

Queensland Curtis LNG project:

Coordinator-General's Change Report No. 6 CSG Industry Monitoring Group

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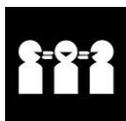
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Background

The *Queensland Curtis LNG (QCLNG) project – Coordinator-General’s evaluation report for an environmental impact statement* (Coordinator-General’s report) was released in June 2010, pursuant to section 35 of the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971* (Qld) (SDPWO Act).

On 19 May 2014, the proponent applied to the Coordinator-General to evaluate proposed changes to the QCLNG project, under Division 3A, section 35C of the SDPWO Act (the Act). In accordance with section 35H of the Act, the Coordinator-General has evaluated the environmental effects of these proposed changes, their effect on the project and any other related matters, and prepared this Coordinator-General’s change report under section 35I of the SDPWO Act.

The project proponent Queensland Gas Company Ltd (QGC)

The project Queensland Curtis Liquefied Natural Gas (QCLNG) project

Proposed changes to the project

The proponent has requested an amendment to Appendix 1, Part 1, Condition 6 of the QCLNG project Coordinator-General’s Evaluation Report (CGER).

The condition, as currently drafted requires the proponent to assist in the establishment, funding of and participation in, a CSG industry cumulative impact monitoring group (CIMG), with terms of reference to be developed by government and chaired by the Coordinator-General.

CSG operations in Queensland are subject to strict laws to manage and minimise CSG industry impacts. A comprehensive governance framework has been established to oversee the development of the state’s CSG and LNG industry. Matters to be considered under the current condition, such as the monitoring and management of ground water impacts or impacts to strategic cropping land, are being addressed under other regulatory frameworks.

Since release of the QCLNG CGER, CSG research initiatives and industry forums have been established to inform future policy development, social impact mitigation and social investment. In seeking this change, the proponent provided evidence to confirm its commitment to funding and participation across a range of monitoring and research activities that explore and address CSG industry impacts.

As the intent of the imposed CIMG condition has been adequately addressed, deleting the requirement for an additional forum to address CSG industry impacts will remove the risk of duplication of monitoring/research effort.

Decision Deletion and replacement of Appendix 4, Part 2, Condition 6 of the Coordinator-General's Evaluation Report as described in Appendix 1.

Date of effect This report takes effect from the date of signing of the report.

Decision authorised by Barry Broe

Position Coordinator-General

Signature



Date of decision 2 June 2014

Pursuant to section 35K of the SDPWO Act, the Coordinator-General's report on the EIS for the project, and the Coordinator-General's change report, both have effect for the project. However, if the reports conflict, the Coordinator-General's change report prevails to the extent of any perceived inconsistency.

Changes to the QCLNG Project Imposed Conditions

Coordinator-General Evaluation Report	Coordinator-General Change Report
<p>Appendix 1, Part 1, Condition 6 CSG Industry Monitoring Group</p> <p>The proponent must assist in the establishment and funding of, and participate in, a CSG Industry Monitoring Group (CIMG) to assess and report on the cumulative environmental and social impacts of the CSG Industry and its activities. The CIMG will provide an independent and open forum to manage common and emerging environmental and social issues for the CSG/LNG industry in Queensland. It will be chaired by the Coordinator-General or his delegate. The CIMG may consist of representatives of industry, community, local government, professional associations, technical experts and State regulatory agencies.</p> <p>The group's objectives are to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reviewing project environmental and social impacts and interactions between proponents • reviewing monitoring data for cumulative environmental impact implications for all proponents • responding to community concerns and identifying issues where proponents and relevant agencies can take action to manage impacts • reviewing impacts on strategic cropping land and good quality agricultural land • recommending changes to legislation, policies and guidelines to address emerging issues from the CSG and LNG industry. <p>The Directors-General of DEEDI and DERM will be requested to provide a detailed Terms of Reference for the Group to the Coordinator-General.</p>	<p>Appendix 1, Part 1, Condition 6 CSG Industry Impacts Monitoring</p> <p>The proponent must participate in and contribute to CSG Industry impact monitoring programs.</p>