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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. The following table has been amended to include “machinery of governance” changes where legislation is now being administered by other government departments.

Table 1.5.1 Summary of Issues Raised in Submissions received relating to Volume 1, Chapter 5

Issue raised	Response	Submitter Number
The Project should be assessed under section 146 of the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act</i> .	Section 146 of the EPBC Act is for assessment of government policies and programs. It does not permit the assessment of private development works such as the QCLNG Project.	26
<i>Volume 1, Section 5.2, Table 1.5.2</i> needs to be amended to accommodate machinery of governance changes for the <i>Forestry Act 1959</i> and must make reference to <i>Vegetation Management (Regrowth Clearing Moratorium) Act 2009, Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002, Forestry Act 1959</i> .	An updated table has been included in <i>Chapter 5</i> which references these pieces of state government legislation.	32
Environmental impact statement should reference the Water Resource (Condamine and Balonne) Plan 2004 and the Condamine and Balonne Resource Operations Plan	An updated table has been included in <i>Chapter 5</i> which references these pieces of state government legislation.	32

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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
<i>State Development & Public Works Organisation Act 1971 (Qld)</i>	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field	Co-ordinator General - Department of Infrastructure and Planning
<i>Environmental Protection Act 1994 (Qld)</i>	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field	Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM) ¹
<i>Nature Conservation Act 1992 (Qld)</i>	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field	DERM
<i>Vegetation Management (Regrowth Clearing Moratorium) Act 2009 (Qld)</i>	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field	DERM
<i>Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld)</i>	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field	Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation (DEEDI) ²
<i>Water Act 2000 (Qld)</i>	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field	DERM
<i>Land Act 1994 (Qld)</i>	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field	Relevant Department responsible for land type (e.g. DEEDI, DERM, DIP)
<i>Native Title (Queensland) Act 1993 (Qld)</i>	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field	DERM – Indigenous Services
<i>Queensland Heritage Act 1992 (Qld)</i>	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field	DEEDI
<i>Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003 (Qld)</i>	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field	DERM
<i>Sustainable Planning Act 1999 (Qld)</i>	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field	Relevant Department responsible for land type (e.g. DEEDI, DERM, DIP)
<i>Soil Conservation Act 1986 (Qld)</i>	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field	DERM
<i>Vegetation Management Act 1999 (Qld)</i>	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field	DERM
<i>Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002 (Qld)</i>	Pipeline Gas Field	DERM

1 Incorporating the former the Environment Protection Agency (EPA) and former Department of Natural Resources and Water.

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

Legislation	Project Components	Government Agency
<i>Transport Infrastructure Act 1994</i> (Qld) <i>Transport Planning and Co-ordination Act 1994</i> (Qld) <i>Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995</i> (Qld) <i>Transport Operations (Road Use Management – Dangerous Goods) Regulations 2008</i> (Qld) <i>Transport Operations (Road Use Management - Mass, Dimensions and Loading) Regulations 2005</i> (Qld)	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field	Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) ³
<i>Transport Operations (Marine Pollution) Act 1995</i> (Qld)	LNG Component	DTMR
<i>Mineral Resources Act 1989</i> (Qld)	Gas Field Pipeline	DEEDI
<i>Dangerous Goods Safety Management Act 2001</i> (Qld)	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field	Department of Community Services (DCS) ⁴
<i>Explosives Act 1999</i> (Qld)	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field	DEEDI
<i>Food Act 2006</i> (Qld) <i>Public Health Act 2005</i> (Qld)	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field	Queensland Health/ Local Government
<i>Workplace Health and Safety Act 1995</i> (Qld)	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field	DEEDI
<i>Fisheries Act 1994</i> (Qld)	LNG Component Pipeline	DEEDI
<i>Marine Parks Act 2004</i> (Qld)	LNG Component Pipeline	DERM
<i>Coastal Protection and Management Act 1995</i> (Qld)	LNG Component Pipeline	DERM
<i>Forestry Act 1959</i> (Qld)	Gas Field	DERM
<i>Electricity Act 1994</i> (Qld)	Gas Field	Powerlink/DEEDI
<i>Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1982</i> (Qld)	Pipeline	DEEDI
<i>Building Act 1975</i> (Qld)	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field	Local Government
<i>Liquor Act 1992</i> (Qld)	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field	Queensland Treasury

³ Formerly the Department of Transport and Department of Main Roads.

⁴ Formerly the Department of Emergency Services (DES).

Legislation	Project Components	Government Agency
<i>Local Government Act 1993</i> (Qld)	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field	Local Government
<i>Food Act 2006</i> (Qld)	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field	Queensland Health/Local Government
<i>Plumbing and Drainage Act 2002</i> (Qld)	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field	Local Government
<i>Radiation Safety Act 1992</i> (Qld)	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field	Queensland Health
<i>Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008</i> (Qld)	Gas Field	DERM

5.2 PLANNING PROCESSES AND STANDARDS

Table 1.5.3 identifies international, commonwealth, state, regional and local planning processes relevant to the Project and as been amended to include the Water Resources Plan 2004 and Condamine and Balonne Resource Operations Plan.

Table 1.5.3 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

Level of Government	Planning Policy	Project Component
	Kyoto Protocol	LNG Component Pipeline Gas Field
	London (Dumping) Convention 1972	LNG Component
Commonwealth	A National Plan for Water Security (NPWS)	Gas Field
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 Sulfate 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

Level of Government	Planning Policy	Project Component
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>)	Gas Field
	The Condamine and Balonne Resource Operations Plan (CBDROP) implements the WRCMP 2004	Gas Field

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ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT POLICY DOCUMENTS

When the QCLNG Project draft environmental impact statement (EIS) was lodged for public exhibition, the Queensland Government's Blueprint for Queensland's liquefied natural gas (LNG) Industry had not been released. Since the draft EIS was published, this policy document has been approved by the Queensland Government. A summary of this key policy document is provided below and its relationship to this Project described.

5.3.1

Queensland Government's Blueprint for Queensland's LNG Industry

In September 2009, the Queensland Government released its "Blueprint for Queensland's LNG Industry". This paper outlines how the Queensland Government will work with the LNG industry and local communities to ensure that any development of an LNG industry is progressed in a way that benefits all Queenslanders. It states the Queensland Government's commitment to facilitating development of the LNG industry and ensuring that any government actions are delivered in a timely and well co-ordinated manner to all parties.

The document provides a clear indication of the Government's support for the future coal seam gas (CSG) and LNG industry. It sets out key initiatives for policy development, industry facilitation and individual project assistance, all of which are designed to facilitate the establishment of a viable LNG industry.

The Blueprint includes the QCLNG Project in its summation of the projects currently proposed for Queensland

The Blueprint document sets out specific responses from Government, which include the facilitation of LNG industry responses to planning, land tenure, pipeline corridors and common user infrastructure issues; assisting individual LNG projects with approvals, land tenure and infrastructure negotiations; and programming key government activities across agencies to assist the development of the industry and meet industry decision making timelines.

The Blueprint also sets out the Government's intentions with regard to a number of issues associated with the development of LNG projects, including

the management of produced water (i.e. Associated Water), the protection of groundwater resources, measures to maintain Queensland's domestic gas supply, establishing a fair royalty regime and managing cumulative impacts on communities, promoting local business benefits, planning for the future, assessing environmental impacts, managing our environment, reporting Queensland Government's performance.

The Queensland Government's release of the Blueprint for Queensland's LNG industry supports the development of this Project. QGC is confident in its ability to meet expectations relating to environmental, social and economic objectives outlined in the document as they apply to QGC and the QCLNG Project.