storage formation, by a holder of a greenhouse gas assessment permit, greenhouse gas holding lease, greenhouse gas injection licence, petroleum retention lease or petroleum production licence;
- 4) any previous approvals made under subsection 312A(8) of the OPGGS Act in relation to the manner of a variation of an application for declaration of identified greenhouse gas storage formation, by a holder of a cross-boundary greenhouse gas assessment permit;
- 5) any previous approvals made under subsection 324(11) of the OPGGS Act, in relation to a variation of an application for greenhouse gas holding lease (other than a cross-boundary greenhouse gas holding lease) by the holder of a greenhouse gas assessment permit (other than a cross-boundary greenhouse gas assessment permit);
- 6) any previous approvals made under subsection 329A(11) of the OPGGS Act, in relation to a variation of an application for cross-boundary greenhouse gas holding lease by the holder of a cross-boundary greenhouse gas assessment permit;
- 7) any previous approvals made under subsection 330(5) of the OPGGS Act, in relation to a variation of an application for greenhouse gas holding lease (other than a cross-boundary greenhouse gas holding lease) by the holder of a greenhouse gas injection licence (other than a cross-boundary greenhouse gas injection licence);

- 8) any previous approvals made under subsection 335A(5) of the OPGGS Act, in relation to a variation of an application for cross-boundary greenhouse gas holding lease by the holder of a cross-boundary greenhouse gas injection licence;
- 9) any previous approvals made under subsection 336(5) of the OPGGS Act, in relation to a variation of an application for or special greenhouse gas holding lease (other than a special cross-boundary greenhouse gas holding lease) by an unsuccessful applicant for a greenhouse gas injection licence (other than a cross-boundary greenhouse gas injection licence);
- 10) any previous approvals made under subsection 343(4) of the OPGGS Act, in relation to a variation of an application for greenhouse gas holding lease by the holder of a petroleum retention lease;
- 11) any previous approvals made under subsection 361(12) of the OPGGS Act, in relation to a variation of an application for greenhouse gas injection licence (other than a cross-boundary greenhouse gas injection licence) by greenhouse gas assessment permittee (other than a cross-boundary greenhouse gas assessment permittee) or greenhouse gas holding lessee (other than a cross-boundary greenhouse gas holding lessee);
- 12) any previous approvals made under subsection 368A(11) of the OPGGS Act, in relation to a variation of an application for cross-boundary greenhouse gas injection licence by cross-boundary greenhouse gas assessment permittee or cross-boundary greenhouse gas holding lessee;
- 13) any previous approvals made under subsection 369(11) of the OPGGS Act, in relation to a variation of an application for greenhouse gas injection licence by the holder of a petroleum production licence;
- 14) any previous approvals made under subsection 426(2) of the OPGGS Act in relation to the manner of an application for:
  - a) the grant or renewal of a greenhouse gas assessment permit under Part 3.2 of the OPGGS Act;
  - b) the grant or renewal of a greenhouse gas holding lease under section Part 3.3 of the OPGGS Act;
  - c) the grant or variation of a greenhouse gas injection licence under Part 3.4 of the OPGGS Act;
  - d) the grant of a greenhouse gas search authority under Part 3.5 of the OPGGS Act;
  - e) the grant of greenhouse gas special authority under Part 3.6 of the OPGGS Act;
  - f) a site closing certificate under Part 3.4 of the OPGGS Act;
- 15) any previous approvals made under subsection 473(2) of the OPGGS Act in relation to the manner of an application for a transfer of a title;
- 16) any previous approvals made under subsection 488(4) of the OPGGS Act in relation to the manner of an application for an approval of a dealing;
- 17) any previous approvals made under subsection 525(2) of the OPGGS Act in relation to the manner of an application for approval of transfer;
- 18) any previous approvals made under subsection 539(4) of the OPGGS Act in relation to the manner of an application for the approval of a dealing;
- 19) any previous approvals made under paragraph 566C(2)(a) of the OPGGS Act in relation to the manner of an application for approval of a change in control of the registered holder of the title;

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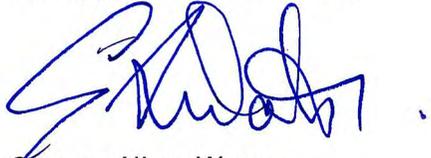
**APPROVE** the following manner for each of the applications specified below:

- 1) for the purposes of subsection 168(4) of the OPGGS Act, in relation to an application for a production licence by the holder of an exploration permit, the manner set out in **Schedule 1**;
- 2) for the purposes of subsection 255(2) of the OPGGS Act, in relation to an application for:
  - a) the grant of a petroleum exploration permit under Part 2.2 of the OPGGS Act, the manner set out in **Schedule 2**;
  - b) the renewal of a petroleum exploration permit under Part 2.2 of the OPGGS Act, the manner set out in **Schedule 3**;
  - c) the grant of a petroleum retention lease under Part 2.3 of the OPGGS Act, the manner set out in **Schedule 4**;
  - d) the renewal of a petroleum retention lease under Part 2.3 of the OPGGS Act, the manner set out in **Schedule 3**;
  - e) the grant, variation or renewal of a petroleum production licence under Part 2.4 of the OPGGS Act, the manner set out in **Schedule 4**;
  - f) the grant or variation of an infrastructure licence under Part 2.5 of the OPGGS Act, the manner set out in **Schedule 4**;
  - g) the grant or variation of a pipeline licence under Part 2.6 of the OPGGS Act, the manner set out in **Schedule 4**;
  - h) the grant of a petroleum special prospecting authority under Part 2.7 of the OPGGS Act, the manner set out in **Schedule 1**; and
  - i) the grant or variation of a petroleum access authority under Part 2.8 of the OPGGS Act, the manner set out in **Schedule 1**.
- 3) for the purposes of subsection 312(8) of the OPGGS Act, in relation to a variation of an application for declaration of identified greenhouse gas storage formation, by a holder of a greenhouse gas assessment permit, greenhouse gas holding lease, greenhouse gas injection licence, petroleum retention lease or petroleum production licence, the manner set out in **Schedule 5**;
- 4) for the purposes of subsection 312A(8) of the OPGGS Act, in relation to a variation of an application for declaration of identified greenhouse gas storage formation, by a holder of a cross-boundary greenhouse gas assessment permit, the manner set out in **Schedule 5**;
- 5) for the purposes of subsection 324(11) of the OPGGS Act, in relation to a variation of an application for greenhouse gas holding lease (other than a cross-boundary greenhouse gas holding lease) by the holder of a greenhouse gas assessment permit (other than a cross-boundary greenhouse gas assessment permit), the manner set out in **Schedule 5**;
- 6) for the purposes of subsection 329A(11) of the OPGGS Act, in relation to a variation of an application for cross-boundary greenhouse gas holding lease by the holder of a cross-boundary greenhouse gas assessment permit, the manner set out in **Schedule 5**;
- 7) for the purposes of subsection 330(5) of the OPGGS Act, in relation to a variation of an application for greenhouse gas holding lease (other than a cross-boundary greenhouse gas holding lease) by the holder of a greenhouse gas injection licence (other than a cross-boundary greenhouse gas injection licence), the manner set out in **Schedule 5**;

- 8) for the purposes of subsection 335A(5) of the OPGGS Act, in relation to a variation of an application for cross-boundary greenhouse gas holding lease by the holder of a cross-boundary greenhouse gas injection licence, the manner set out in **Schedule 5**;
- 9) for the purposes of subsection 336(5) of the OPGGS Act, in relation to an application for special greenhouse gas holding lease (other than a special cross-boundary greenhouse gas holding lease) by an unsuccessful applicant for a greenhouse gas injection licence (other than a cross-boundary greenhouse gas injection licence), the manner set out in **Schedule 5**;
- 10) for the purposes of subsection 343(4) of the OPGGS Act, in relation to a variation of an application for greenhouse gas holding lease by the holder of a petroleum retention lease, the manner set out in **Schedule 5**;
- 11) for the purposes of subsection 361(12) of the OPGGS Act, in relation to a variation of an application for greenhouse gas injection licence (other than a cross-boundary greenhouse gas injection licence) by greenhouse gas assessment permittee (other than a cross-boundary greenhouse gas assessment permittee) or greenhouse gas holding lessee (other than a cross-boundary greenhouse gas holding lessee), the manner set out in **Schedule 5**;
- 12) for the purposes of subsection 368A(11) of the OPGGS Act, in relation to a variation of an application for cross-boundary greenhouse gas injection licence by cross-boundary greenhouse gas assessment permittee or cross-boundary greenhouse gas holding lessee, the manner set out in **Schedule 5**;
- 13) for the purposes of subsection 369(11) of the OPGGS Act, in relation to a variation of an application for greenhouse gas injection licence by the holder of a petroleum production licence, the manner set out in **Schedule 5**;
- 14) for the purposes of subsection 426(2) of the OPGGS Act, in relation to an application for:
  - a) the grant of a greenhouse gas assessment permit under Part 3.2 of the OPGGS Act, the manner set out in **Schedule 6**;
  - b) the renewal of a greenhouse gas assessment permit under Part 3.2 of the OPGGS Act, the manner set out in **Schedule 7**;
  - c) the grant of a greenhouse gas greenhouse gas holding lease under Part 3.3 of the OPGGS Act, the manner set out in **Schedule 7**;
  - d) the renewal of a greenhouse gas greenhouse gas holding lease under Part 3.3 of the OPGGS Act, the manner set out in **Schedule 7**;
  - e) the grant of a greenhouse gas greenhouse gas injection licence under Part 3.4 of the OPGGS Act, the manner set out in **Schedule 7**;
  - f) the grant of a greenhouse gas search authority under Part 3.5 of the OPGGS Act, the manner set out in **Schedule 5**;
  - g) the grant of greenhouse gas special authority under Part 3.6 of the OPGGS Act, the manner set out in **Schedule 5**;
- 15) for the purposes of subsection 473(2) of the OPGGS Act, in relation to an application for a transfer of a petroleum title, the manner set out in **Schedule 4**;
- 16) for the purposes of subsection 488(4) of the OPGGS Act, in relation to an application for an approval of a dealing affecting a petroleum title, the manner set out in **Schedule 4**;
- 17) for the purposes of subsection 525(2) of the OPGGS Act, in relation to an application for approval of transfer of a greenhouse gas title, the manner set out in **Schedule 7**;

