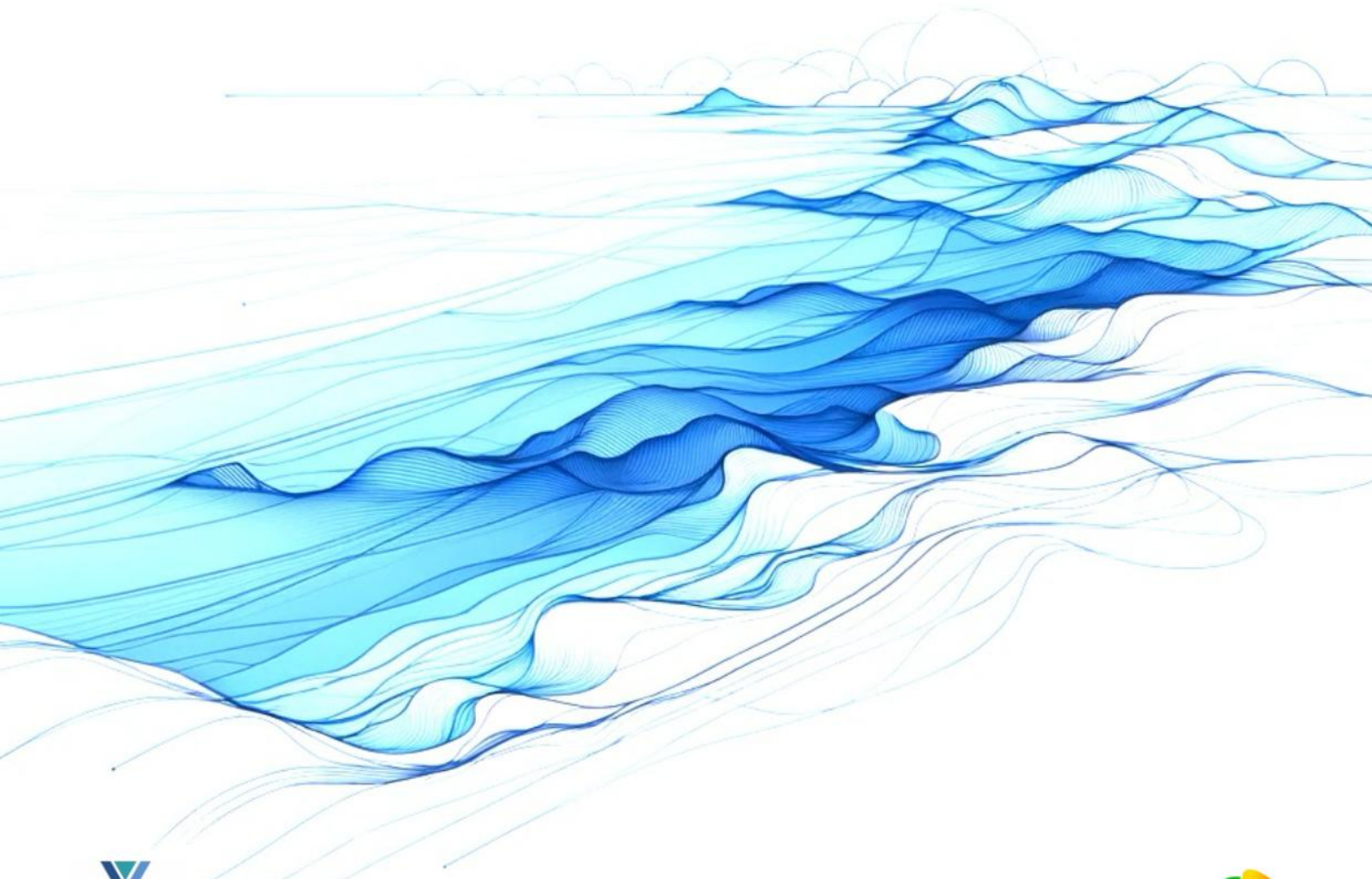
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1 Introduction

Pursuant to Part 4 Division 3 of the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Environment) Regulations 2023* (**the Regulations**) and considering recent case law, CGG Geophysical Services Pty Ltd (**CGG**) has performed consultations as required. This appendix aims to document how CGG undertook the consultation process, managed risks to as low as reasonably practicable and an acceptable level, and appropriately responded to, incorporated, and adopted measures based on relevant persons objections, claims, and other feedback.

By capturing sufficiently broad people and information through desktop research, community outreach events, and various targeted media and advertising techniques, CGG were able to identify relevant persons, provide them with sufficient information on the possible consequences of the activity on their functions, interests, or activities, allow a reasonable period for consultation, time to respond appropriately, and document details of such a process.

This chapter will outline the guidelines set out by NOPSEMA, legislation and case law and demonstrate how CGG has satisfied these requirements. The following appendices should be read in conjunction with the consultation chapter.

Appendix C2: Consultation Report

Section 24(b) requires an environment plan that includes a report on all consultations under Section 25 of any relevant person by the titleholder. This report must include the following:

- A summary of each response; and
- An assessment of the merits of objections and claims regarding adverse impacts of activities proposed; and
- A statement of CGG's response as titleholder where they were given.
- This appendix is sorted separately by organisations and persons, so each specific case by case response by the titleholder and the relevant person can be assessed on their merits and easily referred to.

Appendix C3: Sensitive Information Part (16(b)(iv))

To comply with sub-section 26(8) of the Regulations, the full text of all responses by relevant individuals engaged under Section 25 and any other sensitive information (if applicable) must be included in a sensitive information report.

This report satisfies the remainder of section 24 and sub-section 26(8) by containing full text responses by relevant persons and any additional sensitive information. This report will not be published.

Appendix C4: Full Text copies

Full text copies of consultations with relevant persons. This information will not be publicly available.

Appendix C5: Consultation Materials

CGG have a further appendix which highlights extra efforts and methods used to find every possible relevant person in the community and raise awareness of the ability to self-identify through several mediums, such as the Regia website.

Appendix C6: Public Comment Report

CGG received nearly 15,000 submissions through public comment which we believe is in the top 3 of total submissions submitted to NOPSEMA as part of an EP application This document provides a summary of the process used to ensure all submissions have been considered in the EP.

2 Background

CGG are required by legislation to prepare an Environment Plan (**EP**) to carry out the Regia Marine Seismic Survey (**Regia MSS**). This EP must then be accepted by the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (**NOPSEMA**). A key part of this EP is the consultation and co-design process, that must be carried out in preparation for the EP. CGG adhered to an iterative consultation process that was developed with consideration and in accordance with legislation, case law and NOPSEMA guidelines.

The foundations of this consultation process included:

- Maximising the broad capture of relevant persons through appropriate, targeted and subject-specific advertisements; and
- Allowing multiple channels for relevant persons to self-identify; and
- Encouraging relevant persons to share activity details with others; and
- Gathering knowledge about specific environmental, cultural, and societal values; and
- Providing concise yet sufficient information allowing relevant persons to make informed decisions; and
- Communicating with relevant persons through their preferred medium and in appropriate language through established information channels; and
- Allowing appropriate timeframes and encouraging feedback and queries; and
- Incorporating relevant persons input into the EP where appropriate; and
- Ensuring all relevant persons are aware of the consultation period and process, and affording the opportunity to participate in preparation and co-design of the EP.

The following principles outlined in Table C1-1 from the former Ministerial Council on Mineral and Petroleum Resources were also pillars of CGG's communication and consultation procedures.

Table C1-1 - Principles of Consultation

Principle	CGG's approach
Communication	Undertook effective two-way engagement to encourage feedback on relevant, accurate information provided.
Transparency	Transparency was fundamental in the consultation process and continues to be so. All feedback was addressed, and comments posted on the Regia website were responded to, and EP documents uploaded into the public document library hosted on the activity website.
Collaboration	Relevant persons were heard and collaborated with, which helped to adapt approaches and outcomes based on merit. The collaborative approach resulted in outcomes beneficial to both relevant persons and the titleholder.
Inclusiveness	All identified relevant persons were involved in the consultation process. This will last throughout the life of the Regia MSS through CGG's implementation and ongoing consultation strategies.
Integrity	The process fostered respect through freedom of information on the Regia website and trust through tailored two-way communication.

2.1 Legislation and Requirements

The following legislation was strictly adhered to during the consultation process:

- *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006*
- *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Environment) Regulations 2009/2023*

- *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*

The following NOPSEMA guidelines were also considered and complied with:

- NOPSEMA Guideline GL2086 – Consultation in the course of preparing an environment plan – May 2023
- NOPSEMA Guidance Note GN1847 – Responding to public comment on environment plans – July 2022
- NOPSEMA Guidance Note GN1344 – Environment plan content requirements – December 2022
- NOPSEMA Guideline GL1721 – Environment Plan Decision Making Guideline – December 2022
- NOPSEMA Guidance Note GN1488 – Oil pollution risk management – July 2021
- NOPSEMA Guidance Note GN1785 – Petroleum activities and Australian Marine Parks – June 2020
- NOPSEMA Guideline GL1887 – Consultation with Commonwealth agencies with responsibilities in the marine area – January 2023
- NOPSEMA Brochure – Consultation on offshore petroleum environmental plans – May 2023
- NOPSEMA Policy PL2098 – Engaging gender-restricted information Draft Policy – May 2023
- NOPSEMA Policy PL1347 – Environment Plan Assessment Policy – December 2022
- Recent case law developments also moulded CGG's consultation process:
- *Santos NA Barossa Pty Ltd v Tipakalippa* [2022] FCAFC 193
- *Cooper v National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority* (No 2) [2023] FCA 1158

Other resources and guidelines used:

- *NOPSEMA* Guidance framework: Supporting cooperative coexistence of seismic surveys and commercial fisheries in Australia's Commonwealth marine area.
- Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council: Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) - Fact Sheet.
- Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council: Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council - Fact Sheet.

2.2 CGG Consultation Principles

During the consultation process there was significant clarification about the consultation requirements that apply to preparing an EP arising from case law. As this clarification was delivered over time, CGG decided to create consultation principles that supported communicating the purpose of consultation with relevant persons. These principles were:

1. **Co-design:** Incorporating a co-design principle into the consultation process emphasises collaboration and mutual agreement on how consultations are conducted. This principle is essential when relevant persons may have their preferred engagement processes that may or may not align with the regulatory requirements of the Regulations. By adopting a co-design approach, CGG aimed to ensure that all parties had a say in shaping the consultation methodology, fostering a sense of ownership and acceptance among all relevant persons.
2. **Voluntary Participation:** Ensuring that participation in the consultation process is voluntary respects the autonomy of all relevant persons. This principle recognises that while input and engagement are highly valued, mandating participation could lead to procedural compliance rather than genuine dialogue. Voluntary participation encourages more meaningful and constructive contributions from those who choose to engage, ensuring that

any feedback is driven by a genuine interest in the outcomes of the project rather than compulsion.

3. **Not Seeking Consent:** By not seeking explicit consent through the consultation process, CGG acknowledges that the purpose of consultation is to inform, discuss, and consider the perspectives and feedback of relevant persons, not to obtain approval. This approach aligns with the regulatory framework under which CGG operates, where the final decision-making authority rests with regulatory bodies like NOPSEMA, not with the relevant persons, nor the public. This distinction helps maintain clarity in the roles and responsibilities within the consultation process.
4. **Regulatory Permission for Impacts:** The principle that regulations allow NOPSEMA to permit impacts underscores the structured regulatory environment within which environmental impacts are assessed and managed. It highlights that while relevant person input is crucial and valued, there are established legal and scientific frameworks in place to evaluate and mitigate environmental impacts. This ensures that decisions are made based on comprehensive environmental assessments and best practice standards, balancing economic, cultural, and social factors. CGG often encountered a misconception that 'no impact' was the requisite standard that had to be met.
5. **Absence of Requirement for Universal Participation:** Acknowledging that not every relevant person must participate in the consultation process recognises the practical limitations of engagement and avoids the logistical and procedural complexities that attempting to achieve full participation would entail. It ensures that the process remains efficient and manageable while still being inclusive and comprehensive. This principle also respects the diversity of interest and the varying degrees of impact on different relevant persons, allowing for a focus on those most affected or most knowledgeable without diluting the quality of engagement with mandatory universal participation.
6. **Multidimensional Nature of Relevant Persons:** CGG decided it was important to acknowledge the multidimensional nature of relevant persons and not to assume the primary reason for contacting a relevant person was the exclusive reason they were a relevant person. For instance, a commercial fisher may also be a recreational diver and have different pathways to being affected. This approach ensures a comprehensive understanding of how the Regia MSS affects all aspects of relevant persons lives, fostering more meaningful engagement and building trust. This holistic view not only enhances stakeholder participation but also ensures that strategic decisions are informed by a broad spectrum of perspectives, leading to more equitable and sustainable outcomes.

These principles were frequently referred to during the community consultation forums and subsequent consultations with relevant persons.

3 Consultation Methodology

CGG proposed a process that allowed relevant persons to co-design both the development of the consultation process and the preparation of the EP. This process was designed with the context of the objects of the Regulations.

As stated by Justice Lee in *Santos NA Barossa Pty Ltd v Tipakalippa* [2022] FCAFC 193 at [141], these objects are "best achieved by a consulting process that is practicable but is sufficiently broad so as to collect available input into the possible risks and environmental impacts of the activity and ways of reducing those risks and impacts and managing them to an acceptable level." CGG adapted this statement to include the following:

1. Broad capture of all relevant persons.
2. Develop knowledge of and describe relevant values and sensitivities of the environment that may be affected.
3. Provide sufficient information.
4. Create two-way channels for communication from relevant persons.
5. Allow a reasonable period for relevant persons assessment and feedback.
6. Respond to each claim or objection where appropriate.
7. Continue ongoing consultation throughout the life of the project.

This approach was underpinned by and upholds the principles of the International Association for Public Participation spectrum (IAP2 spectrum), which helped to achieve the goals set out by the NOPSEMA guidelines and legislation. The project-specific Regia website not only helped with community engagement and co-design of consultation but further aligned goals and outcomes between CGG's consultation methodology and the IAP2 spectrum.

The decision-making criteria was captured in a document (Decision Making Criteria in the Environmental Assessment Process – March 2023). This document was uploaded in to the 'Establishing Context' section of the activity webpages' document library. It was also featured on the landing page, with a feedback function that facilitated public discourse regarding the decision-making criteria.

The Environmental Planning Area (EPA) was established to frame the initial studies and community consultation effort. Set at 155 km around the Activity Planning Area, this distance was selected using professional judgement and a review of previous impact and risk assessments for similar activities in the region. Further justification for this distance can be found in Appendix B11.

CGG identified several subject-centred groups in its planning process and the consultation methodology was tailored to the cultural, social, and economic features of these people and communities. The discussion in the subsequent sections of this document apply to all subject-centred groups. Through the consultation process two, subject-centred groups (Commercial Fishers and First Nations Australians) warranted elevated tailoring of the consultation method. Demonstrations of compliant consultation with these groups have therefore been provided in Annex 1 – Commercial Fishers and Annex 2 – First Nations Australians.

The streams of relevant persons consultation and public engagement are shown in Figure C1-1. Further details are available from the Community Consultation Hub on the Regia website (regiamss.com.au).

