About this compilation

This compilation

This is a compilation of the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Regulatory Levies) Act 2003 that shows the text of the law as amended and in force on 3 April 2015 (the compilation date).

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The notes at the end of this compilation (the endnotes) include information about amending laws and the amendment history of provisions of the compiled law.

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Part 1—Introduction

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Regulatory Levies) Act 2003.

2 Commencement

(1) Each provision of this Act specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

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(2) Column 3 of the table contains additional information that is not part of this Act. Information in this column may be added to or edited in any published version of this Act.

3 Definitions

In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears:

annual titles administration levy means levy imposed by section 10E.

annual well levy means levy imposed by section 10A or 10B.

applicable State or Territory safety law means:
(a) in relation to the designated coastal waters of a State—the State safety law of that State; or
(b) in relation to the designated coastal waters of the Northern Territory—the Territory safety law.

Commonwealth waters has the same meaning as in Part 6.9 of the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006.

construct, in relation to a well, includes:
(a) drill the well; and
(b) install any well-related equipment associated with the well.

cost includes part of a cost.

designated coastal waters, in relation to a State or the Northern Territory, has the meaning given by section 3A.

environment plan levy means levy imposed by section 10F or 10G.

expense includes part of an expense.

greenhouse gas holding lease has the same meaning as in the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006.

greenhouse gas injection licence has the same meaning as in the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006.
The Infrastructure Licence has the same meaning as in the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006.

The NOPSEMA Inspector has the same meaning as in the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006.

The NOPSEMA means the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority.

The Offshore Area, in relation to a State or Territory, has the same meaning as in the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006.

The Petroleum Exploration Permit has the same meaning as in the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006.

The Petroleum Production Licence has the same meaning as in the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006.

The Petroleum Retention Lease has the same meaning as in the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006.

The Pipeline Licence has the same meaning as in the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006.

Prepare, in relation to a well, includes construct.

The Safety Case Levy means levy imposed by section 7 or 8.

The Safety Investigation Levy means levy imposed by section 5 or 6.

The Scheduled Area has the same meaning as in the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006.

The State PSLA has the same meaning as in Part 6.9 of the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006.

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_Territory PSLA_ has the same meaning as in Part 6.9 of the _Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006_.

_Territory safety law_ means the provisions of the Territory PSLA that substantially correspond to Schedule 3 to the _Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006_.

_well_ has the same meaning as in the _Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006_.

_well activity levy_ means levy imposed by section 10C or 10D.

_well investigation levy_ means levy imposed by section 9 or 10.

_well-related equipment_ has the same meaning as in the _Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006_.

_year_ means a 12-month period beginning on 1 January.

### 3A Designated coastal waters

(1) For the purposes of this Act, _designated coastal waters_, in relation to a State or the Northern Territory, means:

(a) so much of the scheduled area for that State or Territory as consists of the territorial sea; and

(b) any area that:

(i) is within the scheduled area for that State or Territory; and

(ii) is on the landward side of the territorial sea; and

(iii) was, immediately before the commencement of the relevant State PSLA or Territory PSLA, the subject of a petroleum exploration permit under the repealed _Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1967_.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), assume that the breadth of the territorial sea of Australia had never been determined or declared to be greater than 3 nautical miles, but had continued to be 3 nautical miles.

(3) Paragraph (1)(b) has effect subject to subsection (4).
(4) For the purposes of this Act, if (whether before or after the commencement of this subsection) an area that is within the designated coastal waters of a State or Territory because it is described in subparagraphs (1)(b)(i), (ii) and (iii) became or becomes an area that is:

(a) not the subject of a petroleum exploration permit under the relevant State PSLA or Territory PSLA; and
(b) not the subject of a petroleum retention lease under the relevant State PSLA or Territory PSLA; and
(c) not the subject of a petroleum production licence under the relevant State PSLA or Territory PSLA; and
(d) not the subject of an application for a petroleum retention lease or petroleum production licence under the relevant State PSLA or Territory PSLA;

the area is taken to have ceased to be part of the designated coastal waters of that State or Territory.

4 Extension to external Territories

This Act extends to each external Territory to which the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006* extends.

Note: See section 34 of the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006.*
Part 2—Safety investigation levy

5 Imposition of safety investigation levy—Commonwealth waters

(1) If:
(a) a notifiable accident or occurrence happens in relation to a facility located in Commonwealth waters; and
(b) a NOPSEMA inspector begins to conduct an inspection in relation to the notifiable accident or occurrence; and
(c) the condition or conditions specified in the regulations are satisfied;

levy is imposed on the notifiable accident or occurrence.

