### 5 PROJECT APPROVALS AND LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

QGC will secure all necessary permits and approvals under various legislation and statutory instruments to construct and operate the Project Components as defined in *Volume 1, Chapter 2*. This will occur within the overall regulatory approvals framework.

### 5.1 PRINCIPAL LEGISLATION – COMMONWEALTH

Table 1.5.1 lists the principal Commonwealth legislation controlling the approvals process, the Project Components governed by the legislation and the government agency responsible for administering each Act.

Table 1.5.1 Principal Legislation (Commonwealth)

Legislation	Project Components	Government Agency
Environment Protection & Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth)	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field	Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (DEWHA)
Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field	National Native Title Tribunal (NNTT)
Environment Protection (Sea Dumping) Act 1981 (Cth)	LNG Component	DEWHA
Foreign Investment Review Board Act 1975 (Cth)	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field	Foreign Investment Review Board supported by the Treasury
National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007(Cth)	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field	Department of Climate Change
Civil Aviation Act 1998 (Cth)	LNG Component	Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA)
Commonwealth Civil Aviation Regulations 1988 and Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1988 (Cth)	LNG Component	Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA)
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975 (Cth)	LNG Component Pipeline	GBRMPA
Customs Act 1901 (Cth)	LNG Component	Australian Customs and Border Protection Service
Quarantine Act 1908 (Cth)	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field	Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS)
Radiocommunication Act 1992 (Cth)	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field	Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA)
Telecommunications Act 1997 (Cth)	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field	Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA)/ Local Government
Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Act 2003 (Cth)	LNG Component	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government

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### 5.2 PRINCIPAL LEGISLATION – STATE

*Table 1.5.2* lists the principal Queensland legislation controlling the approvals process, the Project Components that are governed by the legislation and lists the government agency that is responsible for administering each Act.

Table 1.5.2 Principal Legislation – State

Legislation	Project Components	Government Agency
State Development & Public Works Organisation Act 1971 (Qld)	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field	Coordinator-General - Department of Infrastructure and Planning
Environmental Protection Act 1994 (Qld)	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field	Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM) <sup>1</sup>
Nature Conservation Act 1992 (Qld)	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field	Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM)
Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld)	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field	Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation (DEEDI) <sup>2</sup>
Water Act 2000 (Qld)	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field	Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM)
Land Act 1994 (Qld)	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field	Relevant Department responsible for land type (e.g. DEEDI, DERM, DIP)
Native Title (Queensland) Act 1993 (Qld)	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field	Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM) – Indigenous Services
Queensland Heritage Act 1992 (Qld)	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field	Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation (DEEDI)
Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003 (Qld)	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field	Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM)
Integrated Planning Act 1997 (Qld)	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field	Relevant Department responsible for land type (e.g. DEEDI, DERM, DIP)
Soil Conservation Act 1986 (Qld)	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field	Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM)
Vegetation Management Act 1999 (Qld)	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field	Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM)

<sup>1</sup> Incorporating the former the Environment Protection Agency (EPA) and former Department of Natural Resources and Water

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Incorporating the former Department of Mines and Energy (DME) and the former Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries.

Legislation	Project Components	Government Agency
Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002 (Qld)	Pipeline Gas Field	Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation (DEEDI)
Transport Infrastructure Act 1994 (Qld) Transport Planning and Coordination Act 1994 (Qld) Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995 (Qld)	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field	Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) <sup>3</sup>
Transport Operations (Road Use Management – Dangerous Goods)Regulations 2008 (Qld) Transport Operations (Road Use Management - Mass, Dimensions and Loading) Regulations 2005 (Qld)		
Transport Operations (Marine Pollution) Act 1995 (Qld)	LNG Component	Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR)
Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)	Gas Field Pipeline	Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation (DEEDI)
Dangerous Goods Safety Management Act 2001 (Qld)	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field	Department of Community Services (DCS) <sup>4</sup>
Explosives Act 1999 (Qld)	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field	Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation (DEEDI)
Food Act 2006 (Qld) Public Health Act 2005 (Qld)	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field	Queensland Health/ Local Government
Workplace Health and Safety Act 1995 (Qld)	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field	Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation (DEEDI)
Fisheries Act 1994 (Qld)	LNG Component Pipeline	Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation (DEEDI)
Marine Parks Act 2004 (Qld)	LNG Component Pipeline	Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM)
Coastal Protection and Management Act 1995 (Qld)	LNG Component Pipeline	Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM)
Forestry Act 1959 (Qld)	Gas Field	Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation (DEEDI)
Electricity Act 1994 (Qld)	Gas Field	Powerlink/ Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation (DEEDI)
Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1982 (Qld)	Pipeline	Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation (DEEDI)

<sup>3</sup> Formerly the Department of Transport and Department of Main Roads.

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<sup>4</sup> Formerly the Department of Emergency Services (DES).

Legislation	Project Components	Government Agency
Building Act 1975 (Qld)	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field	Local Government
Liquor Act 1992 (Qld)	LNG Component	Queensland Treasury
Local Government Act 1993 (Qld)	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field	Local Government
Food Act 2006 (Qld)	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field	Queensland Health/ Local Government
Plumbing and Drainage Act 2002 (Qld)	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field	Local Government
Radiation Safety Act 1992 (Qld)	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field	Queensland Health
Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008 (Qld)	Gas Field	Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM)

## 5.3 PRINCIPAL PROJECT APPROVALS, AUTHORITIES AND LICENCES

The principal approvals, authorities and licences required to undertake the Project are described below.

### 5.3.1 Environment Protection & Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth)

Under Part 9 of the *EPBC Act* (Cth), approval is required from the Federal Minister for the Environment for all controlled actions. Nine EPBC referrals were made for the Project<sup>5</sup>. All referrals have been declared controlled actions. *Volume 13* discusses in detail the EPBC referrals and any impacts on Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES).