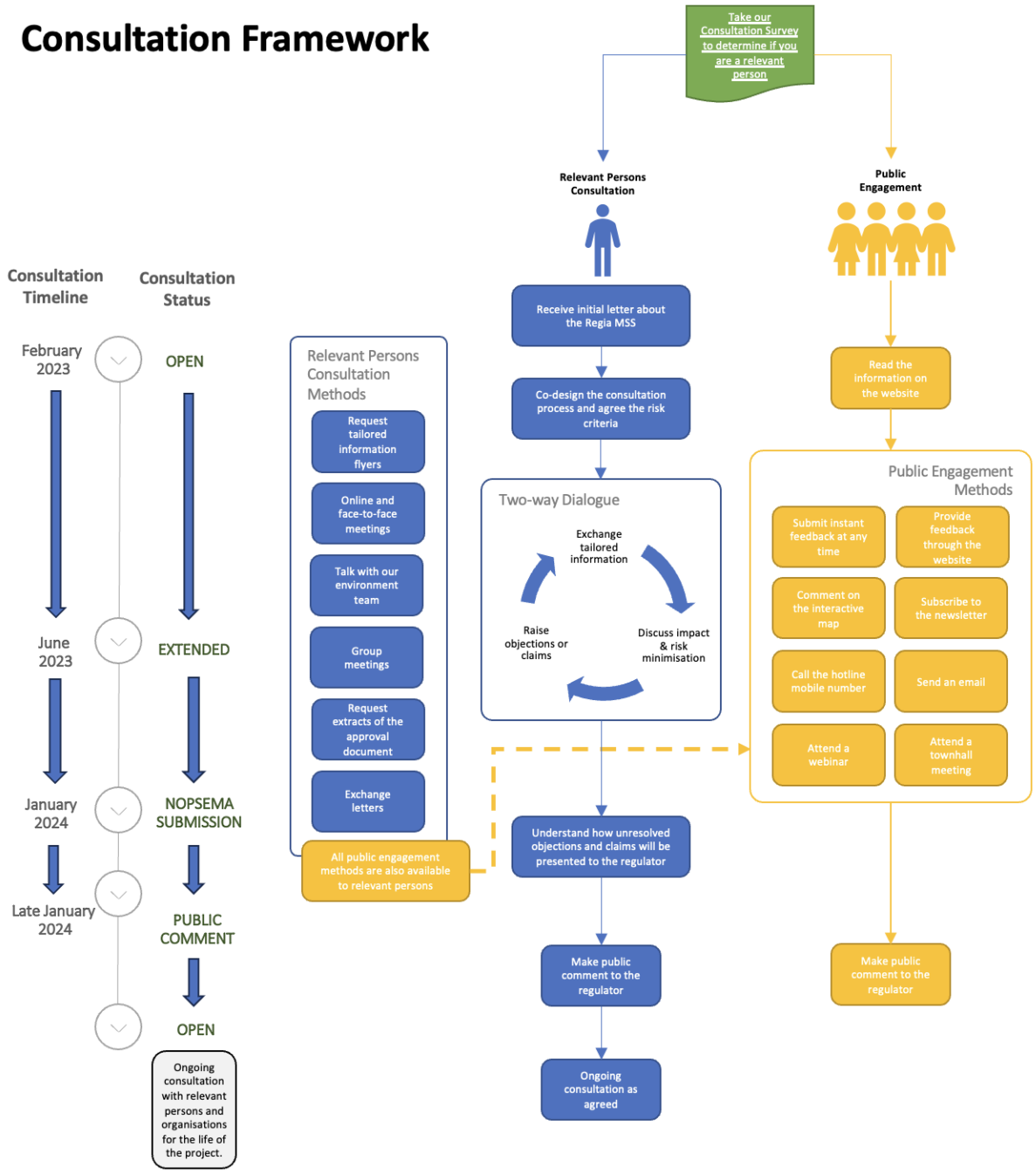


Figure C1-1 - Regia MSS Consultation Activities

3.1 Relevant Person Identification

Titleholders are required to identify and consult with each authority, person or organisation who fits the definition of a relevant persons pursuant to Section 25 of the Regulations. This section clearly demonstrates who is a relevant person, and the rationale used to determine that status. Key factors considered by CGG in this process included the nature of the activity, the environment in which it is being undertaken and the impacts and risks associated with it.

3.1.1 Broad Capture of People and Information

Identifying relevant persons is essential in designing a consultation method that is inclusive, effective, and legally compliant. It promotes fairness, transparency, and accountability in decision-making processes and can lead to more successful outcomes and reduced risks for all parties involved. CGG's process for relevant persons identification provided for the broad capture of relevant persons such that each relevant person who can be identified, was identified (GN1344: Section 12.3; GL2086: Section 6). CGG also understands that despite our best endeavours, there may still be some unidentified relevant persons. Despite this, the methodology used by CGG was capable of identifying each relevant person.

The search for persons or organisations who are relevant persons starts as a global public search because the definitions of functions, interests and activities are not geographically constrained. However, certain groups, such as other marine users, are likely to be proximate to the activity.

By categorising people within the community, engagement was tailored to specific subject-centred groups. The legislation provides guidelines to this effect using four categories: the public, authorities, organisations, and persons. For the purposes of Part 4 Division 3, there is a clear, explicit difference between the public and *relevant persons* (organisations, authorities, and persons) who unlike the public, are mandatory consultees in preparation of the EP.

CGG has identified and evaluated all potential environmental impacts and risks based on the information and relevant persons identified. If new information or relevant persons are identified, CGG has appropriate change management procedures in place, which are outlined in our ongoing consultation strategy (See Appendix B3).

3.1.1.1 Method(s) used for the identification of relevant persons

CGG used the following methods to identify authorities, organisations and persons who may be affected by its activities. Table C1-2 also provides further details on the strategies employed by CGG to identify relevant persons and engage with them using tailored, subject-centred consultation approaches. These strategies were designed to address the specific cultural, social, and economic needs of each group effectively. Annex 3 Table C1-9 shows CGG's record of engagements.

- **Contacted government agencies and organisations:** Relevant government agencies provided information about individuals and organisations potentially affected by the activity.
- **Consulted with local community groups:** CGG reached out to local community groups, such as those focused on environmental conservation or fishing, as they may have had members with interests or activities impacted by the activity.
- **Engaged with local Indigenous groups:** Indigenous groups, with specific cultural or spiritual interests, were consulted to ensure their rights and beliefs were respected. See Annex 2 Consultation with First Nations Australians for further information.
- **Conducted online research:** CGG searched for news articles or press releases about similar activities in the area to identify individuals or organisations mentioned.
- **Advertised in local newspapers and on local radio stations:** Local media outlets were used to inform the public about the planned activity and encourage individuals with specific interests to come forward.
- **Reached out to industry associations:** Industry associations related to fishing, shipping, and oil and gas exploration in the area were contacted, as their members' interests could have been impacted.
- **Contacted local businesses:** Local businesses, such as tour operators were approached since their customers' interests or activities could have been affected.

- **Engaged with local educational institutions:** CGG reached out to universities and research centres, as they might have had researchers or students whose interests or activities were impacted.
- **Used social media:** Social media platforms were used to identify relevant persons by searching hashtags or keywords related to the activity, following local groups, and reaching out to those who engaged with posts on similar topics.
- **Conducted surveys:** Surveys were distributed widely to gather information from people whose interests or activities could be affected.
- **Attended local community events:** CGG identified and participated in local community events, where it engaged with groups and individuals potentially affected by the activity.

In addition to the above methods, CGG had an online survey available for anyone to determine if they are entitled to consultation as a relevant person, or if they should engage as a member of the public. The survey remained live in the preparation of the EP, the public comment period, and throughout NOPSEMA's assessment period.

The streams of relevant persons consultation and public engagement are shown in Figure C1-1 above.

3.1.2 Opportunity to Self-Identify

To combat the challenges faced by a requirement to identify every relevant person, CGG launched the Regia website (regiamss.com.au), which created two channels of communication with the public and with relevant persons. This website, advertised at community events, and via print (both link and QR code), social, radio and television media, helped reach and locate interested members of the public and provided a simple survey to determine if a person was relevant for Section 25. This survey helped self-identification as it enabled individuals to provide their functions, interests, and activities, or request more information to determine if they were relevant. In total, the website reached over 3700 unique users, with over 12,200 total visits, 852 document downloads, and the consultation survey was taken 121 times, identifying 108 relevant persons.

To facilitate use of the Regia MSS website, 13 social media boosted adverts were run, the audience being 18-65+ within the Environment Planning Area (**EPA**) and matching potentially affected interests. The adverts encouraged people to visit the Regia MSS website to self-identify, access or request information and submit comments. These advertisements were through Facebook (META), LinkedIn and Instagram, with an estimated target audience of 270,300-318,000. A full report detailing Thruplay, Reach and Impressions is available in Appendix C5. A total of 10 advertisements were run through traditional media, with a QR code and written website link, and 13 through social media, which were also used to publicise community information sessions.

The streams of relevant persons consultation and public engagement are shown in Figure C1-1 above.

3.1.3 Raising Awareness

CGG published a total of 299 notices in local and national print media, social media, and local radio and television interviews to:

- Provide sufficient information to allow individuals to make informed decisions on potential impacts on their functions, interests, or activities.
- Facilitate information and consultation requests.
- Promote self-identification through the Regia website.
- Notify the public of commencement of the EP and consultation process.
- Advertise information sessions.
- Access recordings of previous webinars.

- Allow individuals to sign up for newsletters and webinars.
- List 'Frequently asked questions' and, as engagement progressed, thematic 'What we've heard so far' feedback, with assessment of merit and measures adopted.
- Publish summaries, implementation strategies and risk assessments.
- Allow individuals to make both public (interactive map) and private instant feedback.

The notices were placed in media where the audience were potentially relevant to the activity, such as located in the EPA and a First Nations newspaper. In addition, the initial community sessions were run jointly with another titleholder who also had a proposal in the Otway, they placed 4 print adverts and 142 radio spots within the EPA to advertise these sessions.

All identified relevant persons were contacted via email and/or phone or post and informed of their rights and the role they play as a relevant person. Each person was also asked what their preferred line of communication was and how they would like to co-design the consultation in a way which best suits their interests, availability, and needs. A full record of these communications can be found in Appendix C2 and C3, but some of the techniques employed by CGG included:

- 11 Community information sessions.
- 6 online webinars, which were recorded and uploaded to the activity website.
- 10 Campaign email project newsletters.
- 23 Letters via postal service.
- 121 Consultation surveys.
- Feedback surveys.
- 7 Instant feedback.
- 11 Commercial fisher engagement surveys.
- 17 Webinar series registrations.
- 38 Newsletter registrations.
- 78 Interactive map comments.
- 13 Boosted social media targeted adverts.
- 25 Face-to-face meetings.
- 19 Virtual meetings.
- 10 print advertisements.
- 272 radio adverts over 6 local stations and their websites.
- 9 Tailored information summaries.
- Commercial fisher group meetings.
- 1 ENGO group meeting.
- Local radio and television interviews/comments.

In addition to this, the project-specific website, which can be accessed at www.regiamss.com.au, was designed to create an open-book space where people can publicly or privately raise concerns, share and/or access information and stay informed. On the website, the consultation survey empowered CGG and the public to determine the best way for them to engage with the Regia project and decide if they are a relevant person for the purposes of Section 25 of the Regulations. The Regia website goes beyond industry standards for consultations, and assisted CGG in locating a further 118 relevant persons through self-identification on the website.

In a bid to mitigate consultation fatigue, initial community information events were held in conjunction with another proponent who was also promoting an offshore activity in the Otway. Following these events, CGG received feedback from some attendees that this was confusing and requested Regia MSS only events (Event ID806 & ID919). CGG worked with these groups and held the standalone events (Event ID's 4112, 1731), working with them to ensure the location and date was suitable, and advertising via email notice (ID987 & ID1020) and in the local newsletter a community member suggested during the first community event (ID762 & ID1199).

During these information events, individuals were informed of the ways they could participate and the classification of a Relevant Person. They were encouraged to self-identify by contacting the Regia team via one of the points of communication, and to forward information to any potentially relevant person they may know.

In three of the community events (Event ID1481, ID1731 & ID4112) an attendee requested that a vote be taken on who opposes the project, at all events the majority were against the activity. The Regia Environment Manager informed each event that a 'for and against' vote is not part of the community or relevant person engagement but would nevertheless be recorded in the consultation record. This was reiterated to individuals who were unable to attend the event and subsequently emailed in a 'no vote'.

In total there were 37 in-person engagements with the Regia Environmental Manager in the south-west region, this included visiting wharfs and local fishing businesses to raise awareness of the activity.

The streams of relevant persons consultation and public engagement are shown in Figure C1-1 above.

3.1.4 Tailored Engagement Methods

CGG employed a range of communication techniques which were tailored based on different audiences, preferred mediums, and technological availability. Consultation consisted of two-way dialogue, where relevant persons were given sufficient information through a medium of their choice, allowing them to make an informed decision on the potential consequences of the Regia MSS on their functions, activities, or interests. These mediums included emails, phone calls, face-to-face meetings, tailored presentations, webinars, and website interactions. An outline of the engagement methods used by CGG is in Annex 3. This approach was underpinned by the principles of the International Association for Public Participation spectrum (IAP2 spectrum). The assessment of effectiveness of a communication channel included consideration of the following:

- Accessibility to the channel.
- Accessibility of information.
- Depth and quality of information able to be communicated.
- Least burden on the person.
- Opportunity to respond to the information.
- Ability to show genuine consideration of the views prior to a decision.

Table C1-2 – Consultation goals

IAP2 Spectrum Element	Consultation goal
Inform	Provide balanced and objective information to assist persons in understanding the problems, alternatives and/or solutions. To seek and further understand the environmental values and sensitivities in the EMBA.
Consult	Obtain specific feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions from potentially relevant persons.
Involve	Work directly with relevant persons throughout the process to ensure that their functions, interests and activities are consistently understood, considered and addressed.
Collaborate	Partner with the public in each aspect of CGG's decision making including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solutions.
Empower	Provide the opportunity to co-design the consultation process and directly influence the final design of the activity.

3.1.5 Reasonable Period of Raising Awareness

To promote best practice, CGG took a broad interpretation of the reasonable period required in sub-section 25(3) to mean not only a reasonable period with sufficient information but a reasonable period of raising awareness as well. CGG commenced consultation on 03 February 2023, over 330 days before first submission to NOPSEMA.

3.1.6 Statutory categories

Section 25(1) stipulates the categories titleholders must search for relevant persons. How CGG covered these categories is discussed below.

3.1.6.1 Section 25(1)(a), (b) and (c)

Identifying relevant persons under these categories is simple as they are all government agencies and statutory authorities that have functions, interests, or activities within the EPA. The exhaustive list of these relevant persons and a summary of communications can be found in Appendix C2.

3.1.6.2 Section 25(1)(e)

Nobody was identified under this section as all identified relevant persons fit into 25(1)(a)-(d). This is because CGG has treated everyone engaged as a relevant person and only people who positively opted out of consultation have not been subject to the full methodology.

3.1.6.3 Section 25(1)(d)

The factors in Section 3.1 helped determine which individuals, authorities and persons had functions, interests or activities that may be affected. The definition of the terms "functions", "activities" and "interest" were used as per the recent Federal Court judgements and NOPSEMA guidelines. CGG contacted persons whose functions, interests or activities could not be easily ascertained and validated any assumptions about whether they may be affected by the Regia MSS.

Contrary to section 25(1)(a), (b) and c, the list of relevant persons here was and is non-exhaustive, as it can change as the project developed, but the Regulations and NOPSEMA understand and cater for this. A total of 688 people and organisations were identified as relevant persons for the purposes of this regulation. For each of these the consultation process was applied, with an aim to engage in two-way dialogue, inviting co-design of consultation, including engagement via their preferred medium, whether it be email or a meeting. See Appendix C2 for a summary of these consultations and Appendix C4 for full text responses.

3.1.7 Identification of Subject Centred Groups and Relevant Persons

CGG used subject-centred groups and tailored consultation strategies to identify relevant persons and subsequently engage with them in a way that was appropriate to their cultural, social, and economic needs. Table C1-2 outlines the strategies used. The search for persons or organisations who are relevant persons starts as a global public search because the definitions of functions, interests and activities are not geographically constrained, for example, national environmental non-governmental organisations. However, certain groups, such as other marine users, are likely to be proximate to the activity and as such the Activity Planning Area (APA) and the Environmental Planning Area (EPA) were used. This is captured in the table below.

For a complete list of relevant persons identified, see Appendix C2.

Table C1-2 - Subject-centered groups

Subject-centred group	Tailored identification strategies	Relevant persons identified
Commerce	Contacted Chamber of Commerce offices adjacent to the EPA to identify relevant marine based businesses. Online searches for news articles or press releases about marine-based businesses in the area.	7
Commercial Fishers	Annex 1, Consultation with Commercial Fisher describes in detail how CGG undertook a tailored approach to identify this group. In summary, studies were performed to identify state and commonwealth fisheries that overlap the EPA. This information was then used to obtain relevant commonwealth fisher's details and to support identification of relevant state fishers via engagement with peak associations and in-community.	290
Conservation Groups	Reviewed EP's previously submitted on the NOPSEMA website, identifying conservation groups listed in similar offshore activities. Conducted online searches for conservation groups with interests in similar activities, and using keywords like "marine conservation" and "environmental advocacy". Looked for conservation groups with a history of engagement in offshore energy discussions or campaigns, ensuring relevancy to the current activity. Including online searches for news articles.	42
Educational Bodies	Contacted Persons/institutions with research programs related to the EPA (such as Blue Whale) from previous activity database and desktop research.	3
Fishing Associations	Annex 1, Consultation with Commercial Fisher describes in detail how CGG undertook a tailored approach to identify this group. In summary, details of relevant fishing associations were provided in engagement with AFMA and VFA, in addition to desktop research for associations related to the identified species.	23
State Government **Commonwealth Government**	Previous databases and desktop research undertaken for government agencies and statutory authorities that have functions, interests, or activities within the EPA. Accessed the Australasian Underwater Cultural Heritage Database.	33
Interested member of the public	List compiled through project awareness raising, including local adverts (print, social, media, TV adverts), and community information sessions.	172
Local councils	Searched the Victorian Electoral Commission database and targeted local government entities (councils, shires and cities) proximate to the EPA.	16
Traditional Owner Group	See Annex 2 – Consultation with First Nations Australians, describes in detail how CGG undertook a tailored approach to identify this group. In summary, an approach including desktop research, databases of registered native title claims, Indigenous government agencies, and lists of local land councils in and around the EPA was undertaken.	16

Subject-centred group	Tailored identification strategies	Relevant persons identified
Petroleum title holders	Utilised the NEATS database to find titles and titleholders within the EPA. Used the NOPSEMA EP database to find other titleholders with activities in the EPA area. Subscribed to NOPSEMA EP submission pages for all activities in the Otway region to track ongoing and relevant developments.	2
Other Marine Users	Harbourmasters adjacent to the EPA contacted to enquire about frequent users. Online searches conducted for businesses located at wharves in ports adjacent to the EPA. Performed online searches for groups who use or have a connection to the marine environment within the EPA.	48
Recreational fishers	Desktop research was undertaken to identify recreational fishing associations and recreational fishing clubs and business, located in areas within and adjacent to the EPA.	17
Tourism operators	Conducted online searches for marine tourism services, and recreational experiences within the EPA, such as marine mammal observations, and diving. Specific keywords such as “marine tours”, “diving”, “scuba diving”, and “fishing charters”were used.	20

3.1.8 Non-responsive Relevant Persons

Where the identified, or self-identified, Relevant Person was non-responsive a follow up attempt to make contact, and confirm receipt, was undertaken using an alternative method of communication, where CGG could access this. For example, Commonwealth Fisher's contacted via email and SMS. Where an additional contact method was not able to be obtained, even following additional desktop research, a follow-up was made using the initial method. If a response was still not obtained, CGG continued to provide project updates, encouraging engagement and continuing to keep the Relevant Person informed of developments and changes.

