



**Report on previously notified proposals under assessment under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) for Australia’s World Heritage properties**

For the period 1 June 2020 to 31 August 2020, one project was approved and eight projects were withdrawn.

Approved (1):

<b>World Heritage Property:</b>	Ningaloo Coast
<b>Title:</b>	Shell Crux, WA
<b>Category:</b>	Offshore Oil and Gas

On 3 August 2020, the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA), gave initial regulatory approval for the proposal from Shell Australia to develop the Crux Gas Field and potential nearby fields approximately 160km offshore north-west Western Australia. The proposal includes production from the Crux field as a primary source of backfill gas to the Prelude Floating Liquefied Natural gas facility and potential future development of other fields within the Crux in-field development area.

Shell proposes to adopt a range of management and mitigation measures to reduce the project’s environmental impacts including those arising from greenhouse gas emissions, drilling and operational discharges, underwater noise and hydrocarbon spill risk. The assessment commenced on 21 September 2018 and concluded on 2 August 2020.

NOPSEMA is Australia’s sole regulator for petroleum activities in Commonwealth waters. As a result of strategic arrangements entered into with NOPSEMA, approvals issued by NOPSEMA under the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006* (OPGGs Act) environment regulations have effect under the EPBC Act.

This approval is subject to further regulatory approvals, including an accepted environment plan that is required before any activity can begin. NOPSEMA will not accept an environment plan that proposes activities that will contravene a plan of management for a World Heritage property or proposes unacceptable impacts to the world heritage values of a World Heritage property.

For more information on this proposal go to the NOPSEMA website at the link:  
[https://info.nopsema.gov.au/offshore\\_projects/40/show\\_public](https://info.nopsema.gov.au/offshore_projects/40/show_public)

Withdrawn (8):

<b>World Heritage Property:</b>	Australian Convict Sites – Old Government House and Domain
<b>EPBC Number:</b>	2019/8447
<b>Title:</b>	Sandran Pty Ltd
<b>Category:</b>	Commercial Development

In September 2019 we advised the World Heritage Centre that the proposal to construct a commercial development in Parramatta was determined to be a controlled action and would not proceed unless approval was granted under the EPBC Act.

On 13 July 2020 the proposal was withdrawn.

<b>World Heritage Property:</b>	Great Barrier Reef
<b>EPBC Number:</b>	2014/7410
<b>Title:</b>	Galilee Water Pty Ltd, QLD
<b>Category:</b>	Commercial Development

In March 2015 we advised the World Heritage Centre that the proposal to construct and operate assets for the Northern Water Infrastructure System in Queensland would not proceed unless approval was granted under the EPBC Act.

On 10 August 2020 the proposal was withdrawn.

<b>World Heritage Property:</b>	Great Barrier Reef
<b>EPBC Number:</b>	2014/7241
<b>Title:</b>	Gladstone New Fuels Development Project stage 2A, Qld
<b>Category:</b>	Commercial Development

In November 2014 we advised the World Heritage Centre that the proposal to construct an oil shale processing plant within the Gladstone regional area in Queensland would not proceed unless approval was granted under the EPBC Act.

On 13 August 2020 the proposal was withdrawn.

<b>World Heritage Property:</b>	Great Barrier Reef
<b>EPBC Number:</b>	2012/6281
<b>Title:</b>	Grosvenor West Coal Project
<b>Category:</b>	Commercial Development

In September 2012 we advised the World Heritage Centre that the proposal to establish either an open cut or underground mining operation in the northern Bowen Basin in Queensland would not proceed unless approval was granted under the EPBC Act.

On 24 July 2020 the proposal was withdrawn.

<b>World Heritage Property:</b>	Great Barrier Reef
<b>EPBC Number:</b>	2012/6321
<b>Title:</b>	Central Queensland Integrated Rail Project, Qld
<b>Category:</b>	Commercial Development

In June 2012 we advised the World Heritage Centre that the proposal to expand an existing railway from Abbot Point to Goonyella in Queensland would not proceed unless approval was granted under the EPBC Act.

On 30 July 2020 the proposal was withdrawn.

<b>World Heritage Property:</b>	Great Barrier Reef
<b>EPBC Number:</b>	2012/6322
<b>Title:</b>	Central Queensland Integrated Rail Project, Qld
<b>Category:</b>	Commercial Development

In June 2012 we advised the World Heritage Centre that the proposal to construct a new railway from the South and Central Galilee Basins to an existing network at Newlands Junction in Queensland would not proceed unless approval was granted under the EPBC Act.

On 30 July 2020 the proposal was withdrawn.

<b>World Heritage Property:</b>	Great Barrier Reef
<b>EPBC Number:</b>	2012/6250
<b>Title:</b>	Waratah Coal Terminal, Qld
<b>Category:</b>	Commercial Development

In March 2012 we advised the World Heritage Centre that the proposal to construct and operate a new coal terminal, including onshore and offshore infrastructure at the Port of Abbot Point in Queensland would not proceed unless approval was granted under the EPBC Act.

On 30 June 2020 the proposal was withdrawn.

<b>World Heritage Property:</b>	Fraser Island
<b>EPBC Number:</b>	2009/4993
<b>Title:</b>	Tourism, residential and marina development, Carlo Point, Qld
<b>Category:</b>	Commercial Development

In December 2012 we advised the World Heritage Centre that the proposal to construct a tourism, residential and marina development at Carlo Point in Queensland would not proceed unless approval was granted under the EPBC Act.

On 10 August 2020 the proposal was withdrawn.