(2) Levy imposed by subsection (1) is to be known as safety investigation levy.

(3) Safety investigation levy imposed by subsection (1) is payable by the operator of the facility.

(4) Safety investigation levy is not payable under subsection (1) unless regulations are in force for the purposes of paragraph (1)(c).


Amount of safety investigation levy

(5) The amount of safety investigation levy imposed by subsection (1) in respect of a notifiable accident or occurrence is the amount that is specified in, or worked out in accordance with, the regulations.

(6) The regulations may specify different amounts of safety investigation levy, or different means of working out amounts of safety investigation levy, in relation to different kinds of notifiable accident or occurrence.

(7) Subsection (6) does not limit subsection 33(3A) of the Acts Interpretation Act 1901.
Definitions

(8) In this section:

*accident* has the same meaning as in Schedule 3 to the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006*.

*dangerous occurrence* has the same meaning as in Schedule 3 to the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006*.

*facility* has the same meaning as in Schedule 3 to the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006*.

*inspection* has the same meaning as in Schedule 3 to the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006*.

*notifiable accident or occurrence*, in relation to a facility, means an accident or dangerous occurrence:

(a) at or near the facility; and

(b) that is required to be notified to NOPSEMA by the operator under clause 82 of Schedule 3 to the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006*.

*operator*, in relation to a facility, has the same meaning as in Schedule 3 to the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006*.

6 Imposition of safety investigation levy—designated coastal waters

(1) If:

(a) a notifiable accident or occurrence happens in relation to a facility located in the designated coastal waters of a State or of the Northern Territory; and

(b) a NOPSEMA inspector begins to conduct an inspection in relation to the notifiable accident or occurrence; and

(c) the condition or conditions specified in the regulations are satisfied;

levy is imposed on the notifiable accident or occurrence.
(2) Levy imposed by subsection (1) is to be known as safety investigation levy.

(3) Safety investigation levy imposed by subsection (1) is payable by the operator of the facility.

(4) Safety investigation levy is not payable under subsection (1) unless regulations are in force for the purposes of paragraph (1)(c).


Amount of safety investigation levy

(5) The amount of safety investigation levy imposed by subsection (1) in respect of a notifiable accident or occurrence is the amount that is specified in, or worked out in accordance with, the regulations.

(6) The regulations may specify different amounts of safety investigation levy, or different means of working out amounts of safety investigation levy, in relation to different kinds of notifiable accident or occurrence.

(7) Subsection (6) does not limit subsection 33(3A) of the Acts Interpretation Act 1901.

Definitions

(8) For the purposes of the application of this section in relation to the designated coastal waters of a State or of the Northern Territory:

accident has the same meaning as in the applicable State or Territory safety law.

dangerous occurrence has the same meaning as in the applicable State or Territory safety law.

facility has the same meaning as in the applicable State or Territory safety law.

inspection has the same meaning as in the applicable State or Territory safety law.
notifiable accident or occurrence, in relation to a facility, means an accident or dangerous occurrence:
(a) at or near the facility; and
(b) that is required to be notified to NOPSEMA by the operator under the provision of the applicable State or Territory safety law that substantially corresponds to clause 82 of Schedule 3 to the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006.

operator, in relation to a facility, has the same meaning as in the applicable State or Territory safety law.
Part 3—Safety case levy

7 Imposition of safety case levy—Commonwealth waters

(1) If:
   (a) either:
      (i) at the start of a year, a safety case is in force in relation to a facility; or
      (ii) a safety case is in force in relation to a facility during a part of a year, but is not in force at the start of that year; and
   (b) the facility is located, or proposed to be located, in Commonwealth waters;

   levy is imposed on the safety case in respect of:
   (c) if subparagraph (a)(i) applies—that year; or
   (d) if subparagraph (a)(ii) applies—that part of that year.

(2) Levy imposed by subsection (1) is to be known as safety case levy.

(3) Safety case levy imposed by subsection (1) is payable by:
   (a) if the facility is a pipeline subject to a pipeline licence—the licensee of the pipeline licence; or
   (b) otherwise—the operator of the facility.


Amount of safety case levy

(4) The amount of safety case levy imposed by subsection (1) in respect of a year is the amount that is specified in, or worked out in accordance with, the regulations.

(5) The amount of safety case levy imposed by subsection (1) in respect of a part of a year is the amount that is worked out in accordance with the regulations.
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(6) The regulations may specify different amounts of safety case levy, or different means of working out amounts of safety case levy, in relation to different kinds of facilities.

(7) Subsection (6) does not limit subsection 33(3A) of the Acts Interpretation Act 1901.