Where CGG learnt from desktop research, or other Relevant Persons that a non-responsive Relevant Person did want to discuss the activity and their functions, interests and activities, CGG deemed it appropriate to modify this approach and make further attempts at direct requests for engagement. This is evidenced in the Relevant Person Summary in Appendix C2.

3.2 Give Sufficient Information

Under sub section 25(2) of the OPGGE(S)R, titleholders must give relevant persons sufficient information to allow them to make an informed assessment of the possible consequences of the proposed activity on their functions, activities, and interests.

As a minimum, all relevant persons were given initial information including:

- An activity description summary.
- A map indicating the activity planning area and environmental planning area.
- An overview of the consultation process proposed by CGG.

The initial information pack was specifically designed to provide sufficient information for readers to understand if they may be affected, and if they wanted to participate in the consultation process. In giving this information CGG informed each relevant person of their rights in the consultation process and that they could request information provided, be kept confidential.

Once it became available the Preliminary Environmental Impact and Risk Assessment (**PEIRA**) was used to provide further information in a digestible shortened format. CGG were able to empower relevant persons to make informed decisions and engage in the construction of positive outcomes by:

- Tailoring information, responses, and communication mediums to relevant persons; and
- Providing further information when requested to ensure relevant persons understanding and comprehension; and
- Published Decision Making Criteria: and
- Offering summaries or further explanation if required; and
- Producing receptor and industry specific reports and summaries; and
- Directed relevant persons to the NOPSEMA guidelines; and
- Published all relevant information on the Regia MSS website document library; and
- Community information sessions; and
- Webinars; and
- Group and individual meetings.

A detailed list of information requests and how they were addressed is captured in Annex 6 of this document, Appendix C2 and Appendix C4.

Project newsletters were utilised as a tool to capture important information, within a single correspondence to limit consultation fatigue, and to provide information on changes made throughout the consultation process. The newsletters provided information such as when the team would be in the area and inviting meeting requests, how to refer a potentially relevant person, changes to timings, how to request information is kept sensitive, distribute the NOPSEMA community consultation brochure, and to inform of, and request feedback on, measures implemented through the engagement process. Project newsletters were sent to all organisations and people in the database (both relevant and non-relevant) and uploaded to the project website. Located on the project website was also a link to provide details to sign up for the newsletter.

3.2.1 Information Formatting

The original provision of information was broad, simplistic, and easily accessible to the public to engage and capture the maximum possible number of relevant persons. Once these groups and individuals had been identified, they were consulted regarding which communication channel they preferred and the detail of information they required; helping build the framework for ongoing consultation with CGG.

Rather than using a one-size-fits-all approach, CGG understands that different people digest and respond to information differently. Information was therefore uniquely tailored to different requirements through multiple techniques, some of these include:

- **Changing the format of information flow depending on the person's needs:** For example, some First Nations groups (Event ID 1891) required in person, face-to-face meetings, whereas some groups preferred online (Event ID 2937).
- **Changing the content and complexity of the information based on a person's needs:** Rather than overwhelming people with information, CGG provided concise information and evidence surrounding the function, interest or activity that was being affected by the Regia MSS. Information was broken down into themes, topics and receptors, to mitigate concerns of information being inaccessible. For example, the environmental impact and risk assessments were both published online, in chapters, relating to their specific receptors. This allowed information relating to a specific concern to be easily accessed and reviewed. These

chapters were also released with cover letters requesting feedback, directing the reader to context documents, relevant studies, and offering a summary and/or to discuss further with a member of the Regia team.

- **Subject-specific information summaries:** Flyers were produced to complement the consultation process and assist in capturing a broad group of relevant persons. These flyers were unique to the subject-centred groups previously discussed, to facilitate the understanding of risks and response from interested persons.
- **Regia website:** The project-specific Regia website allowed all members of the public and persons with interest to access every piece of information they would need to make informed decisions and objections, or request information in a form and delivery method appropriate to their needs. There are multiple industry-exceeding features of this website which include:
- **An interactive map for the Regia MSS:** This map included a boundary of the EPA and invited members of the public to place a 'marker' and share feedback for the activity. There were also instructions indicating that leaving a marker is a contribution as a member of the public and not as a relevant person pursuant to the Regulations. These instructions also provided an email, phone number, and a link to the consultation survey should someone believe they were a relevant person and mandatory consultee. Where questions were asked, they were responded to in a thread, so answers were available for public viewing.
- **Consultation survey:** This key feature provided members of the public a non-confrontational, simplistic way to check if they were a relevant person under the Regulations.

Through the design and nature of this publicly available information, interested parties were able to access the exact information they required to make informed decisions, without needing to request it, however, they were also afforded the opportunity to request the information in a format suitable to their specific needs.

A total of 40 relevant documents are published and publicly available for review and comment on the Regia website. The full list of documents available on the website prior to Public Comment can be found in Annex 7 along with the original publication dates. This transparency employed by CGG promoted trust within the community and far exceeds the level of sufficient information required to make an informed decision.

3.2.2 Further Information

In addition to the efforts put into tailoring the delivery and content of information to the relevant persons requirements, CGG invited relevant persons to request further information, in their preferred form, and engage in two-way consultation. Where requested, further relevant information was provided and relevant persons were referred to the Regia website, if necessary, which is supported in the full text responses annexed in Appendix C3 and listed in Annex 6 of this document, and in the 'Information Requested' tables in the Relevant Perso Summaries in Appendix C2.

3.2.3 Iterative Process for Reaching Sufficient Information

CGG has adopted an iterative and collaborative approach to provide relevant persons with sufficient information to allow an informed assessment of any possible effects of the activity on their functions, interests, or activities. When a relevant person requested further information, CGG promptly provided it. The iterative nature of the consultation process is best demonstrated where there were multiple occasions of information, questions, and feedback exchange between CGG and relevant persons.

3.2.4 Community sessions

The community sessions were incredibly valuable in identifying relevant persons. A total of 11 community sessions were held at strategic locations based on their proximity to the EPA. Information exchange at, and following, these events allowed engagement to be co-designed. Initially, in a bid to mitigate consultation fatigue, events were held with another titleholder who had a proposal in the

area. When requests were made to hold standalone events, in requested areas, these were organised (Event ID's 1005, 806).

The sessions were advertised in 9 local print newspapers, 3 targeted social media adverts and 272 radio adverts over 6 local stations and their websites. In addition, the collaborating titleholder placed 4 print adverts and 142 radio spots within the EPA to advertise these sessions.

3.3 Reasonable Period with Sufficient Information

Pursuant to sub-section 25(3) of the Regulations, relevant persons must be afforded a reasonable period for consultation. NOPSEMA guidelines reiterate that for consultation to be genuine and meaningful, relevant persons must be given a reasonable period with sufficient information to allow them to make an informed assessment of the possible consequences of the activity on their functions, interests, or activities (GL2086: Section 9).

CGG understood that a reasonable period is contextually different for different groups and subsequently applied different interpretations of the term 'reasonable period' to different subject-centred groups and relevant persons. The provision of a reasonable period is therefore closely linked to the iterative nature of consultation and can change on a case-by-case basis. It is also inappropriate to assimilate the term reasonable period with a strict time frame as both relevant persons and a titleholder could misuse this interpretation against the spirit of consultation and the regulations. Subsequently and as an example, CGG considered multiple attempts to engage and the provision of subsequent information and project updates as a reasonable period.

CGG also considered the subjective context affecting a relevant person's communication important to determining what a reasonable period might be. For example, due to the professional nature of a government agency, an initial email and a 30-day minimum period may constitute a reasonable period. By comparison, a First Nations organisation may have technological or cultural barriers preventing the application of an email and 30-day minimum being appropriate. Full details of these communications, efforts and timeframes can be found in Appendix C2 and C4.

When stakeholders expressed concern and burden, due to other proposed activities with similar engagement timelines and internal resourcing (Event ID 3413 & 3384), the decision was made to cancel the consultation pause, moving intended Public Comment period to 2024, and keeping engagement open (Event ID 3331).

All identified potentially relevant persons were contacted on a minimum of two separate occasions, and timeframes were extended on a case-by-case basis. Consultation time frames and response times were highly variable between different relevant persons, and as such a standard period is difficult to conclude. What can be said is that as an absolute minimum, all relevant persons were afforded a 30-day minimum for consultation, and where no response was received after 30 days, project updates continued to be provided, inviting engagement as the project design evolved. Further, phone calls were made to confirm receipt where details were available, and a final written or SMS follow-up was made.

3.4 Relevant Person Feedback

Another expectation of the titleholder is to utilise consultation and feedback to improve the predictive outcomes for the environment. CGG used multiple approaches to engage relevant persons and seek feedback on how the activity conducted would affect their interests, activities, or functions. These approaches were tailored to different subject-centred groups and individuals to ensure that feedback was encouraged and facilitated in an appropriate manner. There were multiple feedback channels available to relevant stakeholders, which included face-to-face meetings, phone calls, emails, and the Regia website to name a few.

3.4.1 Types of Feedback

Feedback was received via various communication methods, including in writing in emails and verbally during meetings. In all cases, feedback from relevant persons was assessed to determine its type so that it could be processed properly. The feedback types were determined to be either an:

- An assertion or concern
- Objection or claim
- A request for information

All feedback was assigned a type, assessed, and addressed. The full record of each feedback made by a relevant person, and how it was addressed, has been provided in Appendix C2.

3.4.1.1 Assertions and Concerns

During the consultation in preparation of the EP, CGG received numerous assertions and concerns that were not about the adverse effects of the activity:

- **Objection to Gas Development:** 80 feedbacks (11.59%)
- **General Seismic Activity in the Otway:** 6 feedbacks (0.87%)
- **Titleholder Consultation:** 53 feedbacks (7.68%)
- **First Nations Consultation:** 17 feedbacks (2.46%)
- **Regulator Consultation:** 7 feedbacks (1.01%)
- **Positive Consultation:** 1 feedbacks (0.14%)
- **Research and Data Specific:** 12 feedbacks (1.74%)
- **General Environmental Concerns:** 8 feedbacks (1.16%)
- **Local Community Concerns:** 7 feedbacks (1.01%)
- **No Assertions and Concerns:** 499 events (72.32%)

The assertions and concerns received from relevant persons, and how they were addressed by CGG, are shown in Annex 4.

3.4.1.2 Objections or Claims

During the consultation in preparation of the EP, CGG invited relevant persons to raise objections or claims about the adverse effects of the activity on their functions, interests, or activities. Each objection or claim was assessed for merit in accordance with the process outlined below and can be found in the relevant persons consultation report (Appendix C2). They were assigned to each of the environmental assessment chapters and are not repeated in this appendix.

3.4.1.3 Information Received

CGG also invited relevant persons to share information that may be relevant to the activity or about the adverse effects of the activity on their functions, interests or activities. There were 385 pieces of information shared and considered in the activity design. The information received is shown in full in Annex 5.

3.4.1.4 Information Requests

During the consultation process, relevant persons made requests for more information that may be relevant in their assessment of the adverse effects of the activity on their functions, interests or activities. There were 293 feedback(s) shared, which are shown with the titleholder response in Annex 6.

3.4.1.5 Third-party Correspondence Provided By NOPSEMA

In some instances, relevant persons may choose to send information relevant to the Regia MSS environment plan directly to NOPSEMA, without providing the correspondence to CGG. This correspondence is then provided to CGG, as part of procedural fairness as it may contain information that may be relevant to the EP. This feedback is then assessed for relevancy and when required the process described in sections 3.4.2 and 3.4.3 is undertaken.

Information was received in this manner on the 17th of March 2025 from Surfrider Foundation, an organisation who has previously engaged in the consultation process (Org ID's 117 and 245). The submission was items taken from the previous RFWI, as such the information provided within was found at the time of assessment to be outdated, incorrect, or beyond the purview of CGG or Surfrider Foundation. Examples of this were statements that clear demonstrations of mitigations were not, and cannot, be made. The appropriate authority to determine this is NOPSEMA, as regulator. There were incorrect statements made, such as assumptions on the size of a survey vessels fuel tank, claims of the absence of shut down consideration for marine fauna (Appendix G2), and the misunderstanding of MDO/MGO Group 2 non-persistent oils. Other examples include claims of missing appendices on the project website, when the RFWI response (also published) states *'Appendix B9 has been removed from the submission and the relevant parts of the environmental assessment have been included in Appendix B3'*. It should also be noted that there is no requirement for CGG to publish its EP or the NOPSEMA decision letters on the project website, however this has been committed to, to maintain transparency and build trust.
Therefore, as the information was not new or relevant, no updates to the EP were required.

3.4.2 Tailored and Appropriate Feedback

CGG recognised that relevant persons have varying information requirements and preferred channels of communication. To avoid overloading relevant persons with irrelevant content, information was customised to provide the necessary material for informed decision-making in a manner that best suited each RP. For instance, Government agencies were primarily contacted via email with periodic project updates, while some First Nations organisations requested face-to-face meetings on Country, which CGG accommodated as a sign of respect for cultural values. Appendix C2 contains a list of all events undertaken by CGG in consultation with relevant persons. Where feedback was revealed from any event, Appendix C2 also provides a summary of the feedback(s) arising from that event.

Occasionally CGG has extensive engagement with relevant persons (e.g. Org ID 98/195 and Person ID 1715) which elicited multiple instances of similar, potentially repetitive, feedback. It can be easy to dismiss feedback that appears repetitive at first glance and miss nuance and deeper substantive issues. CGG was careful not to make this mistake and always engaged further with the relevant person to reveal underlying objections and claims.

3.4.3 Assessment of Merit

The merit of all feedback received from relevant persons during consultation was assessed. A record of all feedback received, the assessment of merit, and the response provided is included in Appendix C2. A relevant person's feedback was deemed to have merit when one or more of the following criteria was met:

- About the adverse effects of the activity.
- About the provision of sufficient information and a reasonable period.
- An information request that supports the management of environmental impacts and risks.
- Relevant to the persons functions, interests, and activities.
- Can be resolved through the adoption of additional control measures, an activity design variation/limitation, or through changes to the implementation strategy for the EP.

Where feedback had merit CGG considered what measures could be adopted and separately recorded what measures were adopted because of the consultation. Mostly, the measures adopted because of the consultations were an activity limitation, a legislative requirement, a control measure (or part thereof), a performance standard, or implementation strategy commitments that had already

been adopted through the environmental assessment process. Those that were new measures were often characterised as an activity limitation, a control measure, a performance standard, or implementation strategy commitment for ease of compliance monitoring. Requests were usually related to further information required by the relevant person and this information was subsequently provided. Where feedback did not have merit CGG did not progress through the process beyond the assessment of merit.

CGG has informed, or has a planned response, to every relevant person who raised feedback about the outcome of this process. The information provided includes whether the feedback was substantiated, how it was assessed, and what measures, if any, were put in place to manage the impact or risk.

4 Record Keeping

CGG created and maintained a confidential database of relevant persons using a bespoke consultation management system, an ISO27001/9001 compliant product, to ensure accurate record-keeping. Viewing access is only granted to authorized persons by CGG's authorised Administrator.

5 Ongoing Consultation

It is a requirement that ongoing consultation is part of the titleholder's implementation strategy, as stipulated by section 14(9) of the Regulations. External communications with relevant persons will occur on an ongoing basis, with the intent to understand and cater for how relevant persons functions, interests and activities are being affected. CGG's implementation strategy includes ongoing consultation processes that are in place to manage and fulfil this requirement (see Appendix B3).

