



Western Surat Gas Project

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1. Introduction

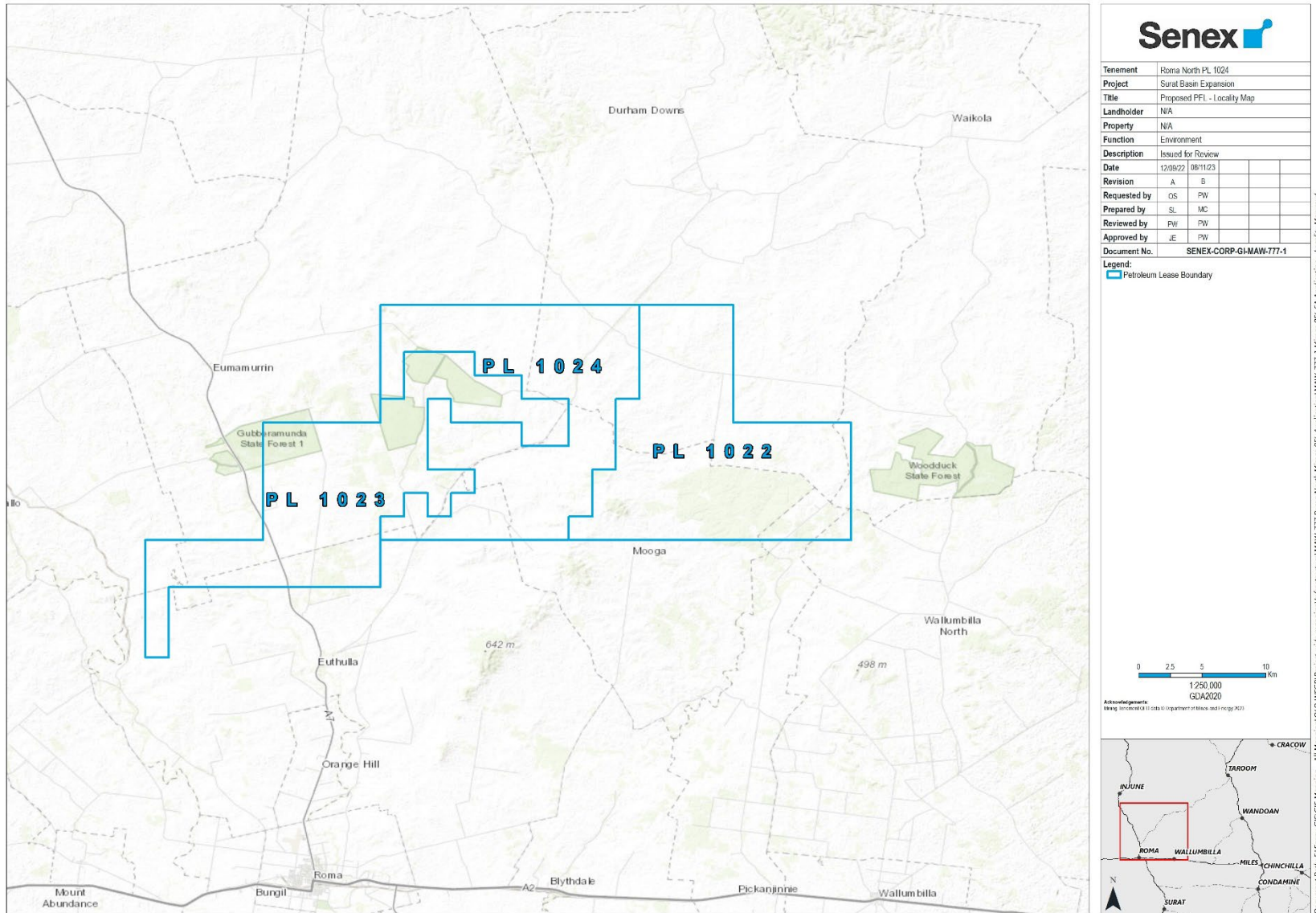
Stuart Petroleum Cooper Basin Gas Pty Ltd (ACN 130 588 055) is developing the Western Surat Gas Project (WSGP) in south-central Queensland (Figure 1-1). The action is approved to develop 425 production wells, undertaking a staged drilling program. Supporting infrastructure approved as part of the project includes:

- gas and water gathering networks;
- gas field compression facilities and a central processing facility;
- medium pressure infield and sales gas pipelines;
- a central processing plant; water storage and treatment facilities; and
- other associated and ancillary facilities.

Relevant project details for the approved action are provided in Table 1-1.

Table 1-1: WSGP Project Details

Approved Action Details	
Title of the Action	Stuart Petroleum Cooper Basin Gas Pty Ltd Western Surat Gas Project, NE of Roma, Queensland (EPBC 2015/7469)
Person to whom the approval is granted	Stuart Petroleum Cooper Basin Gas Pty Ltd
Proponent's ABN	130 588 055
Date of Decision	10 August 2018
Expiry date of approval	30 June 2068
Contact details	Level 30, 180 Ann Street, Brisbane Queensland 4000



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Figure 1-1: WSGP Location Overview

2. Annual Report

Senex is required to publish a report (the Annual Compliance Report) addressing compliance with each of the conditions of the approval during the previous 12 months (Condition 16). The report is to be published on the Senex website and can be found at: <https://senexenergy.com.au/news/roma-north-environmental-reports/>.

The report has been prepared to satisfy EPBC 2015/7469 condition 16 and covers activities undertaken from **September 2022 to September 2023**.

The EPBC 2015/7469 conditions of approval together with evidence to support Senex's compliance are provided in Table 2-1.

Table 2-1: Annual Report - EPBC 2015/7469 Western Surat Gas Project

Schedule	Condition	Is the project compliant with this condition?	Evidence
Clearance Limits	1. The approval holder must not clear more than:		
	a. 102 hectares (ha) of habitat for the Koala and Yakka Skink (at Attachment A) in Stage 1; and	Yes	Senex uses a number of processes and procedures to track disturbance as activities progress through development to ensure that approved disturbance limits are not exceeded. Senex actively works to minimise potential disturbance of listed species habitat through the implementation of an Environmental Constraints Protocol and avoidance during early design and scoping.
	b. 130 ha of habitat for EPBC Act listed threatened species (at Attachment A) in Stage 2.	N/A	Stage 2 has not yet commenced
Stage 1 Offset Management Plan	2. To compensate for the loss of 102 ha of habitat for the Koala and Yakka Skink in Stage 1, the approval holder must implement the Stage 1 Offset Management Plan.	Yes	Stage 1 OAMP approved by DCCEEW and associated offset area legally secured.
	3. The approval holder must legally secure the 168 ha offset area specified in the Stage 1 Offset Management Plan within two (2) years from the commencement of the action.	Yes	Stage 1 offsets area legally secured
Stage 2 Offset Management Plan	4. Prior to the commencement of Stage 2, the approval holder must undertake pre-clearance surveys and habitat assessment for EPBC Act listed threatened species. The preclearance surveys must be undertaken by a suitably qualified person and in accordance with the Department's survey guidelines or best practice guidelines in effect at the time of the survey.	N/A	Stage 2 has not yet commenced
	5. The approval holder must submit a Stage 2 Offset Management Plan (OMP) for the written approval of the Minister. The Stage 2 OMP must be prepared by a suitably qualified person in accordance with the Department's Environmental Management Plan Guidelines and meet the requirements of the EPBC Act Environmental Offsets Policy.	N/A	Stage 2 has not yet commenced
	6. The approval holder must legally secure the environmental offsets for Stage 2 within two (2) years of the approval of the Stage 2 OMP.	N/A	Stage 2 has not yet commenced
	7. The approval holder must not commence Stage 2 until the Stage 2 OMP has been approved by the Minister in writing. The Stage 2 OMP must be implemented.	N/A	Stage 2 has not yet commenced
Management Plans	8. The approval holder must implement the following management plans:		
	a. Western Surat Gas Project Coal Seam Gas Water Management Plan	Yes	Currently approved versions of these plans are available on the Senex website: https://senexenergy.com.au/news/roma-north-environmental-reports/
	b. Western Surat Gas Project Water Monitoring and Management Plan	Yes	
	c. Western Surat Gas Project Environmental Management Plan	Yes	
	d. Western Surat Gas Project Significant Species Management Plan	Yes	
	9. Between years three (3) and five (5) after the approval date, the approval holder must submit a revised Western Surat Gas Project Coal Seam Gas Water Management Plan and Western Surat Gas Project Water Monitoring and Management Plan for the written approval of the Minister. The revised plans must:	Yes	The submission of these plans was slightly delayed, but Senex informed the post-approvals team and submitted the updated plans for approval on 18 August 2023. The updated plans have not yet been approved, but have been written in accordance with the requirements of EPBC condition 9. In addition, Senex also notified the post-approvals team of circumstances that meant the provision of the Offset Management Plan annual report and the 5year report would be delayed, but submitted before the end of 2023.
	a. be in accordance with the Department's Environmental Management Plan Guidelines	Yes	

