

Notice

Water Act 2000

Notice of approval of underground water impact report

This statutory notice is issued by the chief executive¹ pursuant to section 385(4) of the Water Act 2000 to advise you of the decision to approve your underground water impact report.

Bridgeport Energy Limited
Level 7, 111 Pacific Highway
North Sydney NSW 2060

Reference: UWIR - Utopia

Attention: Ben Hamilton

Dear Ben Hamilton

Re: Notice of approval of underground water impact report

The chief executive received the underground water impact report described below.

1. Report details

Date underground water impact report received: 21 November 2022

In relation to: PL 214

2. Decision

The chief executive has approved the underground water impact report with conditions. Please find attached the conditions of approval (Attachment A). The approved report takes effect on 27 July 2023.

3. Public notice

As per section 386 of the *Water Act 2000*, within 10 business days after receiving this notice of approval, you must:

- publish a notice about the approval on your website that states that copies of the approved report may be obtained from you and how the copies may be obtained; and
- give a copy of this notice of approval to each bore owner of a water bore within the area to which the report relates.

Within 15 business days after receiving this notice of approval, you must advise the chief executive that you have complied with the requirements outlined above.

¹ The Department of Environment and Science is the chief executive for Chapter 3 of the *Water Act 2000*.

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4. Penalties

Under section 386(1) of the *Water Act 2000*, failure to comply with this direction notice is an offence.

- A maximum penalty for an individual is 50 penalty units, totalling \$7,740.00
- A maximum penalty for a corporation is 250 penalty units, totalling \$38,700.00

5. Human rights

A human rights assessment was carried out in relation to this decision/action and it was determined that the decision action is compatible with human rights

If you have any questions regarding this notice please contact the Department via the email listed below.

Yours sincerely,



Signature

Tristan Roberts
Manager
Department of Environment and Science
Delegate of the chief executive
Water Act 2000

27 July 2023

Date

Enquiries:

Energy and Extractive Resources
GPO Box 2454, BRISBANE QLD 4001
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Attachments

Attachment A - Conditions of approval

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1. The responsible entity must submit to the chief executive a summary of the annual review required under section 376(e)(ii) of the *Water Act 2000*, within 20 business days after each anniversary day, or another date agreed to in writing by the chief executive. The annual review must provide an analysis and a statement of whether there has been a material change in the information or predictions used to determine the IAA.

Monitoring

2. All monitoring required of the responsible entity under the UWIR must be undertaken by a suitably qualified person.
3. All laboratory analyses and tests of monitoring undertaken under the UWIR must be carried out by a laboratory that has NATA accreditation for such analyses and tests.
4. Notwithstanding condition (3), where there are no laboratories that have NATA accreditation for a specific analyte or substance, then duplicate samples must be sent to at least two separate laboratories for independent testing or evaluation.
5. The methods of groundwater sampling required by the UWIR must comply with the latest edition of the Queensland Monitoring and Sampling Manual, AS/NZS 5667:11 1998 Water Sampling Guidelines – Part 11 Guidance on sampling groundwater, and the Australian Government's Groundwater Sampling and Analysis – A Field Guide (2009:27 GeoCat #6890.1) as relevant as may change from time to time.

Obligations

6. By 1 April 2023, the responsible entity must compile a register that includes all obligations stipulated in the UWIR, in a format agreed by the administering authority.
7. The responsible entity must maintain the register in Condition 6 to update, on a monthly basis, the status of current progress on each of the obligations listed in the register.
8. The register in Condition 6 must be provided to the administering authority upon request, within the timeframe specified in the request.
9. The UWIR holder must develop a program for reporting to OGIA about the implementation of the WMS strategy by 1 April 2023.

DEFINITIONS

Anniversary day means each anniversary of the day the first UWIR took effect – 21 November.

Chief executive means the Director-General of the department responsible for administering Chapter 3 of the *Water Act 2000* or the persons delegated the powers of the chief executive as stated in the *Water Act* (EHP-Chief Executive) Delegation (No. 1) 2017 or subsequent versions.

NATA accreditation means accreditation by the National Association of Testing Authorities Australia.

Responsible entity means Bridgeport Energy Pty Ltd in accordance with section 368 of the *Water Act 2000*.

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Suitably qualified person means a person who has professional qualifications, training, skills or experience relevant to the nominated subject matter and can give authoritative assessment, advice and analysis to performance relative to the subject matter using the relevant protocols, standards, methods or literature.

UWIR means the underground water impact report prepared by Bridgeport Energy Pty Ltd for PL214 submitted the 21 November 2022.