Definitions

(8) In this section:

facility has the same meaning as in Schedule 3 to the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006, and includes a proposed facility.

operator, in relation to a facility, has the same meaning as in Schedule 3 to the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006.

pipeline has the same meaning as in the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006, and includes a pipeline that is:

(a) proposed to be constructed or operated; or
(b) being constructed.

pipeline licence has the same meaning as in the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006.

proposed facility has the same meaning as in Schedule 3 to the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006.

safety case in force in relation to a facility has the same meaning as in the Offshore Petroleum (Safety) Regulations 2009.

(9) If the regulations referred to in the definition of safety case in force in relation to a facility in subsection (8) are renamed, that definition is amended by omitting the old name and substituting the new name.
Part 3  Safety case levy

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8 Imposition of safety case levy—designated coastal waters

(1) If:
   (a) either:
      (i) at the start of a year, a safety case is in force in relation to a facility; or
      (ii) a safety case is in force in relation to a facility during a part of a year, but is not in force at the start of that year; and
   (b) the facility is located, or proposed to be located, in the designated coastal waters of a State or of the Northern Territory;
   levy is imposed on the safety case in respect of:
   (c) if subparagraph (a)(i) applies—that year; or
   (d) if subparagraph (a)(ii) applies—that part of that year.

(2) Levy imposed by subsection (1) is to be known as safety case levy.

(3) Safety case levy imposed by subsection (1) is payable by:
   (a) if the facility is a pipeline subject to a pipeline licence—the licensee of the pipeline licence; or
   (b) otherwise—the operator of the facility.


Amount of safety case levy

(4) The amount of safety case levy imposed by subsection (1) in respect of a year is the amount that is specified in, or worked out in accordance with, the regulations.

(5) The amount of safety case levy imposed by subsection (1) in respect of a part of a year is the amount that is worked out in accordance with the regulations.

(6) The regulations may specify different amounts of safety case levy, or different means of working out amounts of safety case levy, in relation to different kinds of facilities.
Section 8

(7) Subsection (6) does not limit subsection 33(3A) of the Acts Interpretation Act 1901.

Transitional

(7A) If, at a particular time during the period:
   (a) beginning at the start of 1 January 2010; and
   (b) ending at the end of 31 December 2012;

   a pipeline safety management plan is in force in relation to a pipeline that is a facility, this section has effect as if, at that time, a safety case was in force in relation to the facility.

(7B) For the purposes of the application of this section in relation to a facility located, or proposed to be located, in the designated coastal waters of a State or the Northern Territory, if, at a particular time during the period:
   (a) beginning at the start of 1 January 2010; and
   (b) ending at the end of 31 December 2012;

   a safety case is in force in relation to the facility (within the meaning of regulations of that State or Territory that substantially correspond to the Petroleum (Submerged Lands) (Management of Safety on Offshore Facilities) Regulations 1996, as those last-mentioned regulations were in force immediately before the end of 31 December 2009), this section has effect as if, at that time, a safety case was in force in relation to the facility.

Definitions

(8) For the purposes of the application of this section in relation to the designated coastal waters of a State or of the Northern Territory:

facility has the same meaning as in the applicable State or Territory safety law, and includes a proposed facility.

operator, in relation to a facility, has the same meaning as in the applicable State or Territory safety law.

pipeline has the same meaning as in the applicable State or Territory safety law, and includes a pipeline that is:
(a) proposed to be constructed or operated; or
(b) being constructed.

_pipeline licence_ has the same meaning as in the applicable State or Territory safety law.

_pipeline safety management plan in force in relation to a pipeline_ has the same meaning as in regulations of that State or Territory that substantially correspond to the _Petroleum (Submerged Lands) (Pipelines) Regulations 2001_, as those last-mentioned regulations were in force immediately before the end of 31 December 2009.

_proposed facility_ has the same meaning as in the applicable State or Territory safety law.

_safety case in force in relation to a facility_ has the same meaning as in regulations of that State or Territory that substantially correspond to the _Offshore Petroleum (Safety) Regulations 2009_.