6 Document Control

Table C1-3 - Revision History

Version	Date of Revision	Author/Reviewer	Summary of Changes
0.0	20 December 2023	MS	Initial preparation for CGG review.
0.1	5 January 2024	LB/SR	Review and update.
1	9 January 2024	MS	Review and update for submission.
2	11 May 2024	MS	Updated following public comment.
3	11 November 2024	MS/SR/DS/MG	Updated following NOPSEMA assessment.
4	16 April 2025	MS/SR/SS	Updated following NOPSEMA OMR 1 Letter
5	8 December 2025	SR/MG/MS	Updated following NOPSEMA OMR #2 Letter

Annex 1 – Consultation with Commercial Fishers and Commercial Fishing Associations

Introduction

In the planning and execution of the Regia MSS, CGG recognised the critical importance of engaging with commercial fishers, a key subject-centred group directly affected by maritime activities. Understanding the unique challenges and operational realities of commercial fishing, CGG committed to a tailored and co-designed consultation approach. This strategy was developed to ensure that the consultation process was not only compliant with the Regulations, but also respectful and responsive to the specific needs of the commercial fishing community and drew from NOPSEMA's 'Supporting cooperative coexistence of seismic surveys and commercial fisheries in Australia's Commonwealth marine area' guidance framework.

Consultation Methodology

A tailored and co-designed consultation approach was applied to allow for a broad capture of commercial fishers who operate in the activity area, and for sufficient information to be provided to allow for assessment of the potential impacts of Regia MSS on their functions, interests, and activities. Underpinned by CGG's consultation methodology (Appendix A3) engagement was adapted and co-designed to remain fit-for-purpose (Table C1-4), understanding that due to the nature of the industry some methods may be more suitable than others. For example, for a government fishing agency an email with information attached would be appropriate, however for a commercial fisher, an SMS with a link to the information is likely easier to access.

Table C1-4 outlines the methods and outcomes of communication that were used to facilitate two-way information share with commercial fishers and their associations, allowing for co-design of both the engagement and activity, minimising any potential impacts.

Table C1-4 - Commercial fisheries communications

Method	Description	Outcome
Email	Emails sent to/from dedicated activity inbox.	Fishers able to send and receive information, can also be accessed by others involved in running the fishing operation
Phone	Calls to landline or mobile.	Used to confirm receipt of information and on request
SMS	SMS to mobile.	Links to relevant information were sent to mitigate accessibility when undertaking fishing operations, and confirm receipt of data
Online consultation surveys	In addition to the general consultation survey hosted on activity website, identified commercial fishers through AFMA were provided with a link to a tailored survey.	Allows for self-identification, to request information, and preferred contact method. The commercial fishers specific survey allowed fishers to indicate if they wanted to be contacted directly, through their association or opt-out, and state if functions, interests, or activities outside of commercial fishing
Online instant feedback	Instant feedback posted on activity website.	Offers opportunity to make instant private comment, feedback or requests

Method	Description	Outcome
Registered letter	Printed letter to fishers (Event ID 4098), with commercial fishers' information sheet.	Registered letters were sent to fishers where an email or SMS second form of contact was not available
Fee-for-service arrangements	Associations engage on behalf of their members, providing two-way information exchange in the appropriate manner for their members.	Fee-for-service arrangements were undertaken with four fishing associations, allowing for co-design of consultation and EP.
Commercial Fishing Information sheet	Comprehensive information sheet with activity overview, timing, map, coordinates, identified fisheries, potential impacts and measures in place, schematic of vessel and streamers, photo of tail buoy, links to website, fisheries report and contact details.	Provided to all identified commercial fishing associations, commercial fishers, and fishing industry organisations, providing a further opportunity for informed assessment of relevancy. Also available on the activity website and promoted on activity social media
Commercial Fisheries Analysis Report (Appendix B6)	Commercial Fisheries Analysis Report produced using Australia Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA) and Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) data to identify Commonwealth and State fisheries that have the authority to fish within the activity and/or environmental planning area	Available on the project website and supplied to individuals upon request/when appropriate to engagement.
Local presence	In person visit to commercial fishing related locations by Environment Manager	The Environment Manager made multiple visits to local areas, including drop in's to fishing industry related businesses and wharf's
Individual meetings	In person or online one on one meetings offered	In person and online meetings with activity Environment Manager were held with fishers and their associations
Group meetings	In person or online group meetings offered	Where requested group meetings for commercial fishers and their associations were held
Social media	Instagram, Facebook and LinkedIn activity dedicated pages	Project announcements and updates, including promotion of fishing specific items (information sheet and NERA feedback). Information shared to association Facebook under fee-for-service arrangement
Website	Dedicated activity website	Allowed for easy access of up-to-date activity information, comprehensive document library, alternative contact methods, and hosted tools such as interactive map and consultation surveys (Appendix C5).
Interactive Map	Hosted on the activity website	The map being interactive allowed fishers to focus on their area of interest, facilitated public comments and questions as well.

Method	Description	Outcome
NERA protocol document link and instant feedback	Located on the landing page of the website, the NERA protocol document was made available with an instant feedback comment box	This allowed for easy access to the document and a convenient way to submit feedback. Commercial fishers and associations were notified when this became available

Identification and Initial Contact

A Commercial Fisheries Review (Appendix B6) was commissioned by CGG, to identify which fisheries may be affected by the activity. This allowed identification of Relevant Persons and how they may be affected.

Contact information for individual fishers within the identified Commonwealth commercial fisheries were obtained through a data request to AFMA, who also provided the contact details for the fisheries peak associations. Contact information for individual State licensed commercial fishers is not made available to titleholders, as stated on the Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) website (Org ID 13). CGG followed VFA's directive to engage with VFA directly, VRFish (Org ID 18) and Seafood Industry Victoria (Org ID 9), to assist in identifying Victorian state fishers. Desktop research was also undertaken, with the parameters being commercial fishing organisations and associations within the Environmental Planning Area.

Consultation through peak associations is an approach that is recognised and recommended by government and industry bodies, including VFA[1], FRDC[2], and NOPSEMA[3]. Three fishing associations (Org ID 9, 196 & 98/195), detailed below, were identified as having members within fisheries relevant to the activity. In order to facilitate the provision of information to their members and allow for fishers to nominate the associations to consult on their behalf, engagement agreements were arranged (Event ID's 3901, 3898, 3899).

- Org ID 9, Seafood Industry Victoria (SIV): '*SIV is the representative peak body for the Victorian seafood industry with a membership encompassing a broad range of stakeholders from across the seafood supply chain.'* With its members being defined as '*a person or entity who holds a commercial fishing Access Licence, Aquaculture Licence, Fish Receiver's Licence, quota entitlement or permit under the Fisheries Act (1995) Victoria in respect of which a peak body levy is paid for the funding of SIV, or - at the relevant time is a voting member or voluntary member of SIV*'
- Org ID 98/195, Southeast Trawl Fishing Association (SETFIA) & Southern Shark Industry Alliance (SSIA): '*The South East Trawl Fishing Industry Association (SETFIA) is an association representing the interests of trawl fishermen, quota owners, wholesalers and others with a stake-holding in the Commonwealth Trawl Sector. Around 80% of this fishery's quota owners and fishers are members of SETFIA.' 'The Southern Shark Industry Alliance (SSIA) represents stakeholders with an interest in the Gillnet, Hook and Trap (GHaT) fishery.'*
- Org ID 196, Tuna Australia: '*Tuna Australia is the industry association representing statutory fishing right holders, fishing companies, fish processors and sellers, and associate members*

[1] 2017). Available at: https://vfa.vic.gov.au/about/publications-and-resources/undertaking-seismic-surveys-in-victorian-managed-waters (Accessed: 10 October 2024).

[2] Telfer, C. (2022) *Oil and Gas: National coordination - seismic and other issues*, *Fisheries Research and Development Corporation*. Available at: https://www.frdc.com.au/sites/default/files/products/2017-186-DLD.pdf (Accessed: 10 October 2024).

[3] https://www.agriculture.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/guidance-framework-supporting-cooperative-coexistence-seismic-surveys-commercial-fisheries.pdf

of the Eastern and Western Tuna and Billfish fisheries of Australia. Tuna Australia is considered the peak body for the longline fishing sector by the Australian government. Tuna Australia's members hold more than 90% of the Statutory Fishing Rights (SFRs) issued in the Eastern Tuna and Billfish Fishery, and more than 70% of SFR holdings in the Western Tuna and Billfish Fishery.'

The outcomes of engagement with both individual fishers and fishing associations was the contribution to identification of Relevant Persons and facilitating co-design of engagement through the fisher being able to elect to consult directly with CGG, or through their association.

Using the individual Commonwealth fishers contact details, Commonwealth fishers were contacted via two points of contact, with information, including the comprehensive Commercial Fishing Information sheet, allowing an informed assessment to be made. It was also highlighted in the communications that they may have functions, activities, or interests, that may be affected by the activity, in addition to their commercial fishing activities (respecting the multidimensional nature of relevant persons).

Twenty-three fishing associations were provided with information and invited to engage. These were both national and state associations. In addition to Victorian state associations, Tasmanian and South Australian peak bodies were also contacted. Although not in the Activity Planning Area, and as such not impacted by planned activities, some blocks do have overlap with the Environmental Planning Area.

Commercial fishers, as community members, were also able to self-identify and refer others, through the broad capture undertaken by CGG, including public information sessions and group commercial fisher in-person meetings. A representative of CGG's also visited wharfs and dropped into related businesses in the local areas, to inform of the proposed activity and upcoming community events (Event ID 1280, 1500).

Industry related organisations and local industry related businesses, such as co-ops and government agencies, were also contacted, provided with initial information, and invited to engage on a co-design design basis, with project updates being provided as planning progressed.

Giving Sufficient Information

Once contact details for a commercial fisher were obtained, for fishers' convenience, a link to a survey was provided, where the individual was able to state if they were a relevant person, choose their form and method of engagement, including through their association, and indicate other functions, interests, and activities. They were also able to opt-out of receiving any communications.

A Commercial Fisheries Analysis Report (Appendix B6) was produced, using Australia Fisheries Management Authority (**AFMA**) and Victorian Fisheries Authority (**VFA**) data to identify Commonwealth and State fisheries that have the authority to fish within the activity and/or environmental planning area. This allowed for initial identification of relevant fisheries and the relative fishing intensity. A commercial fishers information brochure to support the consultation efforts with commercial fishers was provided to fishers, directly and via the fishing associations, as well as being made available publicly on the activity website, with this availability highlighted on social media. This brochure drew on the information in the analysis report (Appendix B6), listing identified fisheries, but also providing activity, timing and location information, maps, potential impacts and measures in place, and how to make contact. In addition, fishers were encouraged to state any other functions, interests, or activities they may have, and share the information with anyone they know who may be relevant.

The report was made available publicly, through the Consultation Hub Document Library, and contained detailed effort maps to assist with determining how functions, activities, and interests may be impacted. This report and the maps within, were printed and shared during in person meetings and provided electronically to fishing associations. Fishing associations were also employed to provide information about the Regia MSS and their nominated engagement process followed, with

three fee-for-service arrangements being undertaken. These services include providing their members directly with supplied information, social media posts, and engaging on members behalf to provide a two-way information exchange and feedback on engagement, the activity, and proposed measures.

For full transparency, the environmental assessments, including those about the predicted impacts on fish and invertebrates, were made publicly available on the website, with feedback encouraged, and commercial fishers informed when they were available (e.g. Event ID 1182 & 2561). Detailed analysis was shared with relevant fishers during the group meetings held on location.

Where individual requests for information were made, this can be seen, along with the titleholder response, in the Relevant Person Summary (Appendix C2), in the Information Request table.

Reasonable Period with Sufficient Information

To discharge the commercial fishers and commercial fishing associations consultation obligation, CGG understood that they must demonstrate that these groups have been afforded a reasonable opportunity to be consulted with. Further, all group members should be afforded a reasonable opportunity to participate in consultation with clear, simple, and directly expressed terms. The fulfillment of this duty is evidenced in the consultation records (Appendix C).

Recognising the seasonal and often prolonged nature of fishing trips, CGG extended the typical consultation period, allowing a minimum of 45 days. This adjustment accounted for long hours and/or days commercial fishers often spend away from home, ensuring they had ample opportunity to carefully review and respond to consultation materials upon their return. The FRDC funded paper '*Oil and Gas: National coordination - seismic and other issues*'[4] describes the consultation challenges between commercial fishers and the offshore oil and gas sector as arising from ongoing consultation fatigue and cumulative pressures. Therefore, it is CGG's view that the consideration of an extended reasonable period allowed for sufficient opportunity to participate and was crucial for inclusivity, ensuring that commercial fishers were not disadvantaged, unfairly burdened or excluded from the consultation process.

Relevant Person Feedback

Throughout the consultation process, CGG made a concerted effort to ensure that all feedback received was carefully considered and, where appropriate, integrated into the project planning and execution. This feedback significantly influenced several aspects of the project, including the mitigation strategies employed to protect commercially productive areas. Information received from an individual, along with Objections and Claims, Assertions and Concerns, and Request for Information, can be found in the relevant table in their Relevant Person Summary (Appendix C2).

Nearly every fisher and fishing association consulted with, identified the long-term effects on fishery recruitment from the known mortal effects on zooplankton arising from seismic surveys as a concern. CGG performed numerous additional studies on key target species, plankton communities, and upwelling events to look for scientific corroboration of anecdotal feedback. In all cases, CGG has not found any statistically significant or measurable effect to fish populations. Notwithstanding this effort CGG remains willing to complete further analysis, however fishing data from individual fishers will be required to provide the level of detail necessary. To date, no fisher has agreed to provide permission for CGG to access such data.

CGG committed to ongoing engagement with the commercial fishers and commercial fishing associations, ensuring that consultation did not end with the initial regulatory approval but continued throughout the lifecycle of the Regia MSS.

[4] Telfer, C. (2022) Oil and Gas: National coordination - seismic and other issues, Fisheries Research and Development Corporation. Available at: https://www.frdc.com.au/sites/default/files/products/2017-186-DLD.pdf (Accessed: 10 October 2024).

Appropriate Measures Adopted

There are several measures adopted through feedback received during the consultation process with commercial fishers and commercial fishing associations. These include measures to avoid interference between the Regia MSS and historical commercial fishing efforts such as:

- Depth limitations on the active source area.
- Spatial restrictions around productive fishing grounds.
- Seasonal avoidance of the most productive summer months.
- Notification procedures to avoid interference.

CGG recognised that the Regia MSS may not be able to avoid all interference with commercial fishers and other commercial marine users. Hence a commitment to an evidence-based adjustment protocol for reasonable compensation claims was adopted early. CGG recognises that the details of the protocol need to be refined through ongoing consultation and is collaborating with other titleholders in the region, and fishing associations, to institute a fit-for-purpose compensation protocol.

Industry Appropriate Engagement and Tailored Consultation Strategies

To engage effectively with commercial fishers in an industry appropriate manner, CGG adopted a nuanced and tailored approach that recognized the unique aspects of their work life and community dynamics. The strategies employed aimed to provide a conducive environment for meaningful dialogue and ensure that all information pertaining to the Regia MSS was accessible and comprehensible to this subject-centred group.

1. **Small Group Meetings:** Recognising the close-knit nature of the fishing community, CGG organized small group meetings which provided a comfortable and secure setting for fishers to voice their concerns and opinions. These smaller and less formal settings encouraged participation by offering an atmosphere where individuals could express themselves without feeling isolated or spotlighted. This approach facilitated more open exchange of ideas and the adoption of measures to protect their interests.
2. **Individual Meetings:** CGG recognised that due to commercial confidentiality concerns, some fishers may require one-on-one meetings to divulge sensitive information.
3. **Facilitation Through Respected Representatives:** To further enhance the engagement process, CGG worked through respected representatives from sub-communities within the fishers' communities, categorised by target species or fishing methods. These representatives, who were well-regarded and trusted within their groups, played a crucial role in mediating discussions and gathering collective input. By leveraging these established relationships, CGG ensured that the consultations were respectful of community hierarchies and communication norms, leading to more effective and representative feedback.
4. **Progressive Information Sessions:** Over several months, CGG conducted multiple in-person group sessions, each providing progressively more detailed information about the project. This gradual dissemination allowed fishers to digest complex information over time and develop informed questions and feedback in subsequent sessions. Such a structured yet less formal approach ensured that fishers could engage with the consultation process at a deeper level, building their understanding and involvement as the project details became more comprehensive.
5. **Extended Timeframes for Engagement:** As previously discussed.
6. **Multiple Forms of Correspondence:** Given the transient lifestyle, lack of digital literacy of some fishers and the importance of ensuring that every individual received and acknowledged the receipt of consultation documents, CGG utilised multiple communication channels (see Table C1-7, above), respecting the fishers' need for tangible, accessible

information best suited to their needs. These culturally appropriate engagement strategies were carefully designed to respect the unique characteristics and preferences of the commercial fishing community, ensuring that the consultation process was not only effective but also respectful of the fishers' working conditions and community norms.