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	b. include an assessment of the effectiveness of measures contained in the Western Surat Gas Project Coal Seam Gas Water Management Plan and Western Surat Gas Project Water Monitoring and Management Plan in avoiding, mitigating and managing impacts on protected matters, and	Yes	
	c. include a comparison of impacts on protected matters against impacts predicted in the Public Environment Report.	Yes	An assessment of updated 2021 UWIR predicted drawdowns has been undertaken and included in the most recent version of the required plans submitted for the Ministers' approval.
	10. The approval holder must not implement the revised Western Surat Gas Project Coal Seam Gas Water Management Plan and Western Surat Gas Project Water Monitoring and Management Plan until the revised plans have been approved by the Minister. The approved revised plans must be implemented within 12 months of plan approval.	Yes	Updated plans submitted for approval 18 August 2023, but Senex is currently operating under the existing plans until such time that the Minister approves the updated plans.
Chemical Risk Assessment	11. Prior to use of new drilling fluid compound/s, the approval holder must undertake a chemical risk assessment.	Yes	Original CRA submitted with the PER. Where new chemicals are proposed Senex undertakes a risk assessment as required by this condition.
	12. Where a new drilling fluid compound/s is determined by the chemical risk assessment to be high risk, the approval holder must submit the chemical risk assessment for the high risk new drilling fluid compound/s for the written approval of the Minister.	Yes	New chemicals proposed for drilling purposes have not been identified as high-risk and therefore written approval from the Minister for their use has not been required.
	13. The approval holder must not use the new drilling fluid compound/s considered high risk until the chemical risk assessment has been approved by the Minister.	N/A	See above
Administrative conditions	14. Within 20 business days after the commencement of the action, the approval holder must advise the Department in writing of the actual date of commencement.	Yes	The action commenced on 10 August 2018 as per correspondence sent to Merinda Nash 6 September 2018 and acknowledged by Valerie Hush on 10 September 2018.
	15. The approval holder must maintain accurate records substantiating all activities associated with or relevant to the conditions of approval, including measures taken to implement the plans required by this approval, and make them available upon request to the Department. Such records may be subject to audit by the Department or an independent auditor in accordance with section 458 of the EPBC Act, or used to verify compliance with the conditions of approval. Summaries of audits will be posted on the Department's website.	Yes	Current approved versions of the plans required by this approval are available on the Senex website: https://senexenergy.com.au/news/roma-north-environmental-reports/ Compliance against the conditions of approval for EPBC 2015/7469 is actively monitored and tracked and appropriate records are kept using a number of mechanisms such as: databases; disturbance trackers; and internal procedures and processes. All data can be made available to the department on request.
	16. Within three (3) months of every 12 month anniversary of the commencement of the action, the approval holder must publish a report (the Annual Compliance Report) on its website addressing compliance with each of the conditions of this approval during the previous 12 months. Documentary evidence providing proof of the date of publication and non-compliance with any of the conditions of this approval must be provided to the Department at the same time as the Annual Compliance Report is published. Reports must remain published for the duration of this approval. The approval holder must continue to publish the Annual Compliance Report until otherwise advised by the Minister in writing.	Yes	On submission of this plan to the Department, Senex will (on the same day) upload the same plan to its website and submit a further email to the Department providing the weblink to the report and summarising Senex' compliance record over the last 12 months.
	17. Any contravention of the conditions of this approval (including contravention of a commitment made in a management plan, program or strategy) must be reported to the Department within 7 days of the approval holder becoming aware of the contravention.	Yes	To date, Senex has not contravened any conditions of this approval.