(9) If the regulations referred to in the definition of _safety case in force in relation to a facility_ in subsection (8) are renamed, that definition is amended by omitting the old name and substituting the new name.
Part 4—Well investigation levy

9 Imposition of well investigation levy—Commonwealth petroleum titles

(1) If:
   (a) either:
      (i) a well has been used, is being used, has been prepared for use, or is being prepared for use, in connection with operations authorised by a petroleum title (the *current title*); or
      (ii) a well has been used in connection with operations authorised by a petroleum title from which the current title is derived, and the wellhead is situated in the title area of the current title; and
   (b) a NOPSEMA inspector has begun to conduct an inspection concerning a contravention or possible contravention of subclause 13A(1) or (2) of Schedule 3 to the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006*; and
   (c) the contravention or possible contravention relates to the well; and
   (d) a particular time (the *threshold time*) is the first time when the amount of the costs and expenses reasonably incurred by NOPSEMA in relation to the conduct of the inspection exceeds $30,000; and
   (e) NOPSEMA has given the registered holder of the current title a written notice stating that the amount of the costs and expenses reasonably incurred by NOPSEMA in relation to the conduct of the inspection has exceeded $30,000;

levy is imposed on the inspection in respect of:
   (f) the period of 3 months beginning at the threshold time; and
   (g) each successive 3-month period at any time during which a NOPSEMA inspector continues to conduct the inspection.
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Note: Clause 13A of Schedule 3 to the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006 deals with the duties of petroleum titleholders in relation to wells.

(2) Levy imposed by subsection (1) is to be known as well investigation levy.

(3) Well investigation levy imposed by subsection (1) is payable by the registered holder of the current title.

Amount of well investigation levy

(4) The amount of well investigation levy imposed by subsection (1) on an inspection is the amount that is specified in, or worked out in accordance with, the regulations.

Definitions

(5) In this section:

conduct an inspection includes prepare a written report relating to the inspection.

derived has the same meaning as in Schedule 3 to the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006.

inspection has the same meaning as in Schedule 3 to the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006.

petroleum title has the same meaning as in Schedule 3 to the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006.

registered holder, in relation to a petroleum title, has the same meaning as in the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006.

title area has the same meaning as in clause 13A of Schedule 3 to the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006.

well includes well-related equipment associated with a well.
10 Imposition of well investigation levy—State/Territory petroleum titles

(1) If:

(a) either:

(i) a well has been used, is being used, has been prepared for use, or is being prepared for use, in connection with operations authorised by a State/Territory petroleum title (the current title) granted under a State PSLA or Territory PSLA; or

(ii) a well has been used in connection with operations authorised by a petroleum title from which the current title is derived, and the wellhead is situated in the title area of the current title; and

(b) a NOPSEMA inspector has begun to conduct an inspection concerning a contravention or possible contravention of a provision of the State PSLA or Territory PSLA that substantially corresponds to subclause 13A(1) or (2) of Schedule 3 to the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006; and

(c) the contravention or possible contravention relates to the well; and

(d) a particular time (the threshold time) is the first time when the amount of the costs and expenses reasonably incurred by NOPSEMA in relation to the conduct of the inspection exceeds $30,000; and

(e) NOPSEMA has given the registered holder of the current title a written notice stating that the amount of the costs and expenses reasonably incurred by NOPSEMA in relation to the conduct of the inspection has exceeded $30,000;

levy is imposed on the inspection in respect of:

(f) the period of 3 months beginning at the threshold time; and

(g) each successive 3-month period at any time during which a NOPSEMA inspector continues to conduct the inspection.

Note: Clause 13A of Schedule 3 to the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006 deals with the duties of petroleum titleholders in relation to wells.
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(2) Levy imposed by subsection (1) is to be known as well investigation levy.

(3) Well investigation levy imposed by subsection (1) is payable by the registered holder of the current title.

Amount of well investigation levy

(4) The amount of well investigation levy imposed by subsection (1) on an inspection is the amount that is specified in, or worked out in accordance with, the regulations.

Definitions

(5) In this section:

Commonwealth petroleum title means a petroleum title within the meaning of Schedule 3 to the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006.

close an inspection includes prepare a written report relating to the inspection.

derived has the same meaning as in the provisions of the relevant State PSLA or Territory PSLA that substantially correspond to Schedule 3 to the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006.

inspection has the same meaning as in the provisions of the relevant State PSLA or Territory PSLA that substantially correspond to Schedule 3 to the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006.

registered holder, in relation to a State/Territory petroleum title, means the person whose name is shown in the Register kept under the relevant State PSLA or Territory PSLA as the holder of the title.

State/Territory petroleum title means an instrument under a State PSLA or Territory PSLA that confers, in relation to the designated coastal waters of a State or Territory, some or all of the rights that
a Commonwealth petroleum title confers in relation to the offshore area of the State or Territory.

*title area* has the same meaning as in the provisions of the relevant State PSLA or Territory PSLA that substantially correspond to clause 13A of Schedule 3 to the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006*.

*well* includes well-related equipment associated with a well.
Part 4A—Annual well levy

10A Imposition of annual well levy—Commonwealth petroleum titles

(1) If there are one or more eligible wells in relation to a petroleum title for a year, levy is imposed on those wells.