Challenges in Consulting with Commercial Fishers and Commercial Fishing Associations

In general, CGG has been able to develop strong relationships with individual commercial fishers in the region. CGG notes most engagements were positive and respectful of each other's rights and activities. Unfortunately, there were some engagements that were less productive with circular arguments about the anecdotal impacts from seismic activities (particularly related to long-term productivity) and what the scientific evidence produced by CGG indicated.

During consultation with some commercial fishing associations, it was strongly preferred that we only engage with fishers through their peak associations. CGG noted this preference and agreed to the fee-for-service arrangements for engagement with fishers through the associations but informed the associations that we would also be consulting with individual fishers directly. This decision was made to mitigate several challenges identified in using the fishing associations solely as consultative bodies on behalf of their members, these challenges included:

- Some associations were not willing to provide a written record of the consultation they intended to carry out.
- Some associations agreed to provide general feedback and information on behalf of their members but could not produce evidence of the individual member providing authority to their association to act on their behalf.
- Most of the associations were not able to represent all the diverse functions, interests, and activities for their members beyond their status as commercial fishers, which is an issue considering the principle of the multidimensional nature of relevant persons.
- Some associations did not engage further once the fee-for-service agreements had been signed. CGG recognises that fishing associations have other priorities than supporting consultation for petroleum titleholders.
- Engagement with many individual fishers occurred where CGG was instructed to consult only with the fisher and explicitly asked not to consult thorough the fishing associations.

There was no instance where a fishing industry association was able to entirely satisfy CGG that using them exclusively to consult with their members was an appropriate and sufficient method of consultation, or one that could be appropriately evidenced as such. CGG recognises that this diminished role of fishing associations in the consultation process, could lead to duplicative consultation with some individuals, risked overloading fishers with too much information, and not be viewed positively by some associations. However, given the nature and scale of potential effect on commercial fishers, these drawbacks were insufficient to warrant reliance on fishing associations to perform the consultations.

SETFIA/SSIA/Atlantis Consulting

Our consultation process has faced significant challenges, particularly with the Southeast Trawl Fishing Industry Association (SETFIA, Org ID 98), the Southern Shark Industry Alliance (SSIA, Org ID 195), and Atlantis Consulting (Org ID 127). The primary concerns raised by SETFIA/SSIA have centred around the perceived inadequacy of the data provided by CGG, which they argue is crucial for accurately assessing the impacts of our survey operations on trawl fishing activities.

Throughout the consultation, SETFIA/SSIA has consistently requested more detailed economic information on the overlap of our survey activities with fishing zones, emphasizing the importance of this data in understanding, and managing impacts on trawl fishing, but without providing an

explanation as to how this information could be of benefit. This is despite CGG providing the information in its own form (from another reputable consultancy using the same ABARES data obtained via AFMA that SETFIA use) and explaining that the information being requested had no utility in managing impacts on commercial fishers. As requested, the overlap, including tonnage, was calculated and provided to SETFIA multiple times, alongside other relevant information such as assessments on receptors and details of adopted measures put in place to manage impacts on fishers (Event IDs 4803 & 4805). The fishery overlap data is available in Appendix E1, Annex 3.

Desktop research discovered multiple SETFIA reports for other planned petroleum activities in the Otway. As part of our preparation of the Regia MSS Environment Plan, we reviewed these EP's and found that SEFTIA/SSIA has previously and regularly reported that the CTS and all other Commonwealth fishing generally occurs been 400m and 1,000m. This information differed to the information received from CTS fishers during consultation who stated that they do occasionally fish down to 200m. The fishers' claims were supported by the ABARES data. Ultimately, the fishing effort is assessed as relatively low, as demonstrated by the ABARES data, previous SETFIA/SSIA/Atlantis reports, and the prevalence of confidentiality limitations on the data (i.e. less than 5 fishers). CGG noted the sensitivities around conflicts of interest present in the information request and this is crucial in understanding our engagement with SETFIA/SSIA. Throughout the consultation process, concerns were raised regarding data accuracy and the perceived impartiality of the analysis provided. This scepticism was partly due to historical instances where SETFIA/SSIA believed that data might have been selectively presented or interpreted to minimise impacts on fishing activities. CGG consulted with AFMA to validate use of the ABARES data to ensure its accuracy and reliability (Event ID 3672). In this feedback (Feedback ID 1237), AFMA confirmed the reliability of the ABARES data, stating it uses logbook and other AFMA collected data. They did note that industry associations have previously been critical of the economic aspects of the ABARES data, however this data is based on in field surveying of fishing industry operators.

In response to these initial challenges, CGG adopted several strategic measures aimed at addressing the concerns raised by SETFIA/SSIA. One of the earliest measures was the adoption of a compensation protocol, which aimed to provide financial redress for any displacement of fishing activities. This protocol was designed with other Titleholders in the region, in consultation with the fishing communities, to ensure it adequately compensates for any economic disruptions, whilst reducing burden on stakeholders. To further our efforts in fostering a productive relationship, we implemented several operational adjustments based on direct feedback from the fishing communities. This included modifying our survey timelines and exclusion zones to minimize overlap with peak fishing periods and critical depths, as detailed in Feedback ID 4276 and 1280, Appendix E1, section 8 and Appendix A2, section 4. On request from SETFIA, CGG also committed to the activity limitation of no sound source discharges within the Orange Roughy research program sites (Feedback IDs 4124 & 4125).

CGG's attempts to provide more localised and specific data were met with continued requests for even more detailed analysis, particularly concerning the tonnage and economic value of the catch in the Activity Planning Area, with SETFIA stating this was required in order for CGG to know how much they may need to pay via a compensation plan (Event ID 3382). This was deemed to have no utility for minimising impacts as the reports obtained by CGG allowed for consultation with commercial fishers to identify potential high impact areas and manage these, as described above. For a previous activity, the data report had been purchased from SETFIA/Atlantis and was not accurate to the compensation paid. Therefore, the advantage of purchasing another report, which also uses the same ABARES data, cannot be deduced by CGG nor offered by SETFIA when asked. The data would not improve or add to the minimisation of interactions with SETFIA's members, all concessions possible have already been made, as documented in Appendix E1, section 8 and Appendix A2, section 4.

The concessions made by CGG in co-designing the activity to minimise interference with commercial fishers were communicated through a series of email updates and consultations, where CGG provided revised maps and operational plans to demonstrate our commitment to reducing the impact on local fisheries.

Despite these efforts, challenges persisted, particularly in maintaining consistent and productive communication. As noted in several emails, there were moments of frustration, which underscored the need for even more robust and considered communication strategies. In response, CGG provided a comprehensive summary of the consultations that included not only regular updates but also proactive outreach to ensure that all parties were informed and engaged throughout the process. Recent communications have included repeated requests for the tonnage and economic value of the catch. As our response and position has been clearly stated many times, and our repeated request for the explanation of how this information can inform mitigation measures is yet to be fulfilled, we have refrained from continuing to address this, due to the risk of causing an incendiary reaction, deteriorating communication further.

SETFIA had also stated that they would be unable to assist with on-water communication SMSs to their members, without the obtainment of the tonnage report. Further consultation with individual commercial fishers has identified that due to 3G shutdown in the area, they no longer have mobile coverage on their vessels (Event ID 6876). Therefore, internet and VHF are more reliable, though CGG managed SMS's will also be offered to fishers.

In conclusion, our consultation process has been a complex interplay of addressing detailed data requests, adapting operational plans, and enhancing communication strategies to foster a cooperative and mutually beneficial relationship with the fishing communities affected by our survey operations. Through a combination of compensation measures, operational adjustments, validated data sharing, and comprehensive stakeholder engagement, the activity's level of interference is no greater than is necessary to exercise the right to carry out exploration by the titles granted.

We have strived to maintain a productive relationship despite the significant challenges encountered. These efforts are ongoing, and we remain committed to continuous improvement and adaptation in response to feedback and environmental considerations.

Annex 2 – Consultation with First Nations Australians

Introduction

In accordance with the requirements outlined in the Regulations, CGG undertook extensive consultations with First Nations Australians to ensure their deep cultural connections, values, and environmental concerns were identified and comprehensively addressed in the planning of the Regia MSS. Recognising the unique consultation needs of First Nations groups, CGG adopted a multi-faceted approach to engage in a culturally appropriate way.

Consultation Methodology

As part of the Regia MSS consultation, this method was developed to ensure that the consultations were not only compliant with regulatory requirements but also respectful and inclusive of the cultural protocols of the First Nations communities involved.

Identification and Initial Contact

For clarity, the broad capture process (section 3.1.1), the opportunity to self-identify (section 3.1.2), and the awareness raising activities (section 3.1.3) all apply to First Nations Australians.

The tailored consultation process for First Nations Australians began in parallel to the previously referenced activities with comprehensive desktop research aimed at identifying First Nations groups who might be impacted by the Regia MSS. CGG undertook to identify and contact First Nations organisations in and around the Environment Planning Area. Understanding that First Nations interests may be direct and/or indirect, such as a spiritual connection to Sea Country, this was undertaken with a broad capture approach, identifying not-for-profit and First Nations groups and organisations, in addition to those with functions related to native title and Country management.

This research was crucial in ensuring that all potentially relevant groups were included from the outset. CGG employed a variety of sources, including databases of registered native title claims, Indigenous government agencies, and lists of local land councils, to compile a comprehensive list of contacts.

Following this identification phase, CGG initiated contact through a series of initial outreach efforts, including sending detailed letters and making follow-up phone calls. These communications were designed to explain the scope of the Regia MSS, the nature of potential impacts, and the reasons these groups were being contacted. The letters invited recipients to engage in the consultation process and offered various forms of follow-up, including face-to-face meetings, to discuss the project in further detail. The opportunity to co-design the consultation process was explicitly offered at the commencement of consultation.

The other methods of raising awareness about the proposed activity and the opportunity to consult with CGG apply equally to all Australians and they should be considered when deciding whether the broad approach taken to finding all relevant persons has suitably contributed to finding each First Nations group and individual.

Table C1-5 lists the organisations identified through the dedicated First Nations Australians searches and initial contact. First Nations individuals also had the opportunity to engage as relevant persons. In addition to outreach advertising covered in (3.1.3), an additional First Nations focused placement was made in the Koori Mail (Appendix C5), a National First Nations newspaper. This was a further step taken to help raise awareness, and allow self-identification of, relevant First Nations people inside and outside of Victoria. The list of First Nations persons is available in the Sensitive Information Report (Appendix C3).

Table C1-5 - First Nations organisations identified and consulted

ID	Name of organisation	Functions, Interests, Activities
12	National Native Title Tribunal	Providing for the recognition and protection of native title
26	Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation	Represent the Gunaikurnai people
27	Barengi Gadjin Land Council	Trustee for the Native Title rights and interest of the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergai and Japagulk peoples
28	Gunditj Mirring Traditional Owners Aboriginals Corporation	Works to progress rights and interests in cultural identity, social justice, native title, cultural heritage, and land justice
29	Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation	Traditional Owners of South-Western Victoria
30	Federation of Victorian Traditional Owner Corporations	Advocates for the rights and interests of Traditional Owners
31	First Nations Legal & Research services	Work with groups who wish to pursue land justice outcomes in Victoria
33	Right People for Country program	Supporting Traditional Owners to make agreements between and within groups.
34	The Koling wada-ngal Aboriginal Corporation (Wyndham City)	Engage in an equal partnership with the Wyndham Aboriginal community and key stakeholders to work towards providing a culturally safe Aboriginal Community Centre.
35	Department of Justice & Community Safety Koori Justice Unit)	Native title is the recognition in Australian law that some Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people continue to hold rights and interests in land and water.
36	National Indigenous Australians Agency	Native title recognises the traditional rights and interests to land and waters of First Nations people.
143	Boon Wurrung Foundation	Represents the traditional people and custodians of the lands from the Werribee River to Wilson Promontory,
144	Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation	Registered Aboriginal Party for an on behalf of the Bunurong People, with lands and waters across greater Melbourne, Mornington Peninsula, and the Bass Coast.
145	Flinders Island Aboriginal Association Inc. (FIAAI)	An Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation. Established in 1971 by a local Aboriginal group, FIAAI is governed by an Aboriginal Board of Management, elected by the local community.
146	Tasmania Aboriginal Centre	Represents the political and community development aspirations of the Tasmanian Aboriginal community
32	Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council	Helping the community respect and understand Aboriginal Cultural Heritage and Traditional Owner responsibilities.
316	Southern Ocean Protection Embassy Collective	Southern Ocean Protection Embassy Collective in their fight to protect Southern Sea Country from seismic blasting

These organisations were contacted with an initial letter and supporting information, and phone calls were placed to confirm receipt. This initial letter described the activity, why they are being contacted, offering further information, and requesting co-design of the consultation process and activity. Non-respondents were followed up with periodically, restating the reason for contact, confirming if there is an alternative preferred contact, and were provided with project updates including measures put in place around Deen Maar, after consultation feedback and research that the island and area between the island and mainland is culturally significant (Event ID 1891 & Desktop Research: Org ID 316 & Person ID 1163 in Appendix C3), and the Sea Country Protection Plan. .

If contact continued to be unsuccessful, further attempts were made to find alternate contact details at the organisations, these included government (Org ID 32, Event ID's 2331, 2332, 3008), and online resources. It was understood that many of the land councils and traditional owners' corporations were under resourced for engagement with offshore proponents, so collaborative meetings with other titleholders were offered when appropriate (Event ID: 1891, 2608 & 2386). Where organizations had preferred booking processes, these were adhered to, for example via booking forms (Event ID 2791 & 3894).

Pursuing a co-design of consultation, organisations were offered and encouraged to request information specific to their group, for example, a map was produced to assist in understanding impacts (Event ID 2386) and a requested summary explaining the differences between our activity and that of another titleholder (Event ID 3887). This helped ease burden on the groups when determining potential impacts. During engagement, groups were also asked to provide input and feedback on best practice for information sharing, including use of appropriate language and method (e.g. Event ID 1891, 3678, 3674).

Giving Sufficient Information

Throughout the planning and execution of the consultation process for the Regia MSS EP, CGG has demonstrated a commitment to providing comprehensive and understandable information to all relevant persons. The processes and information in section 3.2 apply to First Nations Australians as much as they do all other relevant persons.

During consultations with First Nations organisations there were requests made for more information either in writing or during meetings. In each case listed below CGG gave the additional information to the relevant person.

1. The Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation (EMAC) requested information on the differences between the Regia MSS and the proposed TGS Otway MSS. This included a map request.
2. The GMTOAC requested a presentation on the activity, the assessment process, and the protection measures adopted for Sea Country values and sensitivities.
3. The GMTOAC requested a detailed assessment of how the Outstanding Universal Values of the Budj Bim World Heritage Area had been assessed.

Reasonable Period with Sufficient Information

To discharge the First Nations consultation obligation, CGG understood that they must demonstrate that First Nation groups have been afforded a reasonable opportunity to be consulted with. Further, all group members should be afforded a reasonable opportunity to participate in consultation with clear, simple, and directly expressed terms. The fulfillment of this duty is evidenced in the consultation records (Appendix C).

In determining whether CGG had provided a reasonable period for consultation with First Nations groups (Registered Aboriginal Parties, Prescribed Bodies Corporate, and Native Title groups) and peoples, we acknowledge the following benchmarks used in other relevant legislative processes, for example:

- Regulation 30 of the OPGGS(E)R, which sets out a public consultation period of 30 days
- While repealed, guidance taken from the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021—Consultation Guidelines (Government of Western Australia, 2023) suggests that up to 12 weeks may be a reasonable period to allow identification, contact, and response, from First Nations peoples
- Recent DCCEEW consultation on offshore wind zone (Southern Ocean) in the same general offshore region as this project allowed for 2 months.

Drawing on these examples, a minimum period of 60 days was deemed appropriate to meet the obligations discussed above. However, it should be noted that whilst 60 days was a minimum, the actual period with sufficient information was well beyond this.

Relevant Person Feedback

Throughout the consultation process, CGG made a concerted effort to ensure that all feedback received was carefully considered and, where appropriate, integrated into the project planning and execution. This feedback significantly influenced several aspects of the project, including the mitigation strategies employed to protect culturally sensitive areas and the environmental

management plans developed to minimize impacts on natural resources important to First Nations communities.

CGG committed to ongoing engagement with the First Nations groups involved, ensuring that consultation did not end with the initial regulatory approval but continued throughout the lifecycle of the Regia MSS. This ongoing dialogue is aimed at maintaining trust and transparency and allows CGG to promptly address any new concerns or issues that arise as the project progresses.

