



**Report on new proposals requiring assessment under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) for Australia's World Heritage properties**

<b>World Heritage Property:</b>	Gondwana Rainforests of Australia
<b>EPBC Number:</b>	2021/8905
<b>Title:</b>	Epuron Projects Pty Ltd/Energy Generation and Supply (renewable)/Between Wongwibinda, Kilcoy and Guyra Roads, Armidale/New South Wales/Doughboy Wind Farm, New South Wales
<b>Category:</b>	Energy Generation and Supply (renewable)

The proposed action is to develop a wind farm near the edge of the escarpment on the Great Dividing Range between Wongwibinda, Kilcoy and Guyra Roads within the Armidale Regional Council Local Government Area, New South Wales. The size of the Doughboy Wind Farm proposal area is approximately 20,000 ha, located across the properties of 19 landholders.

The proposal is currently being assessed for potential impact to the Outstanding Universal Value (OUV), National Heritage values, threatened species and communities and listed migratory species. The project will be assessed by preliminary documentation.

The notice of the decision to undertake this assessment can be viewed online:  
[Public notices - referrals · Basic Portal \(environment.gov.au\)](#)

<b>World Heritage Property:</b>	Shark Bay, Western Australia
<b>EPBC Number:</b>	2020/8717
<b>Title:</b>	Shark Bay Resources/Dredging and Disposal/Refer to Sections 1.1 and 2.2 of the attached Dredging Environmental Impact Assessment (DEIA), and Question 1.5./Western Australia/Shark Bay Resources Dredging
<b>Category:</b>	Dredging and Disposal

The proposed action involves seabed levelling of an existing berth pocket, maintenance dredging of an existing shipping channel, and disposal of the resulting dredge material (up to 80,000m<sup>3</sup> of material) near Useless Loop, Shark Bay, Western Australia.

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**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 March 2021 to 31 May 2021, two projects were approved.

Approved:

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

On 19 May 2021, the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA), gave regulatory approval for the proposal from KATO Energy Pty Ltd (KATO) to develop the Amulet and Talisman fields using a relocatable system known as the ‘honeybee production system’.

The Amulet Development is within Commonwealth waters in retention lease WA-8-L, located ~132 km north of Dampier in the north-west of Australia, in water depths of ~80 m. The Talisman oil field is ~3.5 km to the west of Amulet, within WA-8-L, the field has already been produced, but was abandoned in 1992. Due to its proximity to the Amulet field, KATO may choose to reinstate production from the Talisman field concurrently with the Amulet Development.

KATO proposes to adopt a range of management and mitigation measures to reduce the project’s environmental impacts including those arising from greenhouse gas emissions, impacts to Commonwealth marine areas, drilling and operational discharges, underwater noise, artificial light emissions, and hydrocarbon spill risk. The assessment commenced on 14 08 2020 and concluded on 19 May 2021.

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.

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/45/show\\_public](https://info.nopsema.gov.au/offshore_projects/45/show_public)

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

On 19 May 2021, the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA), gave regulatory approval for the proposal from KATO Energy Pty Ltd (KATO) to develop the Corowa field using a relocatable system known as the ‘honeybee production system’. The Corowa field is approximately 60 kilometres from Onslow in the north-west of Australia, in water depths of approximately 90 metres.

KATO proposes to adopt a range of management and mitigation measures to reduce the project’s environmental impacts including those arising from greenhouse gas emissions, impacts to Commonwealth marina areas, drilling and operational discharges, underwater noise, artificial light emissions, and hydrocarbon spill risk. The assessment commenced on 16 08 2020 and concluded on 19 May 2021.

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For more information on this proposal go to the NOPSEMA website at the link:  
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