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	18. Upon the direction of the Minister, the approval holder must ensure that an independent audit of compliance with the conditions of approval is conducted and a report submitted to the Minister. The approval holder must not commence the audit until the Minister approves the independent auditor and audit criteria in writing. The audit report must address the criteria to the satisfaction of the Minister.	N/A	To date, the Minister has not requested an independent audit of compliance against the conditions of approval.
	19. The approval holder may choose to revise a management plan specified under conditions 8 and 9 without submitting it for approval under section 143A of the EPBC Act, if the taking of the action in accordance with the revised plan would not be likely to have a new or increased impact. If the approval holder makes this choice, it must:	N/A	No revisions to plans named in this approval have been submitted. Current approved versions of all named plans are available on Senex's website. Updated versions of the CSG WMP and CSG WMMP have been submitted in accordance with condition 9, but have not yet been approved by the Minister.
	a. notify the Department in writing that the approved plan has been revised and provide the Department, at least four (4) weeks before implementing the revised plan, with: i. an electronic copy of the revised plan; ii. an explanation of the differences between the revised plan and the approved plan; and iii. reasons the approval holder considers that the taking of the action in accordance with the revised plan would not be likely to have a new or increased impact.	N/A	
	20. The approval holder may revoke its choice under condition 19 at any time by notice to the Department. If the approval holder revokes the choice to implement a revised plan, without approval under section 143A of the EPBC Act, the plan approved by the Minister must be implemented.	N/A	
	21. if the Minister gives a notice to the approval holder that the Minister is satisfied that the taking of the action in accordance with the revised plan would be likely to have a new or increased impact, then:	N/A	
	a. condition 19 does not apply, or ceases to apply, in relation to the revised plan; and		
	b. the approval holder must implement the plan approved by the Minister.		
	To avoid any doubt, this condition does not affect any operation of conditions 19 and 20 in the period before the day the notice is given. At the time of giving the notice, the Minister may also notify that for a specified period of time condition 19 does not apply for one or more specified plans required under the approval.	N/A	
	22. Conditions 19, 20 and 21 are not intended to limit the operation of section 143A of the EPBC Act which allows the approval holder to submit a revised plan to the Minister for approval.	N/A	
	23. If, after five (5) years from the date of this approval, the approval holder has not commenced the action, then the approval holder must not commence the action without the written agreement of the Minister.	Yes	The action commenced on 10 August 2018 as per email correspondence sent to the Department 6 September 2018 and acknowledged by the Department on 10 September 2018.
	24. Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister, the approval holder must publish all plans referred to in the conditions of this approval on its website. Each plan must be published on the website within one (1) month of being approved by the Minister. All plans must remain on the website for the duration of this approval unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister.	Yes	Current approved versions of the plans required by this approval are available on the Senex website: https://senexenergy.com.au/news/roma-north-environmental-reports/



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