Appropriate Measures Adopted

All interactions, feedback, and the measures adopted were meticulously documented, with CGG ensuring that each concern raised by GMTOAC was met with a detailed and considered response. This thorough documentation was critical in showcasing CGG's commitment to a transparent and responsive consultation process.

Through engagement and this research, the Sea Country Protection Plan was devised (Appendix B3). An outline of a possible program was provided to identified First Nations organisations and persons, and they were offered the opportunity to co-design, co-implement, and provide feedback on the program. The opportunity to make public comment or to join the consultation process at any time was also reiterated.

Culturally Appropriate Engagement and Tailored Consultation Strategies

Recognising the diverse needs and preferences within First Nations communities, CGG offered multiple engagement formats. These included traditional meetings, community gatherings on Country, and virtual meetings to accommodate remote participants. Each meeting was designed to facilitate open dialogue and ensure that community members could express their views and concerns in a culturally appropriate setting.

CGG recognised that in the vastly diverse culture of Indigenous Australians, there is often different cultural and consultation requirements that exist in the different jurisdictions, Indigenous communities, and representative bodies. These differences create potential challenges in processing and responding to information through traditional methods such as email or phone. In response to this, CGG sought input and feedback from the First Nations groups, on how they require consultation to be undertaken, including considerations to reduce burden and consultation fatigue. All available methods of communication were offered, including meetings on Country and in groups, and bespoke information was encouraged to be requested.

First Nations groups and organisations, such as land councils, traditional owners' corporations, local environmental groups, and individuals, may have a function, interest or activity that may be affected by the Regia MSS. Further, these groups may provide advice in relation to which other First Nations groups or individuals may need to be consulted with. This connection of traditional owners is represented in the Native Title Act 1993 (**NT Act**), that demonstrates consultation with First Nations people is workable through the communal interest they hold with their respective groups. Through this communal interest, the authorities require reasonable notice to group members but not an exhaustive communication with every person.

CGG provided opportunities for all relevant persons to co-design the consultation process. This approach ensured that the methods employed were not only respectful but also effective in capturing the full range of feedback from the communities. The consultation sessions were structured to be interactive, with CGG representatives providing information on the environmental planning process and listening to the concerns and suggestions from the community members.

CGG recognised through the consultation process that the consultation materials could be improved to use of First Nations language and as a result edits were made to support the preservation of language. In addition, CGG consistently invited further questions or requests for First Nations organisations to provide the opportunity to further tailor the consultation, or the information given.

Challenges in Consulting with First Nations Australians

The consultation process with First Nations Australians, while structured to be inclusive and respectful, presented several significant challenges, particularly when engaging with registered corporations. Despite CGG's commitment to a culturally appropriate consultation method, the response from many First Nations groups was less than optimal, impacting the overall timeline and effectiveness of the engagement efforts.

One of the primary challenges faced was the unresponsiveness of several registered First Nations corporations. Despite multiple attempts at contact through letters, emails, and phone calls, responses were infrequent and tardy. When responses were received, internal resource constraints were highlighted as a barrier to further consultation. Therefore, CGG assumed this lack of engagement was not due to a lack of interest but rather a reflection of the limited resources available to many First Nations corporations, which are often stretched thin across numerous obligations. CGG was willing to provide resourcing support to facilitate consultations provided there was a clear schedule of fees for such services. When such fees were required/requested they were paid by CGG.

Additionally, when First Nations groups did engage, there were some requests for CGG to "wait for instruction" before proceeding. While these requests were made to ensure that the engagement process was aligned with the cultural protocols and timelines of the communities, they introduced significant delays into the consultation timeline. The consultation period was extended on three separate occasions to attempt to accommodate First Nations Australians requests. CGG was prepared to accommodate these requests within reasonable limits, but these delays posed challenges, especially given the timelines associated with regulatory and environmental planning processes.

CGG is required to consult in a manner that is culturally appropriate and respectful of the traditions and practices of First Nations Australians. However, CGG experienced a complex set of circumstances when trying to balance the discharge of its legislative duties in a reasonable timeframe when First Nations groups were unresponsive or when we were requested to wait for consultation preferences. While CGG remained committed to respecting cultural protocols, the company also needs to adhere to regulatory timelines, its consultation principles, and project schedules.

In instances where prolonged unresponsiveness occurred, CGG had to make difficult decisions about how to proceed, always striving to keep open channels for late engagement and to document all efforts and communications thoroughly. In particular, the voluntary participation principle and the absence of universal participation principle were thoroughly considered during engagement with First Nations Australians.

Southern Ocean Protection Embassy Collective

CGG became aware of the Southern Ocean Protection Embassy Collective (Org ID 316), founded by Person ID 1163, through social media posts in opposition of the activity. A direct phone number or email could not be found, so social media was utilised to send a direct message (Event ID 2807), stating the purpose of contact and engagement, and confirming that participation on the engagement process would not be seen as consent and objections would be recorded. Information exchange was offered to be in the individuals preferred method, including the suggestion of a group meeting with their network. Public responses to social media posts concerning the activity and consultation process (Event ID's 2804, 3327) were also made, to reinforce the aim of engaging to protect and preserve Country and culture and reconfirming that consultation would not be seen as consent.

Contact networks were also requested to facilitate contact information exchange (Event ID's 2813, 2723, 2975, 3416, 3890, 4016). The project email was not removed from a reply all sent by person ID61, so received emails in error (Event ID 4057, 4058), but these included Person ID 1163 and confirmed receipt and no intention to respond (Event ID 4061). CGG responded to these by reinforcing how the individuals' concerns had been considered, what measures had been put in place, and restating how participation in the activity can be undertaken if they do wish to engage in future.

Whilst direct engagement was not undertaken by the organisation or individual, desktop research and learning was used to inform management and mitigation measures to minimise potential consequences of the activity on the persons' functions, interests, and activities. Relevant organisations and individuals' publicly published writing, websites, public social medias, and interviews, on First Nations matters, their functions, interests and activities, Sea Country and the reason for their objection to the activity, were valuable resources in both understanding appropriate consultation and activity design approaches (see Appendix C3, Desktop Research: Org ID 316 & Person ID 1163).

Gunditj Mirring Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation

CGG's consultation efforts with the Gunditji Mirring Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation (GMTOAC), organisation ID 28, highlighted several key interactions that underscored both the proactive outreach efforts and the engagement responses from GMTOAC. These consultations were fundamental in addressing specific concerns related to the impact of the project on sensitive ecological and cultural areas.

The consultation process was initiated with a structured approach, leveraging multiple communication platforms to ensure thorough engagement. Early interactions included emails (Event IDs 46, 672) and phone calls (Event ID s 439, 3031), setting a precedent for open and continuous dialogue. CGG's team was proactive, seeking to establish a foundational understanding of GMTOAC's perspectives and concerns from the outset.

An initial meeting was held (alongside ConocoPhillips Australia, who also have a proposal in the Otway, to ease burden) on 30 May 2023 (Event ID 1891) to discuss the activity and plan the consultation process for Gunditjmara people represented by GMTOAC. GMTOAC representatives provided information to CGG on the cultural values of Budj Bim (both onshore and offshore) and highlighted the significance of Deen Maar. When further inquiries about the characteristics of the cultural values were made, CGG were informed that it is not appropriate to ask for this information and only to recognise the significance of the island.

CGG were asked to wait for further instruction on a GMTOAC facilitated consultation day where all petroleum titleholders would be invited to consult with a broader audience of Gunditjmara people and GMTOAC staff. CGG respectfully awaited information about the consultation day. When no invitation was forthcoming CGG attempted to reestablish a communication channel through email, phone calls, and offering meetings whilst staff were on Country.

CGG received an invite to a consultation day on 7 December 2023, over 6 months after the initial meeting. CGG had progressed with its preparation of the EP, as described in project update emails received by GMTOAC, and discovered more information about the cultural values and sensitivities of Sea Country from other sources.

CGG attended the GMTOAC open day which we understand was a properly notified meeting under the Native Title Act. However, the GMTOAC did specify that the event was an information sharing meeting only and, in their view, did not represent consultation. CGG presented information previously provided to GMTOAC staff to attendees at the consultation day. This included information about the activity, the impact and risks of the activity, and detailed assessments of the predicted effects and management measures for totemic species and significant areas of Sea Country (such as the World Heritage Values of Budj Bim, the short-finned eel and the Southern Right Whale).

During the consultation day, GMTOAC representatives requested specific information, challenging CGG to demonstrate that there would be no measurable effects on the World Heritage values of Budj Bim. In response, CGG provided comprehensive documents and factsheets (Event ID 4794), ensuring that all data was transparent and accessible to GMTOAC representatives. This demonstrated CGG's commitment to not only meet regulatory requirements but also to respect the cultural and environmental concerns of the Traditional Owners.

Shortly after the consultation day, CGG received formal correspondence from Environmental Justice Australia, acting on behalf of GMTOAC. This communication was significant as it outlined specific consultation concerns that GMTOAC felt were not adequately addressed during the consultation. The intention to design a consultation plan was also stated. In response CGG offered its assistance in co-designing the plan, as well as reiterating their commitment to ongoing consultation and protection of Sea Country (Event ID 4797). This offer was also made in later correspondence (Event ID 4970), Following further correspondence, CGG wrote to GMTOAC addressing the assertions and concerns raised regarding the consultation process (Event ID 4973). These, as well as other assertions and concerns received throughout the process, are featured in the Assertions and Concerns table in GMTOAC's Relevant Person Summary, along with CGG's response. The summaries also contain an Information Received table that clearly describes the information exchange between the organisation and CGG, how it was addressed, and where relevant, how it informed the EP. Requests for Information, and how this was addressed, is also tabled in the summary.

On November 11th 2024, EJA provided CGG with the Gunditjmara Consultation & Negotiation Protocol – Final Version 11.11.24 (hereinafter referred to as the 'the protocol'), it should be noted that this was originally expected to be received by the end of August 2023.

The protocol describes the standards and expectations for consultation and negotiation concerning activities on Gunditjmara land (Mirring), including offshore and onshore energy projects, Gunditjmara Mirring (Country), cultural values, objectives and powers of GMTOAC and Native Title determinations, noting that the provided maps define certain areas of Gunditjmara Mirring and Nyamat Mirring, but do not fully capture the interconnected nature of the landscape. The GMTOAC Consultation and Negotiation Protocols apply to the entire Gunditjmara Mirring, including Nyamat Mirring, ensuring that all lands and waters under Gunditjmara stewardship are managed according to their traditions and legal rights. The document goes on to describe the principles by which consultation/negotiation must be conducted: Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC), mutual respect, equal relationship building, and accommodation of Gunditjmara Mirring and culture. And the protocols which include consultation/negotiation with Gunditjmara, early engagement and timing, decision-making, information requirements, confidentiality and IP, resourcing and a statement that Gunditjmara judge the completeness of the consultation/negotiation process. CGG thanked EJA for providing the protocol, acknowledging agreement with the sections concerning respect and cultural appropriateness (Event ID 6430), but expressed a lack of clarity concerning alignment between the protocol and the legislative requirements (section 2.1), and how the protocol can be adapted to be suitable specific projects, considering it covers a wide variety of activities. CGG provided feedback, summarised below, without prejudice, reinforcing that CGG encourages further dialogue however they were expecting a consultation, rather than a negotiation, plan and as such require further clarity.

Consultation or negotiation	Negotiation and consultation serve distinct purposes, follow different processes, and lead to different outcomes. Consultation is centered on gathering perspectives and providing information to inform decisions without requiring consensus. In contrast, negotiation seeks to establish a binding agreement through mutual concessions and collaboration. The protocol merges the distinct concepts of consultation and negotiation, creating significant ambiguity in how CGG should engage with GMTOAC. This lack of clarity makes it challenging to build respectful relationships based on aligned expectations while adhering to legislative requirements. For example, the protocol mandates the application of Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC) to both consultation and negotiation. However, seeking consent is inherent to negotiation and agreement-making, whereas it contradicts the fundamental purpose of consultation. If CGG approaches discussions as a consultation process while GMTOAC treats them as a negotiation, neither party's expectations will be met,

	making it difficult to foster mutual respect. CGG is concerned that there is not a clear or mutual understanding between consultation and negotiation within the Protocol. To avoid misunderstandings that could hinder future discussions clarity around this, and which parts of the protocol apply to each, is required. CGG typically reserves negotiation for contracts or dispute resolution and does not currently see the need for a negotiation process.
Decision-making	The protocol states that Gunditjmara determine when consultation/negotiation is meaningful and complete. CGG requests clarity regarding this, as consultation concludes at the discretion of the party seeking input, while negotiation should end when all parties reach an agreement. Additionally, the protocol calls for an early decision-making process between GMTOAC and the Proponent, which CGG contends is unnecessary in a consultation, where one party simply invites contributions to their decision-making.
Scope – Native Title and Protocol Map area	There is a lack of clarity in the protocol regarding how different areas, such as Native Title areas, joint Native Title areas, and non-Native Title areas, have been considered. Since CGG's proposed Regia MSS activity does not overlap with a Native Title area, nor with the map contained in the protocol that shows the areas to which the protocol applies, CGG seeks clarification on how GMTOAC has accounted for activities outside of the stated protocol areas, as they do not appear to be addressed in the current draft.
Scope – shared Sea Country	CGG seeks clarity on how Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC) applies in the context of shared Sea Country, where multiple Traditional Owner groups have overlapping cultural and legal interests. The protocol does not clearly outline how FPIC would function in such cases. Specifically, clarification is required on: • Scope of Consent – What matters would require consent? • Authority and Representation – Who grants consent, and do they represent all groups with shared cultural values? • Consent Process and Dispute Resolution – What procedures govern consent, how are disputes resolved, and under what authority? • Involvement of Other Marine Users – How would commercial fishers and other affected marine users be included in the process, particularly if their interests' conflict with GMTOAC's consent requirements? CGG seeks further information on how GMTOAC envisions managing these complexities in the consent process.
Scope – application to activities	The protocol appears to apply the same protocols to all projects, regardless of their scale or impact. This approach may not differentiate between long-term, high-impact projects, such as a 25-year onshore mining proposal, and shorter, lower-impact activities, such as a 90-day offshore seismic survey.

In response (Event ID 6340), GMTOAC confirmed that discussion on the protocol was included in the proposed agenda items for the February 2025 consultation day (Event ID 6880), but provided the following items as likely to involve negotiation: the Co-design Process and Consultation Framework, which covers agreed milestones and timeframes, CGG's proposed Consultation Framework with "agreed risk criteria," the proposed Sea Country Protection Plan, strategic regional environmental and cultural assessment, and any additional technical advice related to the EP.

CGG has continued to attend, and provide funding, for group meetings when invited by GMTOAC, provide information when and how requested, despite lack of clarity on the technical level of the individual stakeholder of some of the more detailed and specific information requests, and respond to feedback. CGG has diligently endeavoured to discharge its consultation duties with the GMTOAC by seeking to use culturally appropriate methods and adapting to the specific needs and protocols of the community. Recognizing the challenges of timely and constructive engagement due to various constraints on the part of GMTOAC, CGG proactively informed itself about the cultural values and sensitivities relevant to the affected environment. This was achieved through extensive desktop research, Cultural heritage desktop assessment report (Appendix B10) and public documentation to ensure a thorough understanding of the cultural landscape (Appendix F3, section 3.16). Additionally, CGG implemented measures to facilitate ongoing dialogue, offering multiple avenues for continued engagement and feedback. These efforts reflect CGG's commitment to respecting and integrating First Nations perspectives and concerns throughout the activity, reinforcing its dedication to fulfilling its ongoing consultation obligations responsibly and respectfully.

CGG recognise that the GMTOAC does not agree that consultation with them or their members is complete. CGG acknowledges GMTOAC's desire to progress with further consultation and affirms its desire to participate in any ongoing reasonable consultation process.

CGG acknowledges the role that GMTOAC play in preserving the communal interests of the Gunditjmara people. However, CGG has taken extensive further actions to reach all relevant persons (including First Nations individuals) and consult with them, reducing the reliance on GMTOAC facilitating access to individuals and knowledge (cognisant of the absence of a universal participation mandate). Further, the information likely to be revealed through the GMTOAC consultation process has already been found in sufficient detail to identify and protect cultural values of the existing environment. These were identified through considering the Biosis Cultural Heritage Report (Appendix B10), studying the Nyamat Mirring Plan 2023 – 2033, mining social media representations of First Nations individuals, reviewing information and documents available on First Nations groups websites, review of management plans which include Sea Country values (Twelve Apostles Marine National Park The Arches Marine Sanctuary), and in the meetings held with GMTOAC, government organisations and other First Nations organisations. Notwithstanding, CGG acknowledges the importance of providing ongoing engagement throughout the life cycle of the activity to allow GMTOAC and Gunditjmara people to continue to share information and make decisions about cultural heritage protection, as captured above in section 5. Ongoing Consultation and through the Sea Country Protection Plan, as per Appendix B3, section 5.4.5.