### 5.3.2 State Development & Public Works Organisation Act 1971 (Qld)

Following the EIS process, under the *SDPWO Act* (Qld), the Coordinator-General produces an Evaluation Report (CG Report) and associated conditions. The CG Report for the EIS may state conditions for the proposed petroleum licences under the *Petroleum & Gas (Production & Safety) Act* (Qld) and/or environmental authority under the *EP Act* (s49 and s49B *SDPWO Act*). To do this, the EIS is required to contain sufficient information so that conditions can be included in the CG Report.

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<sup>5</sup> Three of these referrals relating to the bridge and associated roads linking Curtis Island and the mainland are in the process of being withdrawn.

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A Development Permit for a Material Change of Use in the Gladstone State Development Area is also required for the following uses:

- high-impact Industry limited to natural gas (liquefaction and storage)
- infrastructure facility
- local infrastructure
- materials transport infrastructure.

### 5.3.3 Environmental Protection Act 1994 (Qld)

# 5.3.3.1 Gas Field Component

An environmental authority is required under the *Environmental Protection* (*EP*) *Act* (Qld) prior to a Petroleum Lease Application (PLA) being granted by the DEEDI.

Under Schedule 5 of the *Environmental Protection (EP) Regulations*, the Gas Field Component of the Project will trigger the following Level 1 petroleum activities:

- an activity that is likely to have a significant impact on a category A or environmentally sensitive area (as defined by the EP Regulations)
- an activity carried out on a site containing a high hazard dam or a significant hazard dam
- an activity, distinct from a petroleum activity mentioned in Schedule 5 that includes a Chapter 4 activity for which an aggregate environmental score is stated.

Chapter 4 activities, as prescribed by the *EP Regulations*, are likely to include:

- Environmentally Relevant Activity (ERA) 8: chemical storage
- ERA 9: hydrocarbon gas refining
- ERA 15: fuel burning
- ERA 16: extractive and screening activities
- ERA 17: abrasive blasting
- ERA 18: boilermaking or engineering
- ERA 38: surface coating
- ERA 56: regulated waste storage
- ERA 57: regulated waste transport
- ERA 58: regulated waste treatment
- ERA 60: regulated waste disposal
- ERA 63: sewage treatment.

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Applications for the beneficial use of Associated Water under *Environmental Protection (Waste Management) Regulation 2000 (Qld)* are required to use Associated Water produced from the Gas Field Component of this Project. These applications will be assessed based on the proposed use of the Associated Water.

A permit under this regulation is likely to be issued for each use, rather than an overarching beneficial use permit. For this reason, a general description of the potential infrastructure required for Associated Water management is provided in this EIS. An overview of the potential environmental and social impacts based on peak production volume and treatment via standard reverse osmosis technology is provided.

# 5.3.3.2 Pipeline

An environmental authority is required under the *EP Act* (Qld) prior to the DEEDI granting a petroleum pipeline licence (PPL). Under Schedule 5 of the *Environmental Protection (EP) Regulations* the construction of the pipeline will be a Level 1 petroleum activity:

- an activity authorised under the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1982* (likely for pipeline crossing of The Narrows)
- an activity that is likely to have a significant impact on a category A or B
  environmentally sensitive area (as defined by the EP Regulations)
- construction of a new pipeline of more than 150 km under a petroleum authority.

### 5.3.3.3 LNG Facility

An environmental authority is required under the *EP Act* (Qld) prior to the DEEDI granting the petroleum facility licence. Under Schedule 5 of the *EP Regulations*, the construction of the LNG Facility will be a Level 1 petroleum activity, involving:

- an activity that is likely to have a significant impact on a category A or B
  environmentally sensitive area (as defined by the EP Regulations)
- an activity, distinct from a petroleum activity mentioned in Schedule 5 that includes a Chapter 4 activity for which an aggregate environmental score is stated:
  - Environmentally Relevant Activity (ERA) 8: chemical storage
  - ERA 9: hydrocarbon gas refining
  - ERA 15: fuel burning
  - ERA 18: boilermaking or engineering
  - ERA 38: surface coating
  - ERA 58: regulated waste treatment

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- ERA 60: regulated waste disposal
- ERA 63: sewage treatment.

The administering authority must also consider a number of other activities likely to occur at the proposed LNG Facility when making environmental management decisions. These activities and their corresponding sections under Chapter 4, Part 3 of the *EP Regulations* are as follows:

- Section 55: Release of water or waste to land
- Section 56: Release of water, other than storm water, to surface water
- Section 57: Release of storm water
- Section 59: Activity involving berthing, docking or mooring a boat
- Section 60: Activity involving storing or moving bulk material
- Section 61: Activity involving acid sulfate soil.

### 5.3.4 Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) and Native Title (Queensland) Act 1993 (Qld)

QGC is required to prepare an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (an agreement between a native title group and a proponent) which addresses QGC's use and management of any land that is covered by native title.

## 5.3.5 Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld)

The following licences and permits under the *P&G Act* (Qld) are required as a result of the defined Project components development:

- petroleum survey licences for investigation of the pipeline route and LNG Facility
- petroleum pipeline licences for construction and operation of pipelines
- maintenance of authorities to prospect for coal seam gas (CSG) exploration and appraisal
- potential commercial areas for further appraisal under an authority to prospect
- petroleum leases for CSG production
- petroleum facility licence for the LNG Facility.

Other tenures which may be relevant under the *P&G Act* (Qld) include Data Acquisition Authorities and Water Monitoring Authorities.

Petroleum tenures can be applied for at any time during the *SDPWO Act* (Qld) process but will not be issued until an Environmental Authority (EA) has been granted. An EA to authorise Project activities will not be granted until the CG Report is issued.

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## 5.3.6 Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1982 (Qld)

The pipeline crossing of The Narrows requires a Pipeline Licence (Adjacent Area).

### 5.3.7 Water Act 2000 (Qld)

Any taking of water or interference with water is managed under the *Water Act* 2000. The Proponent may require licences under this Act including:

- a riverine protection permit under Part 8 of the *Act* (exemptions exist)
- a water licence permitting the beneficial use of associated water outside of those uses permitted under the P&G Act (Qld)
- licence permitting the release of Associated Water for beneficial use to land or waters.