Note: For eligible well, see subsections (5) and (6).

(2) Levy imposed by subsection (1) is to be known as annual well levy.

(3) Annual well levy imposed by subsection (1) is payable by the registered holder of the petroleum title.

Amount of annual well levy

(4) The amount of annual well levy imposed by subsection (1) in respect of one or more wells is the amount that is specified in, or worked out in accordance with, the regulations.

Eligible well

(5) For the purposes of this section, if:

(a) immediately before the start of a year, a well is wholly or partly situated in the title area of a petroleum title (the current title); and

(b) the well is or was drilled under the authority of:

(i) the current title; or

(ii) a petroleum title from which the current title is derived; and

(c) the well is not abandoned;

the well is an eligible well in relation to the current title for that year.

(6) For the purposes of this section, if:
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(a) during a year, a well began to be drilled in the title area of a petroleum title (the current title); and
(b) the well was drilled under the authority of:
   (i) the current title; or
   (ii) a petroleum title from which the current title is derived; and
(c) the well was abandoned during that year;
the well is an eligible well in relation to the current title for the subsequent year.

Abandoned wells

(7) For the purposes of this section, if the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Resource Management and Administration) Regulations 2011 requires the commencement of the abandonment of a well to be approved by NOPSEMA under those regulations, disregard the abandonment unless:
   (a) the commencement of the abandonment was approved by NOPSEMA under those regulations; and
   (b) if the approval was subject to conditions—the abandonment was in accordance with those conditions.

Definitions

(8) In this section:

derived has the same meaning as in Schedule 3 to the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006.

petroleum title has the same meaning as in Schedule 3 to the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006.

registered holder, in relation to a petroleum title, has the same meaning as in the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006.

title area has the same meaning as in clause 13A of Schedule 3 to the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006.
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Transitional

(9) For the purposes of this section, if this section does not commence on a 1 January, the period:
(a) beginning at the commencement of this section; and
(b) ending at the end of 31 December next following that commencement;
is taken to be a year.

(10) Subsection (6) does not apply to a well that began to be drilled before the commencement of this section.

10B  Imposition of annual well levy—State/Territory petroleum titles

(1) If:
(a) there are one or more eligible wells in relation to a State/Territory petroleum title for a year; and
(b) the State/Territory petroleum title was granted under a law of a particular State or Territory; and
(c) at the start of the year, NOPSEMA has functions or powers under regulations of the State or Territory that substantially correspond to Part 5 of the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Resource Management and Administration) Regulations 2011;
levy is imposed on those wells.

Note: For eligible well, see subsections (5) and (6).

(2) Levy imposed by subsection (1) is to be known as annual well levy.

(3) Annual well levy imposed by subsection (1) is payable by the registered holder of the State/Territory petroleum title.

Amount of annual well levy

(4) The amount of annual well levy imposed by subsection (1) in respect of one or more wells is the amount that is specified in, or worked out in accordance with, the regulations.
Eligible well

(5) For the purposes of this section, if:
   (a) immediately before the start of a year, the well is wholly or partly situated in the title area of a State/Territory petroleum title (the current title); and
   (b) the well is or was drilled under the authority of:
       (i) the current title; or
       (ii) a State/Territory petroleum title from which the current title is derived; and
   (c) the well is not abandoned;
the well is an eligible well in relation to the current title for that year.

(6) For the purposes of this section, if:
   (a) during a year, a well began to be drilled in the title area of a State/Territory petroleum title (the current title); and
   (b) the well was drilled under the authority of:
       (i) the current title; or
       (ii) a State/Territory petroleum title from which the current title is derived; and
   (c) the well was abandoned during that year;
the well is an eligible well in relation to the current title for the subsequent year.

Abandoned wells

(7) For the purposes of this section, if regulations of a State or Territory that substantially correspond to Part 5 of the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Resource Management and Administration) Regulations 2011 require the commencement of the abandonment of a well to be approved by NOPSEMA under those regulations of the State or Territory, disregard the abandonment unless:
   (a) the commencement of the abandonment was approved by NOPSEMA under those regulations of the State or Territory; and
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(b) if the approval was subject to conditions—the abandonment was in accordance with those conditions.

Definitions

(8) In this section:

Commonwealth petroleum title means a petroleum title within the meaning of Schedule 3 to the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006.

derived has the same meaning as in the provisions of the relevant State PSLA or Territory PSLA that substantially correspond to Schedule 3 to the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006.

registered holder, in relation to a State/Territory petroleum title, means the person whose name is shown in the Register kept under the relevant State PSLA or Territory PSLA as the holder of the title.