On 30 September 2025, GMTOAC, via counsel, provided CGG with a proposal for a Gunditjmara Nyamat Mirring Cultural Values Assessment (CVA) (Event ID EVT267). GMTOAC advised that a CVA was required for Gunditjmara to meaningfully continue participating in consultation for the Environment Plan (EP) and expressed the expectation that the EP should not be resubmitted until the CVA had been completed. GMTOAC further indicated that a CVA is likely to take an extended period to complete, estimating a period of around 12 months. The proposal described a comprehensive cultural assessment process that would involve a participatory model co-designed with GMTOAC, the engagement of an external consultant to undertake this work, cultural mapping, workshops with Gunditjmara knowledge-holders, and the documentation of both tangible and intangible cultural values associated with Nyamat Mirring and the broader Gunditjmara cultural landscape. GMTOAC indicated that the CVA would form the basis for consultation and would provide identification of, and information on, their cultural values and sensitivities.

CGG formally responded to this proposal (Event ID EVT337), reaffirming its respect for the cultural significance of Nyamat Mirring and welcoming the opportunity to continue dialogue with GMTOAC. CGG explained that, while it is open to undertaking cultural values work with GMTOAC, it did not consider it necessary to delay the resubmission of the EP, as CGG had already met the consultation requirements under the Regulations. CGG noted that the proposal provided by GMTOAC did not include sufficient detail to allow immediate progression and that, in its present form, the scope of the proposed CVA was limited to pre-survey activities and did not include the collaboration CGG

considered important during and after the survey. To support meaningful ongoing engagement, CGG developed and provided GMTOAC with an Alternative Scope of Work. This alternative proposal broadens the CVA concept into a partnership model that centres Gunditjmara people in the protection and management of cultural values throughout the period before, during and after the survey. The Alternative Scope of Work aligns with the Nyamat Mirring Plan 2023–2033 and offers a practical and adaptive management framework that strengthens cultural protection measures through a longer-term collaborative approach. It includes opportunities for full-group workshops, ongoing progress meetings, co-developed methodologies, cultural leadership in decision-making processes, and structured reporting designed to incorporate new cultural information throughout the lifecycle of the activity. CGG presented this alternative on a without-prejudice basis and invited GMTOAC to co-design the methodology to ensure it aligns with Gunditjmara governance and cultural frameworks.

On 7 November 2025 (Event ID EVT352), GMTOAC provided correspondence recording its objection to the resubmission of the EP. GMTOAC stated that it had not been provided with the opportunity to meaningfully participate in consultation and reiterated its position that a Nyamat Mirring Cultural Values Assessment (CVA) must be completed before further consultation can occur. GMTOAC asserted that consultation to date does not meet the standards required under the Environment Regulations and requested that NOPSEMA note its objections in considering the EP. Attachments accompanying the letter outlined GMTOAC's regulatory interpretation and detailed cultural matters it considers outstanding. As per CGG's documented process, these feedbacks have been assessed for merit and proposed responses compiled.

CGG provided a further response on 12 November 2025 (Event ID EVT367), reaffirming that CGG's position on the requirement of a CVA pre-submission remains that the Regulations do not require a CVA to be undertaken as part of the consultation process or as a prerequisite to preparing or resubmitting an EP. CGG outlined that the consultation obligations had been lawfully fulfilled and provided a detailed chronology demonstrating how this had been reached at each submission (see below).

CGG stated that its initial February 2023 correspondence met the legal standard in Tipakalippa and Regulation 25 by providing specific, sufficient information for GMTOAC to understand the Regia MSS and respond meaningfully. CGG notes that consultation began early, continued for many months, and allowed ample time for response before the EP's initial submission in January 2024. CGG rejects the claim that a Gunditjmara Nyamat Mirring Cultural Values Assessment (CVA) is required before submission, stating that no such obligation exists in the Regulations or guidelines and that cultural values had already been clearly conveyed through GMTOAC's meetings, correspondence, and published documents. CGG further noted that the relevant timeframe for ongoing consultation is the multi-year validity of the EP, not the 90-day activity window, and that its proposed Alternative Scope of Work and Sea Country Protection Plan provides a pathway for adaptive management and environmental protection.

CGG also noted that the cultural values central to the proposed CVA had already been articulated by GMTOAC and Gunditjmara through published materials, including the Nyamat Mirring Plan 2023–2033 and the Consultation and Negotiation Protocol, as well as through meetings, full-group sessions and written correspondence. These sources had informed CGG's description of the environment, impact and risk assessments, and cultural protection measures, including the Sea Country Protection Plan. CGG considered that this material provided sufficient information to assess the cultural values that may be affected and to integrate those values into the EP in accordance with the Regulations.

CGG confirmed that it would not delay the resubmission of the EP to undertake the CVA proposed by GMTOAC, as doing so would be inconsistent with the statutory consultation framework and disproportionate to the nature and scale of the survey. CGG reiterated its willingness to undertake cultural values work with GMTOAC as part of ongoing consultation embedded within the EP's Implementation Strategy and reaffirmed its commitment to collaboration through the Alternative Scope of Work. CGG acknowledged GMTOAC's position that it would not continue in-person

consultation until a CVA is completed, noting that this reflects a voluntary decision by GMTOAC and does not limit CGG's willingness to consult in good faith throughout the life of the EP.

Reasonable Period of Time and Sufficient Information

CGG's consultation process for both the initial and subsequent submissions of the Regia MSS EP accords with the First Nations methodology (Appendix C1, Annex 2), and the legal benchmarks for "sufficient information" and "reasonable period" as articulated in Regulation 11A, Regulation 10A(g), Regulation 34, NOPSEMA's Consultation in the course of preparing an Environment Plan Guideline (GL2086), and the Federal Court's decision in Santos v Tipakalippa. These instruments make clear that the duty to consult is discharged where the titleholder: (i) identifies relevant persons whose functions, interests or activities may be affected; (ii) provides each with enough information to make an informed assessment of the possible consequences of the activity; (iii) allows a reasonable period for them to respond; and (iv) demonstrates in the EP that the consultation process, and any measures adopted as a result, are appropriate and supported by an "evident and intelligible" justification. In this context, NOPSEMA's guideline stresses that "sufficient information" and "reasonable period" are assessed case by case, that information can properly be provided iteratively as more detail is developed, and that consultation must be appropriate and adapted to the nature of the interests affected, particularly where First Nations interests in Sea Country are held communally. CGG considers that consultation with GMTOAC commenced on 15 February 2023 and that GMTOAC was provided with sufficient information to make an informed assessment of the possible effects of the proposed Regia MSS on its functions, interests and activities for 242 days prior to the EP's initial submission, with ongoing consultation meeting this requirement at each subsequent submission.

CGG first contacted GMTOAC on 15 February 2023, providing an introductory letter that outlined the proposed Regia Marine Seismic Survey (Regia MSS), included an Activity Overview flyer and maps of the planning areas, and attached the Consultation Framework. This correspondence also described the purpose of the survey, potential consequences for GMTOAC's functions, interests and activities, and the environmental measures already adopted to reduce impacts, such as sound management, exclusion zones and protections for key species and habitats. CGG further included information on the regulatory framework and offered GMTOAC the opportunity to co-design the consultation process to suit their needs. On 23 March 2023, CGG confirmed by phone that the correspondence had been received, followed by additional emails on 20 April and 1 May 2023 resending the information and proposing an in-person meeting. During the period from 17 April to 16 June 2023, GMTOAC members also had the opportunity to attend 13 open community information sessions about the Regia MSS.

On 26 May 2023, CGG issued a newsletter drawing attention to the Regia MSS consultation hub, which at that time included a direct feedback submission tool, interactive map, the Community Consultation and Engagement Plan, a Preliminary Environmental Impact and Risk Assessment (PEIRA), information on the proposed environmental assessment process, decision-making criteria, and CGG's intention to place an exclusion zone around the culturally significant Deen Maar. CGG then met with GMTOAC on Country on 30 May 2023, reiterating information already provided, discussing consultation preferences, advising that most draft environmental assessments were available online, and explaining that any sensitive information supplied by GMTOAC could be kept confidential. On 3 July 2023, CGG issued another update outlining progress in activity design and confirming that exclusion zones were being carefully considered. Further information was distributed on 14 September 2023, when CGG provided detailed design updates, links to all published environmental assessments, and specialist reports including seismic sound studies, commercial fisheries analysis, vessel presence assessments, oil spill risk modelling, and impact assessments across a range of biological receptors. All communications, including letters and the consultation hub, invited and encouraged requests for information, providing multiple avenues in which these could be requested.

On 22 September 2023, CGG again provided GMTOAC with direct links to draft impact assessments. CGG followed this with a project update email, containing a webinar invitation and information about the upcoming public comment period, and when the EP was scheduled to be submitted to NOPSEMA.

After receiving feedback from First Nations organisations about consultation fatigue and resource limitations, CGG notified GMTOAC on 20 October 2023 that the EP submission would be postponed by three months. On 30 November 2023, CGG invited relevant persons to provide feedback on the consultation process and shared a link to a consultation survey and draft impact assessments. On 12 December 2023, CGG reiterated its view that sufficient information and reasonable opportunity for consultation had been provided and proposed a meeting to discuss the Sea Country Protection Program.

Following submission of the EP in January 2024, CGG notified the start of the public comment period on 26 January 2024, and on 31 January a webinar invitation to support participation. On 17 February 2024, CGG delivered a group presentation attended by GMTOAC and Gunditjmara providing further explanation of the activity, its potential impacts and risks, cultural features of environmental values and sensitivities, and key management measures. On 8 March 2024, CGG supplied additional information requested by GMTOAC members, including fact sheets on glass eels and Southern Right Whales, and a summary of the assessment of World Heritage Values for the Budj Bim Cultural Landscape. CGG also responded on 23 April 2024 to GMTOAC's notification of its consultation plan, seeking the opportunity to engage in co-designing the plan.

On 7 June 2024, CGG emailed in response to prior correspondence from GMTOAC's representatives, again emphasising that CGG sought involvement in the design of any future consultation plan and confirming its willingness to engage collaboratively. On 28 June 2024, CGG sent a detailed letter which set out CGG's position on the sufficiency of consultation already undertaken and explained how CGG had concluded that it had provided GMTOAC with sufficient information and a reasonable opportunity to comment during the preparation of the Regia MSS EP. The letter also summarised the history of consultation with GMTOAC, enclosing a table of all communications before and after the EP submission and attaching copies of correspondence, to provide transparency regarding the consultation process.

On 3 July 2024, CGG issued a campaign update advising relevant persons of the number of public comments received, providing a link to a summary information sheet, and sharing details of an upcoming webinar, sound reports (including a second commissioned report), and the titleholder report available on both the project and NOPSEMA websites. A further campaign email on 12 September 2024 directed GMTOAC to NOPSEMA's Request for Further Written Information (RFWI), explained refinements to the activity design that reduced the acquisition area, linked to a "Safeguarding Southern Right Whale" information sheet, and confirmed that CGG was addressing the matters raised in the RFWI and updating the EP accordingly. On 21 November 2024, CGG issued a project update confirming resubmission of the EP following the RFWI, providing a link to the revised EP, highlighting additional assessments for key values (including little penguins and plankton) and summarising these in Appendix F3, and inviting registration for a further webinar.

In December 2024, CGG responded to GMTOAC's correspondence on the Gunditjmara Consultation and Negotiation Protocol, acknowledging its significance but raising concerns about the blending of consultation and negotiation, as covered in this annex above. On the same day, CGG sent follow-up emails checking that GMTOAC had received the 21 November project update and providing links to requested project shapefiles while noting that marine park datasets were better sourced directly from the data owners; these were supplemented on 13 December 2024 with further shapefile links and a reminder that CGG did not own or maintain the marine park datasets. On 19 December 2024, CGG informed relevant persons that NOPSEMA had extended the EP assessment period to 7 February 2025 and that the survey was unlikely to commence in April 2025, with the next possible start date being September 2025. On 16 January 2025, compiled and shared requested materials for an upcoming group Gunditjmara meeting, reiterating its willingness to tailor communications.

On 6 February 2025, CGG provided information sheets to meet requests for simplified material. On 27 February 2025, CGG issued a campaign email confirming that NOPSEMA had issued an Opportunity to Modify and Resubmit (OMR), publishing the redacted decision letter on the project website and outlining next steps, including addressing the OMR and updating the EP. On 5 May 2025, CGG informed relevant persons that a modified EP had been resubmitted to NOPSEMA, summarising key

changes, including enhanced protection measures for little penguins and Southern Right Whales, reduced acquisition and active source areas, revised sound thresholds, use of updated fishing data, and expanded cultural heritage information. On 22 May 2025 consultation materials for the June group meeting were provided, including a presentation addressing agenda items, simplified information sheets, and a technical Q&A resource. On 11 June 2025, CGG shared a link to the consolidated EP, outlined key amendments since the last submission, and stated that a NOPSEMA decision was anticipated by 20 June. On 26 June 2025, CGG confirmed two next steps: CGG would fund a Cultural Values Assessment subject to an acceptable proposal by 25 July 2025 and would postpone the Regia MSS until at least 1 April 2026. On 27 June 2025, a campaign update advised that NOPSEMA had issued an OMR, that the decision letter had been published.

In the following months, CGG's outgoing information continued to focus on EP refinements and the proposed cultural values work. On 1 August 2025, CGG sent a consolidated update confirming that the EP had been revised to include clearer impact assessments for key marine species, confirming agreement in principle to fund a cultural values assessment and to postpone the survey until at least 1 April 2026, and recirculating key EP updates. Finally, on 28 October 2025, CGG responded to GMTOAC's CVA proposal of 30 September 2025, advising that the proposal lacked sufficient detail and appeared too limited in scope, and attaching an Alternative Scope of Work (Annex A) on a without-prejudice basis that proposed a broader partnership framework for Gunditjmara involvement before, during and after the survey. CGG confirmed that, while EP resubmission would not be delayed, the survey itself would not occur before September 2026.

Collectively, this chronology demonstrates CGG's continued provision of sufficient information, before first submission and before each resubmission, to GMTOAC, Gunditjmara peoples, and a reasonable period at each of these stages. This information was also provided to GMTOAC counsel once they became involved.

Annex 3 – Record of Engagements

Table C1-6 - Record of Engagements

Method	Summary	Total engagement
Community/Information sessions	Located in local towns along the activity area. Presented during these events: project description, engagement process, definition of Relevant Person, functions, interests and activities, the process and requirements for an EP. Discussion and information share with attendees. Attendees encouraged to register their details for updates and to self-identify as relevant persons.	176 attendees (please note not all attendees registered).
Project Outreach	Potentially relevant persons and organisations who appear to have functions, interests or activities that may be affected, found through desktop research and referral. Initial letters, sent via email or post, contained information on why recipient was being contacted, the applicable regulations, summary of the activity, link to the activity website, description of intent of an EP, invitation to co-design their consultation, commitment to provide sufficient information in appropriate manner, opt-out information, explaining sensitive information can be kept confidential on request, ongoing updates, request that they forward information to contacts that may have interested in the activity. Attachments to initial letter: • Activity Overview • Map of planning areas • Consultation Framework If no response phone calls and/or follow up emails were undertaken to attempt to confirm receipt. For organisations found through desktop research, or suggested referral, whose relevancy was uncertain, an email was sent with an activity description, link to the comprehensive website to determine if potentially affected. Follow up communications were sent to non-responders.	Over 260 individuals and organisations initially contacted through the project outreach.
Government agencies	Relevant government departments and agencies were identified under Section 25(1) using a combination of guidance documents and desktop research.	32 agencies identified and contacted.
Titleholder search	National Electronic Approvals Tracking System (NEATS) perused for other titleholders.	2 other titleholders found and contacted.
Conservation groups	Reached out to local community groups, such as those focused on environmental conservation or fishing, to identify members whose interests or activities could be affected by the activity.	40 conservation groups contacted.
First Nations groups	The activity may have an impact on the cultural or spiritual functions, interests and activities of First Nations groups. Therefore, it was considered important to conduct meaningful and effective consultation to establish genuine, ongoing, and effective relationships. The methods used for consultation are elaborated below.	14 First Nations groups contacted.

