

Foreword

Thank you for taking the time to review this Draft PER for Woodside's proposed Pluto LNG Development.

The Pluto gas field is located 190 km north-west of Dampier, off Western Australia's Pilbara Coast. The proposed LNG production facilities to be located within the Burrup Industrial Estate are being developed to meet customer demand in 2010.

Through the successful development of resources such as the Pluto gas field, Western Australia is ideally positioned to become one of the biggest LNG exporters in the region, meeting increasing world demand for clean energy.

Woodside has a long record of safe and environmentally sound LNG production with no major incidents in over 15 years operating the North West Shelf Venture. Woodside is committed to developing all projects in a way that is environmentally acceptable and delivers real benefit to the community. While recognising that the world's hydrocarbon reserves are finite, we share the desire of the community to develop these resources in ways that meet the needs of the present, without compromising the environment for future generations.

Members of the public are invited to review this document and provide feedback on our Pluto LNG Development and approach to managing its impacts. Your views are important to us and provide an opportunity to identify further ways in which the Pluto LNG Development will become a best practice LNG producer.

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Invitation to Make a Submission

The Woodside Energy Ltd. (Woodside) owned Pluto gas field was discovered in April 2005 on the North West Shelf. The field is located offshore, approximately 190 km north-west of Dampier, Western Australia. The Pluto gas field has an estimated potential contingent resource of at least 4.1 trillion cubic feet (tcf) of relatively Dry Gas with a small amount of condensate and carbon dioxide (CO₂).

Woodside plans to develop the Pluto gas field through an offshore subsea gathering system tied-back to an offshore platform. Gas will be exported to shore for further processing into liquefied natural gas (LNG) and other petroleum products. The gas processing plant is proposed on the Burrup Peninsula within a designated industrial area known as Lease Area B (Site B); the hydrocarbon storage and export facilities are proposed at Lease Area A (Site A) near Holden Point: directly adjacent to Site B.

The Pluto LNG Development was referred to the Western Australian Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) for assessment in April 2006 and the Commonwealth Department of the Environment and Heritage (DEH) in August 2006 (1 August 2006, DEH reference No. 2006/2968). The proposed development was determined by the DEH to be a 'controlled action' under the provisions of the EPBC Act (24 August 2006). The DEH and EPA subsequently determined that the proposal should be assessed at the Public Environment Report and Public Environmental Review levels of assessment respectively. This document (referred to as the Draft PER) has been prepared to satisfy both state and Commonwealth government jurisdictions and will be submitted to both the Western Australian and Commonwealth governments simultaneously under a joint assessment process. This Draft PER meets the requirements outlined in the Environmental Scoping document and Guidelines for both state and Commonwealth assessment processes.

This Draft PER is available for public review for ten weeks from 11 December 06 closing on 19 February 07. Once the public comment period is closed, Woodside will formally respond to comments in a Supplement to the Draft PER. This document along with the Draft PER will constitute the Final PER. Comments from government agencies and from the public will help the DEH and EPA prepare assessment reports in which they will make recommendations to their respective Ministers.

Viewing the PER

The Draft PER can be downloaded from the Woodside website, www.woodside.com.au/pluto or viewed at the following locations:

Department of Environment Library
Level 4, the Atrium
168 St Georges Terrace
Perth WA 6000

Department of Industry and Resources
1st Floor, 100 Plain St
East Perth WA 6000

Research and Information Centre
Department of Industry and Resources
1 Adelaide Terrace
East Perth WA 6000

Department of the Environment and Heritage Library
John Gorton Building
King Edward Tce
Parkes ACT 2600

Ashburton Shire Council
Onslow Public Library
Second Avenue
Onslow WA 6710

Karratha Community Library
Millstream Road
Karratha WA 6714

Battye Library
Alexander Library Building
25 Francis Street
Perth WA 6000

Hard copies of the Draft PER are available at a cost of \$10. Electronic copies of the full document are available free of charge. Requests for hard copies or electronic copies should be directed to the Pluto LNG Development Corporate Affairs Assistant on 1800 634 988 or by email at pluto.info@woodside.com.au.

Why Write a Submission?

A submission is a way to provide information, express your opinion and put forward your suggested course of action – including any alternative approach. It is useful if you indicate any suggestions you have to improve the proposal.

All submissions received by the DEH and EPA will be acknowledged. Submissions will be treated as public documents unless provided and received in confidence subject to the requirements of the Commonwealth *Freedom of Information Act 1982* and the Western Australian *Freedom of Information Act 1992*. Submissions may be quoted in full or in part in agency assessment reports.

Why Not Join a Group?

If you prefer not to write your own comments, it may be worthwhile joining with a group interested in making a submission on similar issues. Joint submissions may help to reduce the workload for an individual or group, as well as increase the pool of ideas and information. If you form a small group (up to 10 people) please indicate all the names of the participants. If your group is larger, please indicate how many people your submission represents.

Developing a Submission

You may agree or disagree with, or comment on, the general issues discussed in the Draft PER. It helps if you give reasons for your conclusions, supported with relevant data. You may make an important contribution by suggesting ways to make the proposal more environmentally acceptable.

When making comments on specific elements of the Draft PER:

- clearly state your point of view
- indicate the source of your information or argument if this is applicable
- suggest recommendations, safeguards or alternatives.

Points to Keep in Mind

By keeping the following points in mind, you will make it easier for your submission to be analysed:

- attempt to list points so that issues raised are clear. A summary of your submission is helpful
- refer each point to the appropriate section, chapter or recommendation in the Draft PER
- if you discuss different sections of the Draft PER, keep them distinct and separate, so there is no confusion as to which section you are considering
- attach any factual information you may wish to provide and give the details of the source. Make sure your information is accurate.

Remember to include:

- your name
- address
- date
- whether you want your submission to be confidential.

The **closing date** for submissions is 19 February 07.

Submissions should be addressed to:

Environmental Protection Authority
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PERTH WA 6842
Attention: Richard Sutherland