### 5.3.8 Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003 (Qld)

The duty of care provisions under the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003 (Qld)* (ACHA) requires those carrying out activities in areas of significance to take all reasonable and practicable measures to avoid harming cultural heritage. A Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP) required for the Project will be prepared with the Traditional Owners under the processes of this Act.

Consultation with identified Aboriginal parties has commenced and will continue during design and construction phases. This will continue during the final detailed design and subsequent construction phases of this Project.

### 5.4 PERMITS REQUIRED FOR CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

*Table 1.5.3* lists the legislation and regulations under which the Project will require permits, agreements and approvals prior to construction.

Table 1.5.3 Permits Required for Construction Activities

Legislation	Project Component
State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971 (Qld)	LNG Component
Nature Conservation Act 1992 (Qld)	LNG Component
	Pipeline
	Gas Field
Queensland Heritage Act 1992 (Qld)	LNG Component
	Pipeline
	Gas Field
Vegetation Management Act 1999 (Qld)	LNG Component
	Pipeline
	Gas Field
Transport Infrastructure Act 1994 (Qld)	LNG Component
	Pipeline
	Gas Field

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Legislation	Project Component
Transport Planning and Coordination Act 1994 (Qld)	LNG Component
	Pipeline
	Gas Field
Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995	LNG Component
	Pipeline
	Gas Field
Transport Operations (Marine Pollution) Act 1995 (Qld)	LNG Component
Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)	Pipeline Gas Field
Dangerous Goods Safety Management Act 2001(Qld)	LNG Component
	Pipeline
	Gas Field
Radiation Safety Act 1999 (Qld)	LNG Component
	Pipeline
	Gas Field
Explosives Act 1999 (Qld)	LNG Component
	Pipeline
	Gas Field
Food Act 2006 (Qld)	LNG Component
	Pipeline
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Public Health Act 2005 (Qld)	LNG Component
	Pipeline Gas Field
Motor Act 2000 (Old)	
Water Act 2000 (Qld)	LNG Component Pipeline
	Gas Field
Integrated Planning Act 1997 (Qld)	LNG Component
Fisheries Act 1994 (Qld)	LNG Component
Tishenes Act 1994 (Qid)	Pipeline
Marine Parks Act 2004 (Qld)	LNG Component
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Coastal Protection and Management Act 1995 (Qld)	LNG Component
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Forestry Act 1959 (Qld)	LNG Component
	Pipeline
	Gas Field
Electricity Act 1994 (Qld)	LNG Component
	Pipeline
	Gas Field
Local Government Act 1993 (Qld)	LNG Component
	Pipeline
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Telecommunication Act 1997 (Cth)	LNG Component
	Pipeline Gas Field
Environmental Protection Act 1004 (OLd)	
Environmental Protection Act 1994 (Qld)	LNG Component Pipeline
	Gas Field
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Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Old)	LNG Component
Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld)	LNG Component Pipeline
Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld)	Pipeline
	Pipeline Gas Field
Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008 (Qld)	Pipeline Gas Field Gas Field
	Pipeline Gas Field

Legislation	Project Component
Building Act 1975 (Qld)	LNG Component
	Pipeline
	Gas Field
Plumbing and Drainage Act 2002 (Qld)	LNG Component
	Pipeline
	Gas Field
Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1982 (Qld)	Pipeline
Land Act 1994 (Qld)	LNG Component
	Pipeline
	Gas Field
Telecommunication Act 1997 (Cth)	LNG Component
	Pipeline
	Gas Field
Radiocommunication Act 1992 (Cth)	LNG Component
	Pipeline
	Gas Field
Workplace Health and Safety Act 1995 (Qld)	LNG Component
	Pipeline
	Gas Field
Liquor Act 1992 (Qld)	LNG Component
Civil Aviation Act 1998 (Cth)	LNG Component
Quarantine Act 1908 (Cth)	LNG Component
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	Gas Field
Marine Transport and Offshore Facilities Act 2003 (Cth)	LNG Component
	Pipeline
	Gas Field

# 5.5 PERMITS REQUIRED FOR OPERATION ACTIVITIES

*Table 1.5.4* lists the legislation and regulations under which the Project requires permits and approvals prior to operation.

Table 1.5.4 Permits Required for Operation Activities

Legislation	Project Component
Dangerous Goods Safety Management Act 2001(Qld)	LNG Component
	Gas Field
Food Act 2006 (Qld)	LNG Component
Public Health Act 2005 (Qld)	Pipeline
	Gas Field
Transport Operations (Marine Pollution) Act 1995 (Qld)	LNG Component
Workplace Health and Safety Act 1995 (Qld)	LNG Component
	Pipeline
	Gas Field
Customs Act 1901 (Cth)	LNG Component
Marine Transport and Offshore Facilities Act 2003 (Cth)	LNG Component
Telecommunication Act 1997 (Cth)	LNG Component
	Pipeline
	Gas Field

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Legislation	Project Component
Radiocommunication Act 1992 (Cth)	LNG Component
	Pipeline
	Gas Field
Electricity Act 1994 (Qld)	LNG Component
	Pipeline
	Gas Field
Environmental Protection Act 1994 (Qld)	LNG Component
	Pipeline
	Gas Field
Fire and Rescue Act 1990 (Qld)	LNG Component
	Gas Field
Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld)	LNG Component
	Pipeline
	Gas Field

# 5.6 PLANNING PROCESSES AND STANDARDS

*Table 1.5.5* identifies international, Commonwealth, state, regional and local planning processes relevant to the Project.