- 18) for the purposes of subsection 539(4) of the OPGGS Act, in relation to an application for the approval of a dealing affecting greenhouse gas titles, the manner set out in **Schedule 7**;
- 19) for the purposes of paragraph 566C(2)(a) of the OPGGS Act, in relation to an application for approval of a change in control of the registered holder of the title, the manner specified in **Schedule 4**.

This Approval has effect from **31 March 2026**



Graeme Albert Waters  
National Offshore Petroleum Titles Administrator

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## Schedule 1

### Manner of lodging applications

Subsection 168(4), Part 2.7 and Part 2.8 of the OPGGS Act

The lodgement of an application is to be made, in writing or using the form found at <https://www.nopta.gov.au/forms-and-templates/petroleum-and-greenhouse-gas-forms.html>, in the following ways:

- 1) by email to: [titles@nopta.gov.au](mailto:titles@nopta.gov.au)
- 2) by accessing an account in the NEATS Secure Portal (the Portal) on the website of <https://secure.neats.nopta.gov.au>, and submitting the application in the Portal.
- 3) by post to:  
**Perth office:**  
GPO Box 7871  
PERTH WA 6850
- 4) by post to:  
**Melbourne office:**  
GPO Box 4634  
MELBOURNE VIC 3001
- 5) by leaving the document at an office occupied by the Titles Administrator

## **Schedule 2**

### **Manner of lodging applications for grant of a for a work-bid petroleum exploration permit under Part 2.2 of the OPGGS Act**

The lodgement of an application is to be made using the approved form, found at <https://www.nopta.gov.au/forms-and-templates/petroleum-and-greenhouse-gas-forms.html>, in the manner detailed in the:

- 1) relevant Notice of Invitation for Work Program Petroleum Exploration Permit Application, published in the Australian Government Gazette

## Schedule 3

### Manner of lodging applications

Part 2.2 (renewal of exploration permit), Part 2.3 (renewal of retention lease) of the OPGGS Act

The lodgement of an application is to be made on the approved form found at <https://www.nopta.gov.au/forms-and-templates/petroleum-and-greenhouse-gas-forms.html>, in any of the following ways:

- 1) by accessing an account in the NEATS Secure Portal (the Portal) on the website of <https://secure.neats.nopta.gov.au>, and submitting the application in the Portal.
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## Schedule 4

### Manner of lodging applications

Part 2.3 (grant of retention lease), Part 2.4, Part 2.5, Part 2.6, section 473(2) (application for approval of a transfer of a petroleum title), subsection 488(4) (application for approval of a dealing in a petroleum title), paragraph 566C(2)(a) (application for approval of a change in control) of the OPGGS Act

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## Schedule 5

### Manner of lodging applications

Subsection 312(8), subsection 312A(8), subsection 324(11), subsection 329A(11), subsection 330(5), subsection 335A(5), subsection 336(5), subsection 343(4), subsection 361(12), subsection 368A(11), subsection 369(11), Part 3.5, Part 3.6 of the OPGGS Act

The lodgement of an application is to be made, in writing or using the form found at <https://www.nopta.gov.au/forms-and-templates/petroleum-and-greenhouse-gas-forms.html>, in the following ways:

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## **Schedule 6**

### **Manner of lodging applications for grant of a for a work-bid greenhouse gas assessment permit under Part 3.2 of the OPGGS Act**

The lodgement of an application is to be made, using the approved form found at <https://www.nopta.gov.au/forms-and-templates/petroleum-and-greenhouse-gas-forms.html>, in the manner detailed in the:

- 1) relevant Notice of Invitation for Work-Bid Greenhouse Gas Assessment Permit Application, published in the Australian Government Gazette

## Schedule 7

### Manner of lodging applications

Part 3.2 (renewal of greenhouse gas assessment permit), Part 3.3 (grant and renewal of greenhouse gas holding lease); Part 3.4 (grant of greenhouse gas injection licence), section 525(2) (application for approval of a transfer of a greenhouse gas title), section 539(4) (application for approval of a dealing in a greenhouse gas title) of the OPGGS Act

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