State/Territory petroleum title means an instrument under a State PSLA or Territory PSLA that confers, in relation to the designated coastal waters of a State or Territory, some or all of the rights that a Commonwealth petroleum title confers in relation to the offshore area of the State or Territory.

title area has the same meaning as in the provisions of the relevant State PSLA or Territory PSLA that substantially correspond to clause 13A of Schedule 3 to the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006.

Transitional

(9) For the purposes of this section, if this section does not commence on a 1 January, the period:

(a) beginning at the commencement of this section; and
(b) ending at the end of 31 December next following that commencement;

is taken to be a year.
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(10) Subsection (6) does not apply to a well that began to be drilled before the commencement of this section.
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10C Imposition of well activity levy—Commonwealth petroleum titles

(1) If:
   (a) either:
       (i) a person makes an application to NOPSEMA, under Part 5 of the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Resource Management and Administration) Regulations 2011, for acceptance of a well operations management plan; or
       (ii) a person makes an application to NOPSEMA, under Part 5 of the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Resource Management and Administration) Regulations 2011, for approval to commence an activity relating to a well; and
       (b) the person is the registered holder of a petroleum title;
   levy is imposed on the application.

(2) Levy imposed by subsection (1) is to be known as well activity levy.

(3) Well activity levy imposed by subsection (1) is payable by the person.

Amount of well activity levy

(4) The amount of well activity levy imposed by subsection (1) on an application is the amount that is specified in, or worked out in accordance with, the regulations.

Exemption

(5) If:
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(a) at a particular time, a person makes an application to NOPSEMA, under Part 5 of the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Resource Management and Administration) Regulations 2011*, for approval to commence an activity relating to a well; and

(b) well activity levy is imposed by subsection (1) on the application; and

(c) during the 6-month period beginning at that time:

(i) the person makes another application under that Part for approval to commence an activity relating to the well; or

(ii) another person who has become the registered holder of a petroleum title makes an application under that Part for approval to commence an activity relating to the well;

well activity levy is not imposed by subsection (1) on the application referred to in subparagraph (c)(i) or (ii), as the case may be.

**Definitions**

(6) In this section:

*petroleum title* means:

(a) a petroleum exploration permit; or

(b) a petroleum retention lease; or

(c) a petroleum production licence.

*registered holder*, in relation to a petroleum title, has the same meaning as in the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006*.

10D Imposition of well activity levy—State/Territory petroleum titles

(1) If:

(a) either:
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(i) a person makes an application to NOPSEMA, under the regulations of a State or Territory that substantially correspond to Part 5 of the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Resource Management and Administration) Regulations 2011, for acceptance of a well operations management plan; or

(ii) a person makes an application to NOPSEMA, under regulations of a State or Territory that substantially correspond to Part 5 of the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Resource Management and Administration) Regulations 2011, for approval to commence an activity relating to a well; and

(b) the person is the registered holder of a State/Territory petroleum title;

levy is imposed on the application.

(2) Levy imposed by subsection (1) is to be known as well activity levy.

(3) Well activity levy imposed by subsection (1) is payable by the person.

Amount of well activity levy

(4) The amount of well activity levy imposed by subsection (1) on an application is the amount that is specified in, or worked out in accordance with, the regulations.

Exemption

(5) If:

(a) at a particular time, a person makes an application to NOPSEMA, under the regulations of a State or Territory that substantially correspond to Part 5 of the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Resource Management and Administration) Regulations 2011, for approval to commence an activity relating to a well; and
(b) well activity levy is imposed by subsection (1) on the application; and

(c) during the 6-month period beginning at that time:
   (i) the person makes another application under those regulations for approval to commence an activity relating to the well; or
   (ii) another person who has become the registered holder of a State/Territory petroleum title makes an application under those regulations for approval to commence an activity relating to the well;

well activity levy is not imposed by subsection (1) on the application referred to in subparagraph (c)(i) or (ii), as the case may be.

Definitions

(6) In this section:

**Commonwealth petroleum title** means:
   (a) a petroleum exploration permit; or
   (b) a petroleum retention lease; or
   (c) a petroleum production licence.

**registered holder**, in relation to a State/Territory petroleum title, means the person whose name is shown in the Register kept under the relevant State PSLA or Territory PSLA as the holder of the title.

**State/Territory petroleum title** means an instrument under a State PSLA or Territory PSLA that confers, in relation to the designated coastal waters of a State or Territory, some or all of the rights that a Commonwealth petroleum title confers in relation to the offshore area of the State or Territory.
Part 4C—Annual titles administration levy

10E Imposition of annual titles administration levy

(1) Levy is imposed on an eligible title:
   (a) for the year beginning on the day the title comes into force; and
   (b) for each subsequent year beginning on the anniversary of that day, if the title is in force at the start of the anniversary.