Table 1.5.5 Applicable Planning Processes

Level of Government	Planning Policy	Project Component
International	Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of Japan for the Protection of Migratory Birds and Birds in Danger of Extinction and their Environment (JAMBA)	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field
	Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the People's Republic of China for the Protection of Migratory Birds and their Environment (CAMBA)	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field
	Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Republic of Korea with respect to migratory bird conservation and the protection of migratory shorebirds and their habitat (ROKAMBA)	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field
	Convention of the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (Bonn Convention)	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field
	International Convention for the Protection of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 (MARPOL 73/78)	LNG Component
	International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response, and Co-operation 1990	LNG Component
	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, 1982	LNG Component
	Kyoto Protocol	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field
	London (Dumping) Convention 1972	LNG Component
Commonwealth	A National Plan for Water Security (NPWS)	Gas Field

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Level of Government	Planning Policy	Project Component
State	Queensland's National Water Initiative (NWI) State Implementation Plan	Gas Field
	Gladstone State Development Area (GSDA)	LNG Component Pipeline
	SPP 1/92 Development and Conservation of Agricultural Land	Pipeline Gas Field
	SPP 1/03: Mitigating the Adverse Impacts of Flood, Bushfire and Landslide	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field
	SPP 2/02: Planning and Managing Development Involving Acid Sulphate Soils	LNG Component Pipeline
	SPP 2/07: Protection of Extractive Resources	Pipeline Gas Field
	State Coastal Management Plan (SCMP) - Queensland's Coastal Policy	LNG Component Pipeline
	Curtis Coast Regional Coastal Management Plan	LNG Component Pipeline
	Water Resource (Great Artesian Basin) Plan (WRGABP) 2006	Gas Field
	Great Artesian Basin Resource Operations Plan (GABROP)	Gas Field
Regional Plans	Eastern Downs Regional Planning Advisory Committee's (EDRPAC) – New Horizons	Pipeline Gas Field
	Draft Maranoa and Districts Regional Plan (DMDRP)	Pipeline Gas Field
	Central Queensland - A New Millennium (CQ ANM)	LNG Component Pipeline
	Wide Bay Burnett Regional Plan (WBBRP) 2007 – 2026	Pipeline
	Regional Natural Resource Management Plans	Pipeline Gas Field
	Queensland Murray Darling Committee (QMDC)	Pipeline Gas Field
	Condamine Alliance (CA)	Pipeline Gas Field
	Fitzroy Basin Association (FBA) - Central Queensland's Strategy for Sustainability (CQSS)	Pipeline Gas Field
	Burnett Mary Regional Group (BMRG) for NRM	LNG Component Pipeline
Other Regional Plans	Gladstone Integrated Regional Transport Plan (GIRTP)	LNG Component Pipeline
	Gladstone Ports Corporation Land Use Plan	LNG Component Pipeline
	Water Resource (Condamine and Balonne) Plan 2004 ( <i>Water Act 2000</i> ) and Condamine and Balonne Draft Resource Operations Plan	Gas Field
	The Condamine and Balonne Draft Resource Operations Plan (CBDROP) implements the WRCMP 2004	Gas Field

### 5.6.1 Local Plans

The Integrated Planning Act 1997 (Qld) sets out a range of activities that require planning approval. It also lists exempt activities governed by other

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processes or where the impact of the development is not relevant to the nature of planning. Schedule 9 of the *IPA* identifies development that is exempt from assessment against a planning scheme.

All aspects of development for an activity authorised under the *Petroleum Act* 1923 or the *P&G Act* 2004 are included in this schedule and are therefore exempt from assessment under the *IPA*.

However, the pipeline development is subject to provisions of Schedule 8 of the *IPA* in relation to any need for reconfiguration of many above-ground facilities.

Nevertheless, for those aspects of the Project exempt from local government planning approval, QGC will endeavour to comply with the intentions of Local Government Planning Schemes.

In 2008, many Queensland Local Councils were amalgamated into Regional Councils. However, planning schemes have not yet been prepared for these new Regional Councils. As such, the original Local Planning Schemes were reviewed to determine Project consistency with local planning schemes.

The Project footprint lies within the following Regional Councils boundaries:

- Western Downs Regional Council (previously Dalby Regional Council)
- Banana Shire
- Gladstone Regional Council
- North Burnett Regional Council
- · Roma Regional Council.

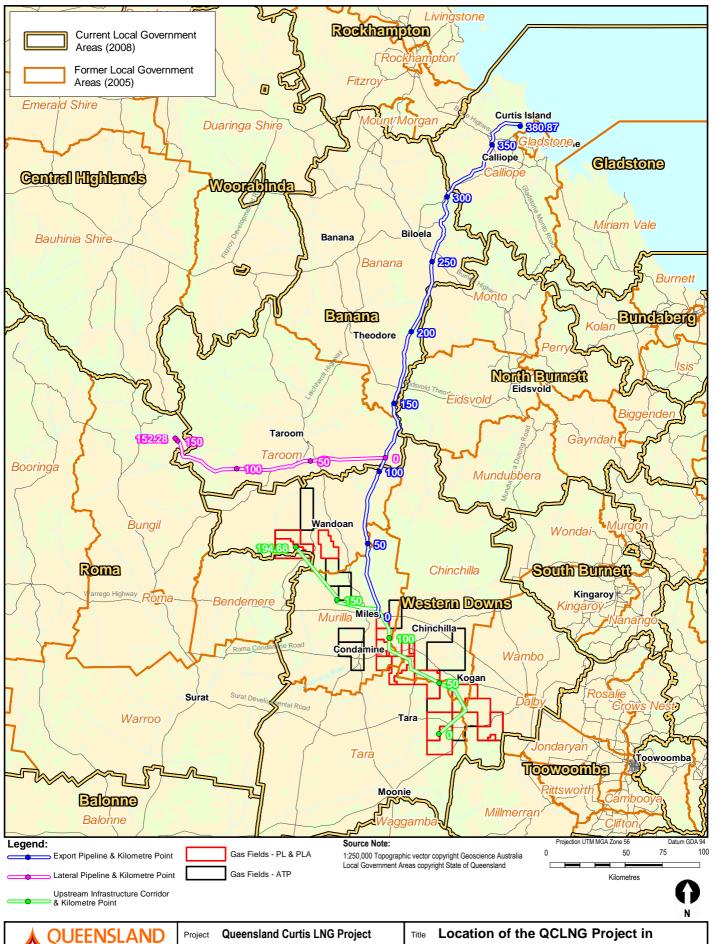
Figure 1.5.1 shows where the Project impacts on the Regional Councils and former Local Councils

### 5.6.1.1 Western Downs Regional Council

Western Downs Regional Council (WDRC) (previously Dalby Regional Council), is an amalgamation of Dalby Town and the Shires of Wambo, Chinchilla, Murilla, Tara and Taroom (Division 2). WDRC does not have a single planning scheme, but uses the planning schemes from the shire councils from which it was amalgamated. All shires within WDRC will be impacted by the Gas Field and Pipeline Components of the Project.

Table 1.5.6 describes the relationship between the Project components and the relevant shire planning schemes. Percentages in *Table 1.5.6* indicate the approximate percentage of areas within Project boundaries (i.e. tenements and pipeline routes) that fall within a particular zone.

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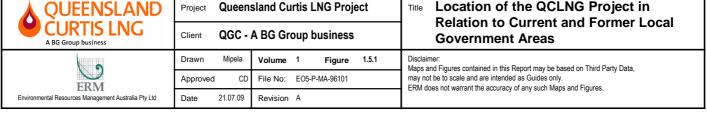


Table 1.5.6 Relationship between Project Components and Shire Planning Schemes

Shire	Zone impacted	Gas Field area within zone	Pipeline area within zone	How impact is addressed
Chinchilla	Rural	99.9 % in rural zone	KP 115 to 135 of the UIC. 100% in rural zone	Vol 3, Ch 5 Vol 4 Ch 5 Vol 8
Chinchilla	Small Town	0.1% of Project, being Town of Brigalow	n/a	No Project infra- structure will be constructed and operated in the small town zone.
Chinchilla	Low Hazard Bushfire	± 75%	±50% of UIC	Vol 3, Ch 17 Vol 4, Ch 16
Chinchilla	Medium Hazard Bushfire	± 25%	±50% of UIC	Vol 3, Ch 17 Vol 4, Ch 16
Chinchilla	Mining Leases (ML)	± 10% of Project Area in Chinchilla Shire overlaps MLs	n/a	Negotiation with affected parties and relevant government agencies
Chinchilla	Mineral Development Licences (MDL)	± 5% of Project Area in Chinchilla Shire overlaps MDLs	n/a	Negotiation with affected parties and relevant government agencies
Chinchilla	Biodiversity Planning Assessment	± 10%	±25% of UIC	Vol 3, Ch 7 & 8; Vol 4, Ch 7 & 8
Chinchilla	State Forest	<5%	n/a	Vol 3, Ch 7 & 8
Chinchilla	Good Quality Agricultural Land – Class A and B	± 35%	±40% of UIC	Vol 3, Ch 3, 4 & 5 Vol 4, Ch 3, 4 & 5
Chinchilla	Groundwater Vulnerability Areas	± 60%	n/a	Vol 3, Ch 10 & 11
Chinchilla	Separation distances	Not stated	200m between a sensitive receptor and a petroleum and gas pipeline is required	Vol 4, Ch 16
Murilla	Rural	99.9 % in rural zone	KP 0-45 of Export Pipeline KP 145 – 210 of the UIC 100% in rural zone	Vol 3, Ch 5 Vol 4, Ch 5 Vol 8
Murilla	Small Town and Industrial	0.1% of Project, being Town of Condamine	n/a	No Project infrastructure will be constructed and operated in the small town zone
Murilla	Low Hazard Bushfire	± 65%	Majority of UIC and balance of Mainline	Vol 3, Ch 17 Vol 4, Ch 16
Murilla	Medium Hazard Bushfire	± 35%	Majority of Mainline and balance of UIC	Vol 3, Ch 17 Vol 4, Ch 16
Murilla	Mining Leases (ML)	± 1% of Project Area in Murilla	n/a	Negotiation with affected parties and

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Shire	Zone impacted	Gas Field area within zone	Pipeline area within zone	How impact is addressed
		Shire overlaps MLs		relevant government agencies
Murilla	Mineral Development Licences (MDL)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Murilla	Biodiversity Planning Assessment	±30%	Majority of Mainline and some of UIC	Vol 3, Ch 7 & 8; Vol 4 Ch 7 & 8
Murilla	State Forest	±25%	n/a	Vol 3, Ch 7 & 8
Murilla	Wild Flower Area	±10%	n/a	Vol 3, Ch 7 & 8
Murilla	Good Quality Agricultural Land – Class A and B	± 65%	± 5% of Mainline ± 50% of UIC	Vol 3, Ch 3, 4 & 5 Vol 4, Ch 3, 4 & 5
Murilla	Groundwater Vulnerability Areas	± 10%	<5% of Mainline and UIC	Vol 3, Ch 10 & 11
Murilla	Separation distances	Not stated	200m between a sensitive receptor and a petroleum and gas pipeline is required	Vol 4, Ch 16
Wambo	Rural	100% in rural zone	n/a	Vol 3, Ch 5 Vol 8
Wambo	Low Hazard Bushfire	± 50%	n/a	Vol 3, Ch 17
Wambo	Medium Hazard Bushfire	± 50%	n/a	Vol 3, Ch 17
Wambo	Interconnector substation	± 3%	n/a	Vol 3, Ch 17
Wambo	State Forest	± 25%	n/a	Vol 3, Ch 7 & 8
Wambo	Good Quality Agricultural Land – Class A and B	<5%	n/a	Vol 3, Ch 3, 4 & 5
Wambo	Groundwater Vulnerability Areas	0%	n/a	Vol 3, Ch 10 & 11
Wambo	Separation distances	Not stated	200m between a sensitive receptor and a petroleum and gas pipeline is required	Vol 4, Ch 16
Tara	Rural	± 80%	100%	Vol 3, Ch 5 Vol 4, Ch 5 Vol 8
Tara	Rural Residential	± 20%	0%	Vol 3, Ch 5
Tara	Good Quality Agricultural Land	± 15%	0%	Vol 3, Ch 3, 4 & 5
Tara	Low Bushfire Risk	± 25%	± 50%	Vol 3, Ch 17 Vol 4, Ch 16
Tara	Medium Bushfire Risk	± 75%	± 50%	Vol 3, Ch 17 Vol 4, Ch 16
Tara	Sites of Ecological Significance	± 70%	± 50%	Vol 3, Ch 7 & 8 Vol 4, Ch 7 & 8

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### 5.6.1.2 Banana Shire

Banana Shire is an amalgamation of the Banana Shire Council and Taroom Shire Council and does not have a single planning scheme, but uses the planning schemes from both shire councils from which it was amalgamated. Banana Shire will be impacted only by the Pipeline Component of the Project.