   Levy is imposed whether or not the eligible title is in force for the whole of the year.

   Note: See section 695M of the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006 for the remittal or refund of levy imposed for a year by this subsection if the title ceases to be in force before the end of the year.

(2) Levy imposed by subsection (1) is to be known as annual titles administration levy.

(3) Annual titles administration levy imposed by subsection (1) is payable by the registered holder of the title.

Amount of annual titles administration levy

(4) The amount of annual titles administration levy imposed by subsection (1) on a title is the amount that is specified in, or worked out in accordance with, the regulations.

(5) The regulations may specify different amounts of annual titles administration levy, or different means of working out amounts of annual titles administration levy, in relation to different eligible titles.

(6) Subsection (5) does not limit subsection 33(3A) of the Acts Interpretation Act 1901.
Definitions

(7) In this section:

*boundary-change petroleum exploration permit* has the same meaning as in the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006*.

*cash-bid petroleum exploration permit* has the same meaning as in the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006*.

*eligible title* means:

(a) a work-bid petroleum exploration permit; or

(aa) a cash-bid petroleum exploration permit; or

(b) a special petroleum exploration permit; or

(ba) a boundary-change petroleum exploration permit; or

(c) a petroleum retention lease; or

(d) a petroleum production licence; or

(e) an infrastructure licence; or

(f) a pipeline licence; or

(g) a work-bid greenhouse gas assessment permit; or

(h) a greenhouse gas holding lease; or

(i) a greenhouse gas injection licence.

*registered holder*, in relation to a title, has the same meaning as in the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006*.

*special petroleum exploration permit* has the same meaning as in the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006*.

*work-bid greenhouse gas assessment permit* has the same meaning as in the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006*.

*work-bid petroleum exploration permit* has the same meaning as in the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006*.
Part 4D—Environment plan levy

10F Imposition of environment plan levy—activities authorised by Commonwealth titles

(1) If:

(a) both:
   (i) an environment plan is submitted to NOPSEMA under regulation 9 of the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Environment) Regulations 2009; and
   (ii) the activities to which the plan relates are authorised by one or more Commonwealth titles; or

(b) both:
   (i) a proposed revision of an environment plan is submitted to NOPSEMA under regulation 17, 18 or 19 of the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Environment) Regulations 2009; and
   (ii) the activities to which the revised plan relates are authorised by one or more Commonwealth titles; or

(c) both:
   (i) an environment plan is submitted to NOPSEMA under regulation 9 of the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Environment) Regulations 2009; and
   (ii) the plan is submitted by an applicant for a Commonwealth title mentioned in paragraph (e), (f), (g), (k) or (l) of the definition of Commonwealth title in subsection (7);

   levy is imposed on the submission.

(2) Levy imposed by subsection (1) is to be known as environment plan levy.

(3) Environment plan levy imposed by subsection (1) is payable:

(a) if:
   (i) paragraph (1)(a) applies; and
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(ii) the activities to which the plan relates are authorised by a single Commonwealth title; by the titleholder; or

(b) if:
   (i) paragraph (1)(a) applies; and
   (ii) the activities to which the plan relates are authorised by 2 or more Commonwealth titles; jointly and severally by the titleholders; or

(c) if:
   (i) paragraph (1)(b) applies; and
   (ii) the activities to which the revised plan relates are authorised by a single Commonwealth title; by the titleholder; or

(d) if:
   (i) paragraph (1)(b) applies; and
   (ii) the activities to which the revised plan relates are authorised by 2 or more Commonwealth titles; jointly and severally by the titleholders; or

(e) if paragraph (1)(c) applies—by the applicant for the Commonwealth title.

Amount of environment plan levy

(4) The amount of environment plan levy imposed by subsection (1) in respect of a submission is the amount that is specified in, or worked out in accordance with, the regulations.

(5) The regulations may specify different amounts of environment plan levy, or different means of working out amounts of environment plan levy, in relation to different circumstances.