*Table 1.5.7* describes the relationship between the Project components and the relevant shire planning schemes.

Table 1.5.7 Project Components impact on Banana Shire

Shire	Zone	Gas Field area	Pipeline area	How impact
Oillic	impacted	within zone	within zone	is addressed
Taroom	Rural	100% in rural	KP 0-140 of CL	Vol 3, Ch 5
		zone	KP 40-140 of Export	Vol 4, Ch 5
			Pipeline 100% in	Vol 8
			rural zone	
Taroom	Low Hazard	± 85%	Majority of Export	Vol 3, Ch 17
	Bushfire		Pipeline and CL	Vol 4, Ch 16
Taroom	Medium Hazard	± 15%	Balance of Export	Vol 3, Ch 17
	Bushfire		Pipeline and CL	Vol 4, Ch 16
Taroom	State Forest	± 10%	<5% of CL	Vol 3, Ch 7 & 8
			<5% of Export	Vol 4, Ch 7 & 8
			Pipeline	
Taroom	Artesian Springs	n/a	Very low probability	Vol 3, Ch 10 & 11
			for CL and Export	Vol 4, Ch 10
			Pipeline	
Taroom	Mineral	± 5% of Project	<5% of CL	Negotiation with
	Development	Area in Taroom		affected parties and
	Licences (MDL)	Shire overlaps		relevant government
		MDLs		agencies
Taroom	Good Quality	± 20%	± 60% of CL	Vol 3, Ch 3, 4 & 5
	Agricultural Land -		± 70% of Export	Vol 4, Ch 3, 4 & 5
	Class A, B and C		Pipeline	
Taroom	Separation	Not stated	200 m between a	Vol 4, Ch 16
	distances		sensitive receptor	
			and a petroleum and	
			gas pipeline is	
			required	
Taroom	Biodiversity	± 10%	± 10% of CL	Vol 3, Ch 7 & 8
	Planning		± 15% of Export	Vol 4, Ch 7 & 8
	Assessment		Pipeline	
Banana	Rural	n/a	KP 140 – 305 of	Vol 4, Ch 5
			Export Pipeline	Vol 8
			>95% rural zone	
Banana	Open Space	n/a	< 5%	Vol 4, Ch 5
Banana	Declared Sub-	n/a	± 30%	Vol 3, Ch 10 & 11;
	Artesian Areas			Vol 4, Ch 10
Banana	Declared Callide	n/a	± 5%	Vol 4, Ch 5
	Dam Catchment			
Banana	Good Quality	n/a	± 70% Class C	Vol 4, Ch 3, 4 & 5
	Agricultural Land –		± 15% Class A & B	. ,
	Class A, B and C			
Banana	Mining tenements	n/a	0%	n/a
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Shire	Zone impacted	Gas Field area within zone	Pipeline area within zone	How impact is addressed
Banana	Extractive industries	n/a	0%	n/a
Banana	Bushfire Hazard	n/a	67% medium hazard 33% low hazard	Vol 4, Ch 16
Banana	Separation distances	n/a		Vol 4, Ch 16

# 5.6.1.3 Gladstone Regional Council

Gladstone Regional Council (GRC) is an amalgamation of Gladstone City and the Shires of Calliope and Miriam Vale. GRC does not have a single planning scheme, but uses the planning schemes from the City and shire councils from which it was amalgamated. *Table 1.5.8* describes the relationship between the Project Components and the shire planning scheme.

Table 1.5.8 Project Components impact on Gladstone Regional Council

Shire	Zone impacted	Pipeline area within zone	LNG Component	How impact is addressed
Calliope	Rural	KP 305-380	<5%	Vol 4, Ch 5
		of Export		Vol 5, Ch 5
		Pipeline		Vol 8
		± 75%		
Calliope	GSDA	± 25%	100	Vol 4, Ch 5
				Vol 5, Ch 5
Calliope	Agricultural Land Classes C1,	>90%	0%	Vol 4, Ch 3, 4 & 5
	C2 and C3			Vol 5, Ch 4
Calliope	Agricultural Land Classes -	<5%	0%	Vol 4, Ch 3, 4 & 5
	Horticultural Land classes A			Vol 5, Ch 4
	and C			
Calliope	Non-agricultural land (coastal	<5%	0%	Vol 4, Ch 3, 4 & 5
	swamp)			Vol 5, Ch 4
Calliope	Ocean crossing	<5%	n/a	Vol 4, Ch 7 & 8
Calliope	Acid Sulphate Soils	± 10%	± 10%	Vol 4, Ch 4
				Vol 5, Ch 4
Calliope	Airport Facilities	Kangaroo	± 25%	Vol 4, Ch 5
		Island		Vol 5, Ch 5, 14
Calliope	Bushfire Management	± 80% low	± 75%	Vol 4, Ch 16
		hazard		Vol 5, Ch 7
		± 20%		
		medium		
		hazard		
Calliope	Coastal Management and	± 5%	100%	Vol 4, Ch 7 & 8
	Biodiversity – Wetland Area			Vol 5, Ch 7, 8, 11
Calliope	Steep Land	<5%	± 10%	Vol 4, Ch 3
				Vol 5, Ch 4
Calliope	Extractive and Mineral	<5% Mining	0%	Vol 2, Ch 8 & 13
	Resources	Application		Vol 5, Ch 5
Calliope	Flood Inundation	0%	± 10%	Vol 5, Ch 8, 9
Calliope	Lake Awoonga Catchment	0%	n/a	n/a

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### 5.6.1.4 North Burnett Regional Council

North Burnett Regional Council (NBRC) was formed from the amalgamation of Biggenden, Eidsvold, Gayndah, Monto, Mount Perry and Mundubbera Shires.

The only shires which may be impacted by the Project are those which are potentially included in a secondary option for the Pipeline Component. The shires which may be affected are Eidsvold and Monto.

# 5.6.1.5 Roma Regional Council – Bendemere Shire

Roma Regional Council was formed from the amalgamation of Booringa, Warroo, Bungil and Bendemere Shires and Roma Town Council. The far north eastern corner of Bendemere Shire will be impacted by Gas Field and Pipeline components of the Project. There will be no other areas impacted within Roma Regional Council.

## 5.7 STANDARDS, CODES AND GUIDELINES

International, Commonwealth and state standards relevant to the Project have been identified in *Table 1.5.9*.

Table 1.5.9 Applicable Standards, Codes and Guidelines

Level of Government	Standard	Project Component
International	Equator Principles	LNG Component
		Pipeline
		Gas Field
	IFC Guidelines and Standards	LNG Component
		Pipeline
		Gas Field
Commonwealth	AS2885 Pipelines—Gas and liquid petroleum	LNG Component
		Pipeline
		Gas Field
	AS4360 Risk Management	LNG Component
		Pipeline
		Gas Field
	APIA Code of Environmental Practice – Onshore	Pipeline
	Pipelines	Gas Field
	APPEA Code of Environmental Practice	LNG Component
		Pipeline
		Gas Field
	Australia and New Zealand Guidelines for Fresh	LNG Component
	and Marine Water Quality (ANZGFMWQ)	Pipeline
		Gas Field
State	Guidelines to Minimise Mosquito and Biting	LNG Component
	Midge Problems in New Development Areas	Pipeline
		Gas Field
	Queensland Water Quality Guidelines	LNG Component
		Pipeline
		Gas Field

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### 5.8 LICENCES AND APPROVALS PREVIOUSLY GRANTED

# 5.8.1 Gas Field and Pipeline Components

QGC currently has interests in 21 authorities to prospect, six petroleum leases (PL), four petroleum pipeline licences and one petroleum survey licence. Applications are currently with the DEEDI for 15 petroleum lease applications and two Potential Commercial Areas (PCAs). These petroleum tenements and their respective environmental authorities are detailed in *Table 1.5.10*.

Existing PL applications (prior to and including 2007) within QGC's CSG fields have been made to support the domestic supply of gas within existing environmental approvals. As positive results for reserves in the Proved and Probable category are received, additional PL applications will be submitted to the DEEDI over ATP 574P, ATP 632P, ATP 647P and ATP 648P to further supply gas to the LNG Facility.

Existing authorities still include ERAs as defined in the repealed *EP Regulations*. Transitional provisions within the current *EP Regulations* detail the means by which existing authorities will convert to the new definitions (Chapter 9, Part 2). On the anniversary day for the former EA, QGC will hold an EA with the power to carry out the equivalent ERAs.

On 30 January 2009, the EPA granted an amendment to better align PSL 29 conditions with PSL 30 conditions (see LNG Facility section below) in relation to marine survey and vegetation clearing activities. These amendments apply only to a prescribed area within The Narrows.

### 5.8.2 LNG Facility

Under the provisions of *Environmental Protection Act* (Qld), the Queensland EPA, now Department of Environment and Resource Management, granted an Environmental Authority (Petroleum Activities) on 17 September 2008 in respect of carrying out a Level 2 Environmentally Relevant Activity (ERA) on petroleum survey licence (PSL) 30. Conditions were included to minimise environmental harm caused, or likely to be caused, by the authorised petroleum activities.

Under the provisions of the *P&G Act* (Qld) the Queensland Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation (DEEDI)<sup>6</sup> granted PSL No. 30 on 17 October 2008 covering the LNG Facility site and associated works on Curtis Island.

Geotechnical and other investigations and surveys on the LNG Facility site were undertaken in accordance with the DEEDI Code for Self-Assessable Development: Works for education, research or monitoring purposes in a declared fish habitat area or involving the removal, destruction or damage of marine plants (Code MP05, revised May 2008).

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<sup>6</sup> Incorporating the former Departments of Mines and Energy (DME) and Primary Industries and Fisheries (DPIF).

Table 1.5.10 Current Gas Field Approvals and Applications

Tenement	Tenement Holder(s)	EA Number and EA Authorised Activities
PSL 29 issued 3/09/2008	Queensland Gas Company Ltd 50% BG International Ltd 50%	PEN200190208 for 21E - Petroleum Activity not otherwise prescribed as a level 1 ERA
ATP 610P issued 01/01/1995	Queensland Gas Company Ltd 80% BG International Ltd 20%	150161 issued 23/11/2007 for 11(a) - Crude Oil or petroleum Storage in tanks
ATP 620P issued 14/02/1996	Queensland Gas Company Ltd 47.55% BG International Ltd 11.875% Origin Energy CSG Ltd 40.625%	or containers with storage capacity of 10,000L to 500,000L - 15(a) - Sewage Treatment
ATP 621P issued 08/02/1996	Queensland Gas Company Ltd 80% BG International Ltd 20%	works having a peak capacity of between 21 to 100 persons
ATP 648P* issued 27/10/2000	Queensland Gas Company Ltd 55% Origin Energy CSG Ltd 31,25% BG International Ltd 13.75%	17 - Fuel burning of >500kg/hr 21D - Petroleum Activity
ATP 632P* issued 19/03/2001	Blocks 2161, 2449, 2450, 2521, 2522, 2594: Queensland Gas Company Ltd 80% BG International Ltd -20% All other blocks: Queensland Gas Company Ltd 100%	otherwise prescribed as a level 1 ERA 24 - Boiler Making or Engineering 25(a) - Metal surface coating
ATP 651P* issued 27/10/2000	BG International Ltd 17% Lucas Energy 15% Queensland Gas Company Ltd 68%	<ul> <li>with an annual throughput of metal products of less than 2000t per year</li> <li>75(b)(iv) - Waste Disposal</li> </ul>
PL 179* issued 29/06/2005	Queensland Gas Company Ltd 47.5% BG International Ltd 11.875% Origin Energy CSG Ltd 40.62%	facility designed to receive 50,000 to 75,000t per year
PL 228* issued 29/06/2005	Queensland Gas Company Ltd 47.55% BG International Ltd 11.875% Origin Energy CSG Ltd 40.625%	
PL 229* issued 29/06/2005	Queensland Gas Company Ltd 47.55% BG International Ltd 11.875% Origin Energy CSG Ltd 40.625%	-
PLA 211*	Queensland Gas Company Ltd 80% BG International Ltd 20%	-
PLA 247*	Queensland Gas Company Ltd 56.5% BG International Limited 14.125% Origin Energy CSG Ltd 29.375%	-
PLA 257*	Queensland Gas Company Ltd 55% BG International Ltd 13.75% Origin Energy CSG Ltd 31.22%	<del>-</del>
ATP 647P* issued 31/07/2001	Block 2656 Queensland Gas Company Ltd 50% Origin Energy CSG Ltd 50% Blocks 2377,2378 Queensland Gas Company Ltd 80% BG International Ltd 20% All other blocks Queensland Gas Company Ltd 100%	150160 issued 23/10/2002 for 21E - Petroleum activity not otherwise prescribed as a level 1 ERA