(6) Subsection (5) does not limit subsection 33(3A) of the Acts Interpretation Act 1901.
Definitions

(7) In this section:

Commonwealth title means:
(a) a petroleum exploration permit; or
(b) a petroleum retention lease; or
(c) a petroleum production licence; or
(d) an infrastructure licence; or
(e) a pipeline licence; or
(f) a petroleum special prospecting authority; or
(g) a petroleum access authority; or
(ga) a petroleum scientific investigation consent; or
(h) a greenhouse gas assessment permit; or
(i) a greenhouse gas holding lease; or
(j) a greenhouse gas injection licence; or
(k) a greenhouse gas search authority; or
(l) a greenhouse gas special authority; or
(m) a greenhouse gas research consent.

greenhouse gas assessment permit has the same meaning as in the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006.

greenhouse gas research consent has the same meaning as in the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006.

greenhouse gas search authority has the same meaning as in the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006.

greenhouse gas special authority has the same meaning as in the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006.

petroleum access authority has the same meaning as in the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006.

petroleum scientific investigation consent has the same meaning as in the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006.
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**petroleum special prospecting authority** has the same meaning as in the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006*.

**registered holder**, in relation to a title, has the same meaning as in the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006*.

**titleholder** means:

(a) for a title mentioned in any of paragraphs (a) to (g) or (h) to (l) of the definition of **Commonwealth title** in this subsection—the registered holder of the title; or

(b) for a consent mentioned in paragraph (ga) or (m) of the definition of **Commonwealth title** in this subsection—the holder of the consent (within the meaning of section 254 or 425 of the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006*).

10G  Imposition of environment plan levy—activities authorised by State/Territory titles

(1) If either:

(a) both:

(i) an environment plan is submitted to NOPSEMA under a regulation of a State or Territory that substantially corresponds to regulation 9 of the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Environment) Regulations 2009*; and

(ii) the activities to which the plan relates are authorised by one or more State/Territory titles; or

(b) both:

(i) a proposed revision of an environment plan is submitted to NOPSEMA under a regulation of a State or Territory that substantially corresponds to regulation 17, 18 or 19 of the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Environment) Regulations 2009*; and

(ii) the activities to which the revised plan relates are authorised by one or more State/Territory titles; or

(c) both:
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(i) an environment plan is submitted to NOPSEMA under a regulation of a State or Territory that substantially corresponds to regulation 9 of the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Environment) Regulations 2009*; and

(ii) the plan is submitted by an applicant for a State/Territory title that substantially corresponds to a Commonwealth title mentioned in paragraph (e), (f), (g), (k) or (l) of the definition of *Commonwealth title* in subsection 10F(7).

levy is imposed on the submission.

(2) Levy imposed by subsection (1) is to be known as environment plan levy.

(3) Environment plan levy imposed by subsection (1) is payable:

(a) if:

   (i) paragraph (1)(a) applies; and

   (ii) the activities to which the plan relates are authorised by a single State/Territory title;

   by the titleholder; or

(b) if:

   (i) paragraph (1)(a) applies; and

   (ii) the activities to which the plan relates are authorised by 2 or more State/Territory titles;

   jointly and severally by the titleholders; or

(c) if:

   (i) paragraph (1)(b) applies; and

   (ii) the activities to which the revised plan relates are authorised by a single State/Territory title;

   by the titleholder; or

(d) if:

   (i) paragraph (1)(b) applies; and

   (ii) the activities to which the revised plan relates are authorised by 2 or more State/Territory titles;

   jointly and severally by the titleholders; or
(e) if paragraph (1)(c) applies—by the applicant for the State/Territory title.

Amount of environment plan levy

(4) The amount of environment plan levy imposed by subsection (1) in respect of a submission is the amount that is specified in, or worked out in accordance with, the regulations.

(5) The regulations may specify different amounts of environment plan levy, or different means of working out amounts of environment plan levy, in relation to different circumstances.

(6) Subsection (5) does not limit subsection 33(3A) of the Acts Interpretation Act 1901.

Definitions

(7) In this section:

registered holder, in relation to a State/Territory title, means the person whose name is shown in the Register kept under the relevant State PSLA or Territory PSLA as the holder of the title.

State/Territory title means an instrument under a State PSLA or Territory PSLA that confers, in relation to the designated coastal waters of a State or Territory, some or all of the rights that a Commonwealth title (within the meaning of section 10F) confers in relation to the offshore area of the State or Territory.

titleholder means:

(a) for a State/Territory title that substantially corresponds to a Commonwealth title mentioned in any of paragraphs (a) to (g) or (h) to (l) of the definition of Commonwealth title in subsection 10F(7)—the registered holder of the title; or

(b) for a State/Territory title that substantially corresponds to a consent mentioned in paragraph (ga) or (m) of the definition of Commonwealth title in subsection 10F(7)—the holder of the consent under the relevant State PSLA or Territory PSLA.
Part 5—Regulations

11 Regulations

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Endnote 1—About the endnotes

The endnotes provide information about this compilation and the compiled law.

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