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Tenement	Tenement Holder(s)	EA Number and EA Authorised Activities
ATP 676P* issued 25/09/2000	Avon Downs/ Wyalla: Queensland Gas Company Ltd 40% ACBM 50% BG International Ltd 10% McNulty/Owen: Queensland Gas Company Ltd 20% BG International Ltd 5% ACBM 75%	150346 issued 1/07/2005 for 21D - Petroleum activity otherwise prescribed as a level 1 ERA 75(b)(iv) - Waste disposal facility designed to receive 50,000 to 75,000t per year
ATP 574P* issued 19/04/1994	Queensland Gas Company Ltd 48% Vic Petroleum 30%, BG International Ltd 12% Australian CBM Pty Ltd 6.25% Seqoil Pty Ltd 3.75%	150 386 issued 8/11/2006 for 21E - Petroleum activity not otherwise prescribed as a level 1 ERA
ATP 768P* issued 08/09/2004	BNG (Surat) Pty Ltd	150250 issued 15/12/2003 for Application for new EA
PL 171* issued 30/09/2004	Roma Petroleum NL	EA
PL 201* issued 24/06/04	Queensland Gas Company Ltd 80% BG International Ltd 20%	PEN10068707 issued 29/02/2008 for 21D - Petroleum activity otherwise prescribed as a level 1 ERA 15(a) - Sewage treatment works having a peak capacity of between 21 to 100 persons 17 - Fuel burning of >500kg/hr 75(b)(iv) - Waste disposal facility designed to receive 50,000 to 75,000t per year 21E - Petroleum activity not otherwise prescribed as a level 1 ERA
PL 180*	Queensland Gas Company Ltd 47.55% BG International Ltd 11.875% Origin Energy CSG Ltd 40.625%	150263 issued 6/07/2007 for 21D - Petroleum activity otherwise prescribed as a level 1 ERA 17 - Fuel burning of >500kg/hr 75(b)(iv) - Waste disposal facility designed to receive 50,000 to 75,000t per year
PLA 212*	Queensland Gas Company Ltd 80% BG International Ltd 20%	No current application
PLA 259*	Queensland Gas Company Ltd 55% Origin Energy CSG Ltd 31.22% BG International Ltd 13.75%	No current application
PLA 261*	Queensland Gas Company Ltd 80% BG International Ltd 20%	No current application
PLA 262*	Queensland Gas Company Ltd 80% BG International Ltd 20%	No current application
PLA 263*	Queensland Gas Company Ltd 47.5% BG International Ltd 11.875% Origin Energy CSG Ltd 40.625%	No current application
PLA 273*	Queensland Gas Company Ltd 55% Origin Energy CSG Ltd 31.22%	No current application

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Tenement	Tenement Holder(s)	EA Number and EA Authorised Activities
	BG International Ltd 13.75%	
PLA 274*	Queensland Gas Company Ltd 55% Origin Energy CSG Ltd 31.22% BG International Ltd 13.75%	No current application
PLA 275*	Queensland Gas Company Ltd 55% Origin Energy CSG Ltd 31.22% BG International Ltd 13.75%	No current application
PLA 278*	Queensland Gas Company Ltd 55% Origin Energy CSG Ltd 31.22% BG International Ltd 13.75%	No current application
PLA 279*	Queensland Gas Company Ltd 55% Origin Energy CSG Ltd 31.22% BG International Ltd 13.75%	No current application
PLA 276*	Queensland Gas Company Ltd 68% BG International Ltd 17% Lucas Energy 15%	No current application
PLA 277*	Queensland Gas Company Ltd 68% BG International Ltd 17% Lucas Energy 15%	No current application
PCA Michelle	Queensland Gas Company Ltd 58.75% Origin Energy CSG Ltd 31.25% SGA (Queensland) Pty Ltd 10%	No current application
PCA Barney	Queensland Gas Company Ltd 58.75% Origin Energy CSG Ltd 31.25% SGA (Queensland) Pty Ltd 10%	No current application

<sup>\*</sup> Reference case tenements

On 25 September 2008 a pre-works advice statement was submitted to the DEEDI, and appropriate signs under MP05 were erected and maintained on the LNG Facility site for the duration of geotechnical and other investigations and surveys.

# 5.8.3 Sea Dumping

As the proposal described in EPBC referral 2008/4406 includes possible sea dumping of dredging spoil, it was determined that the Project also required a sea dumping permit under the *Environment Protection (Sea Dumping) Act 1981*. The application for a sea dumping permit was lodged on 10 September 2008 with DEWHA and remains current.

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