Method	Summary	Total engagement
Local (within EPA) newspaper and radio	The public was notified about the planned activity and asked to come forward if they had any specific functions, interests or activities that may be affected by the activity through advertisements in local newspapers and on local radio stations.	23 advertisements placed across social and traditional media. 272 radio spots over 6 stations. 4 radio and TV interviews/comments given (with direction to activity website).
Other marine users	These include petroleum titleholders, Ports, Coastguards, surf clubs, diving associations, subsea communications, and yacht clubs.	58 Other marine users.
Commercial fishing license holders	Through engagement with AFMA, in-community and Peak Associations found during the commercial fisheries review, fishers' details were obtained, and they were contacted via two points of contact.	377 commercial fishers contacted.
Fishing Industry Associations	Industry associations were contacted and engaged with, both on behalf of their members and as relevant organisations. Fee for service arrangements were undertaken where appropriate.	23 fishing industry associations.
Local Businesses & Tourism operators	We contacted local businesses and umbrella organisations, including Chambers of Commerce and tour operators, to engage members and customers through business networks whose interests or activities could be impacted by the activity.	25 businesses and operators contacted.
Educational Institutions & Research bodies	We reached out to local educational institutions, such as universities or research centres, to engage with researchers or students whose interests or activities could be affected by the activity.	8 educational institutes, researchers & Research bodies contacted.
Engagement Feedback Survey	Released in the November project update, the survey requested feedback on the engagement process, including timing and information received (ID:3811).	Sent to 413 individuals, 2 surveys completed.
Social media	An activity Instagram, Facebook (META), and LinkedIn were established, providing activity information, and updates, available to be shared. 13 posts were boosted as adverts to targeted local relevant audience, advertising community sessions and important updates. Social media was also used to privately message and comment to potentially relevant persons who were unable to be reached via traditional communication methods.	Estimated audience size of 270,300-318,000, with over 600 link clicks to the activity website.
Webinars	Live as well as recorded and uploaded onto the website and YouTube channel.	8 webinars.
Consultation Hub/project specific website	The project-specific Regia website allowed all members of the public and persons with interest to access every piece of information they would need to make informed decisions and objections. There are multiple industry-exceeding features of this website which are expanded on in section 1.4.1.	6361 visits, 2765 unique users, interacted on the website over 280 times, and over 860 document downloads.
Hosted industry-specific group meetings	Accommodating a co-design engagement process, when requested, commercial fishers group meetings were held in their locality and an online meeting for multiple NGO representatives.	5 group meetings.

Method	Summary	Total engagement
Presence in locality	The activity Environment Manager spent 44 days visiting the local areas to raise awareness and identify potentially relevant persons. Local businesses, such as those involved in recreational diving and commercial fishing, were visited. They also attended a locally held climate event, where they identified themselves, responded to an audience question regarding seismic and invited the member, who stated they were with a local conservation group, to meet at the events conclusion (Event ID 3778).	21 local in person meetings. 11 community information sessions. 4 wharf visits. 4 local in person group meetings. 2 door knocks/business visits. 1 attendance at relevant local event.

Annex 4 – Assertions or Concerns

Feedback ID	Event ID	Feedback Summary	Titleholder Response
3000	4446	Stakeholder mentioned another company had open and respectful interaction and requested more of that approach from titleholder.	Responded in Event 4454, thanking the stakeholder for the meeting the previous week. Regia team member reassures the stakeholder that they are taking the claim seriously and that their Principal Research Scientist, who specialises in fish spawning and has 25 years of experience in the fishing and research industry, is currently reviewing the provided paper along with other related studies. This thorough approach aims to clearly establish potential impacts and identify any necessary mitigations. They appreciate the patience shown while awaiting a response, emphasising the importance of a careful and informed evaluation.
3001	872	Stakeholder refuted the need for the project as misdirected for a sustainable future.	The titleholder has noted, recorded and reported the objection to oil and gas activities.
3002	3413	Advised that simultaneous public comment periods for both Environmental Plans from ConocoPhillips Australia and CGG was not a good idea.	The Titleholder followed up confirming submission delayed until after Christmas (Event ID 3414)
3003	3152	Advocacy for more urgent climate action across all levels of government.	The titleholder noted the stakeholders position and requested further engagement to discuss (Event ID 606).
3004	2900	AMCS expresses concern about the meaningfulness of the consultation process without the requested map showing previous seismic in the area over the previous 15 years.	Provided these maps in Event ID 2802, explaining the delay was due to active source area only just been confirmed. Explained the latest email (Event ID 2900) had been overlooked as it was not sent to the project email, requested that project email is kept in copy for future correspondence.
3005	2901	AMCS is requesting another consultation meeting after receiving information that would enable them to give feedback on the seismic proposals and the contents of the Environmental Plan (EP) as Regia added to meeting at last minute.	Regia team attempted to arrange a meeting (Event 1056, 1356, 2802). Regia was included in the meeting (Event ID 2038) at AMCS's request (as clarified in Event ID 1025)
3006	2901	AMCS requested information about operational shutdowns related to marine life sightings. It was indicated that providing this information would require significant time and effort, and advised AMCS to consult the Australian Antarctic Division instead, which contradicts the goal of meaningful consultation, as directing AMCS to another agency for information on company practices is inadequate.	The Regia teams reflection on the meeting differs from AMCS's understanding. The Regia team member believes AMCS sought information on operational shutdowns across the entire industry, which CGG does not possess. While CGG could ask the other companies for this data, it would be more appropriate for AMCS to request it from the Australian Antarctic Division (AAD), which standardizes sighting data. This would ensure proper data collection without additional burden. Clarification on how AMCS's functions or interests might be impacted by the Regia MSS and the relevance of historical whale sightings in other parts of the country to environmental management in the survey, is requested. Event ID 1231

Feedback ID	Event ID	Feedback Summary	Titleholder Response
3007	3415	Appreciates mitigations made regarding area and timing, but doesn't believe any mitigations would be enough.	We agree that refining the operating area and timing are not enough alone to mitigate impacts. This is why we have several other measures in place, to bring any impacts to an acceptable level (that being short-term, temporary, and recoverable). Examples being reducing sound source to the lowest settings, reducing the number of times the sound source is activated, and implementing exclusion zones around marine mammals.
3008	3021	Assertion about the narrowness of consultation requirements.	The stakeholder was concerned that they would not be able to be involved in consultation as there connection to the area was through familial connections and consideration of relocating. The Regia team responded, explain that the definition of functions, interests and activities can be read broadly, provided information on the consultation process, environmental processes, and inviting them to engage (Event ID 1384).
3009	2997	Assertion that offshore drilling in other locations is a better alternative.	The stakeholder responded to a project updates with a number of complaints regarding another Titleholders public comment period. When the Regia team informed the stakeholder of this, they rejected the explanation and continued to state petitions related to a different proposed activity. The Regia team previously assured the Stakeholder that all their comments would be received and provided to the industry regulator (Event ID 2630)
3010	5195	Asserts that throughout their communications with CGG, they have consistently advocated for the use of catch and effort data alongside spatial overlap data. The stakeholder expresses frustration over claim that the data provided was not in the correct format, labelling this suggestion as flippant.	This assertion has been raised multiple times, with the titleholder requesting the stakeholder explain how this data can assist where the currently supplied data can not. At the risk of damaging relationships further, this has not been responded to this time. Please refer to Appendix C1, where consultation with this stakeholder, including this assertion, is described in detail.
3011	5114	Burning more fossil fuels is criticised	The titleholder has noted, recorded and reported the objection to oil and gas activities.
3012	3373	Categoric rejection of the proposal altogether.	The titleholder has noted, recorded and reported the objection to oil and gas activities.
3013	4075	CGG has the responsibility to facilitate community consultation.	CGG ran an extensive community consultation process, details of which may be found in EP Appendix C1. CGG had not at any time requested AMCS do any consultation on their behalf. The request was to encourage any potentially relevant persons who came forward to AMCS but had not yet identified themselves, to make contact with the Regia team in order for consultation to occur.

Feedback ID	Event ID	Feedback Summary	Titleholder Response
3014	3384	CGG have published significant amounts of information (draft EP chapters), which AMCS does not have in house capacity to fully review and assess. As such AMCS requests an extension of at least 4 weeks, before the EP is provided to NOPSEMA	As advised via email on Event ID 3331, consultation will not be paused, granting time extension well beyond the 4 weeks requested. We will submit the Regia MSS EP for public comment once we believe we have met the Reg 10A(g) acceptance criteria
3015	4788	Claims that without a comprehensive data report, it's impossible to accurately assess the materiality of the proposed actions.	CGG responded to this request many times, including Event ID 2894, explaining that after further discussion, it was concluded that information about the value of previous catch is not necessary or useful for several reasons. First, historical catch data does not help understand how individual commercial fishers or fishing associations may be affected in the future. Second, this information is irrelevant to assessing the impact of underwater sound on fish and fishing activities, as monetary values do not contribute to the cause-effect pathways in impact assessments. Additionally, aggregated data does not provide the appropriate level of analysis needed for individual fishers, nor is it needed for an effective compensation protocol. The data would likely overestimate the economic impact, as fishers must fish to qualify for compensation and would still receive remuneration regardless. Lastly, historical data only indicates that some unspecified fishers may have been affected in the past under hypothetical scenarios that could not have coincided with actual surveys. Overall, no improvements to predictive accuracy in impact assessments are expected from obtaining or sharing this information. Event ID 4969 requested from the stakeholder the reasoning behind purchasing this report, and how it would help avoid interference, and provide information for mitigations.
3016	2274	Climate crisis being fuelled by new fossil fuel projects.	Objections to oil and gas activities are not about the adverse effects of the activity. These are not assessed further.
3017	2085	Comment highlights that the regulatory body lacks true independence and emphasises the need for credible, peer-reviewed scientific evidence before conducting activities with potentially severe environmental impacts.	We look forward to providing you our environmental assessments that are thoroughly referenced with peer reviewed literature and scientific evidence (Event ID 2085).
3018	2179	Community opposition to seismic testing and drilling for gas.	The titleholder has noted, recorded and reported the objection to oil and gas activities.
3019	3092	Concern about how the findings of the testing may impact the coastline and the town.	The titleholder requested further information (Event ID 869) on the coastline activities and confirmed contact with their sailing club (Event ID 960)

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3020	4407	Concern about passing on the sea country protection program to others in the organisation due to lack of expertise in cultural values.	Titleholder expressed their appreciation if the stakeholder could provide any contacts that may be able to provide feedback on the Sea Country plan. (Event ID: 4456)
3021	3237	Concern about the need for the 83rd survey in a well-surveyed area.	The titleholder responded formally to submitted concerns in Event ID 3886, stating that new surveys allow for new technologies to better understand the geophysics of an area. Also there are areas where 3D seismic is yet to be acquired.
3022	2901	Concerns about a tick box approach to public consultation.	Prior to email Event ID 2901, AMCS was contacted via letter (Event ID 41) and phone (Event ID 433) at the start of the consultation process. The letter provides background information on the project, including an invitation to consultation and how to engage. Attached to the letter was an activity overview, with timing an map, a description of the consultation framework, illustrating how consultation can be co-designed, various methods of contact and direction to the Regia webpage with further information. AMCS then submitted an online survey with specific questions (Event ID 529), these were responded to via the supplied email (Event ID 633). AMCS was encouraged to continue engagement and request further clarification on their questions. Further engagement in a manner that best suited them was offered, including a webinar for their members. They were also notified of upcoming community sessions their members may be interested in.
3023	3373	Concerns about consultation process and fatigue	The titleholder holder acknowledged consultation fatigue as an issue for a range of stakeholders at the commencement of consultation and outlined how Regia MSS has attempted to reduce consultation fatigue. (Event ID: 916)
3024	722	Concerns about inadequate consultation with communities living on the coastline.	The assertion that consultation is inadequate has been based on the individuals interaction with the early stages of a much more thorough consultation process whereby they have taken an isolated community event and inferred inadequate consultation. The titleholder responded to the individual by providing information on the consultation process (Event ID: 2819)
3025	917	Concerns about the community's opposition to seismic testing and drilling for gas.	Titleholder met with stakeholder to discuss their concerns (Event ID 2011)
3026	164	Concerns about the consultation process providing sufficient information and a reasonable period for consultation were mentioned.	Titleholder has responded advising of their engagement with additional local council stakeholders (Event ID: 556).
3027	3152	Concerns about the economic profile of the region being reliant on a healthy natural environment and tourism.	The titleholder noted this concern and requested further engagement to discuss (Event ID 606)

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3028	2766	Concerns about the ethical implications and role modelling of the seismic surveying business.	Titleholder responded acknowledging community views about the ongoing need for gas in Australia and provided CGG perspective based on AEMO modelled demand and Australian Energy Policy. (Event ID: 1862)
3029	2940	Concerns about the organization's dismissal of public submissions, social media, and other channels, indicating a lack of acknowledgment and transparency in the consultation process.	Titleholder responded querying if they had confused Regia MSS with a different project as the public comment period had not started. (Event ID: 2938)
3030	3917	Concerns about the registration process on the website due to unclear terms and conditions.	Titleholder responded confirming registration. (Event ID: 4464)
3031	2773	Concerns about the validity of the consultation process and submissions on the plan.	Titleholder responded outlining on of the purposes of consultation is to be able to receive and share information that improves the assessment of potential impacts and reiterated request for further information on previous assertions. (Event ID: 2414)
3032	3678	Concerns regarding the expansion of gas exploration activities, particularly in the context of climate change.	Outlined the ongoing need for gas identified by AEMO and the ongoing need beyond 2050 (Event ID 3678).
3033	579	Constituents voiced concerns about the wind farm, indicating they may also have concerns about the MSS.	During the phone call the Titleholder confirmed the project is not related to the wind farm proposal, provided background information on activity and seismic/multi-client. Discussed consultation formats available, offered to arrange workshop.
3034	3383	Consultation conducted through Tuna Australia can lead to better environmental outcomes.	Titleholder responded confirming fee-for-service arrangement to support consultation with Tuna Fishers (Event ID: 3796)
3035	3800	Consultation conducted through Tuna Australia can lead to better environmental outcomes.	Titleholder responded committing to fee-for-service arrangement. (Event ID: 3796)
3036	3746	Consultation services to be paid on a fee-for-service basis	Agreed to engage SETFIA/SSIA for fee-for-service consultation with members to raise awareness about the activity and encourage individual fishers participation in the consultation process. (Events 2930, 3350, 3856, 4039)
3037	2830	Consultation will demonstrate opposition to further oil or gas projects in the waters.	The titleholder has noted, recorded and reported the objection to oil and gas activities.
3038	886	Continued use, search, and retrieval of fossil fuels (gas) is outrageous due to the declared "Climate Emergency" by the local Warrnambool City Council.	The titleholder has noted, recorded and reported the objection to oil and gas activities.
3039	3152	Council's position opposing seismic testing and oil and gas development in the Otway Basin.	The titleholder responded with an aknowledgement of the correspondence and an offer to organise a meeting for further discussion (Event ID 606).

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3040	2072	Criticises the lack of social license for offshore gas exploration and expansion in the Otway Basin. It emphasises that while attempts to assess impacts on commercial fish stocks are noted, the ongoing investment in fossil fuels will worsen climate change and increase ocean temperatures, leading to consequences for communities.	The titleholder responded to this interactive map comment: We understand your concern. There may not be commercially viable gas deposits in this area so we cannot assess the contribution of future developments to human made climate impacts. Further investment in gas development is needed in Australia to meet local gas demand and is a key part of the Labour governments energy transition plan.
3041	3237	Disappointment in the Federal Government for allowing the project to proceed.	Titleholder responded acknowledging information presented and that the team will review and respond. Offerred to meet with group (Event ID: 2754)
3042	4794	EJA, on behalf of GMTOAC, describes regulations for consultation; providing meaningful opportunity and resonable period to engage in consultations regarding activities affecting their Sea Country.	Responded in Event ID 4973, stating agreeance to provisions of regulations and providing the regulations.
3043	881	Emphasises that the issue extends beyond a single oil rig, pointing to a broader problem with Australia's reliance on oil and gas. It calls for retraining efforts and a shift toward renewable energy as a solution.	Objections to oil and gas activities are not about the advserse affects of the activity and were not assessed further.
3044	3674	Engagement with the Traditional Owner (TO) community has been challenging due to a severe lack of resources, with those available being stretched thin. Community members have expressed frustration over numerous requests for engagement with petroleum titleholders concerning events that are considered very unlikely.	Discussion in meeting was held around possible avenues to reduce consutlation fatigue on TO community. (Event ID: 3674.
3045	3654	Engagment should be formalised in an agreement.	Accepted and entered into engagement agreement.
3046	993	Expressed concerns regarding the absence of environmental and economic accounting, questioned what tangible benefits would accrue to the Eastern Maar Traditional Owners and EMAC from the data gathered, especially since CGG commercially profits from selling this information.	Described that without knowing what would be valuable to these groups it's hard for us to know. Noted that CGG suspect but don't know that there is anything of value in the data they'll gather. Benefits could include Traditional Owner's knowing what may be of value in Sea Country. Sharing of bathymetry data that might reveal culturally significant sites. CGG requesting EMAC support in translating information into appropriate language. CGG supporting EMAC in strengthening culture in other ways. Developing plans that align the objectives of EMAC and CGG through a Sea Country Protection Plan (working title). Agreed to share the draft Sea Country Protection Plan for discussion (Event ID 3678).

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3047	2110	Expresses a clear stance against the proposed activity, indicating disapproval and concern regarding its impacts.	The titleholder has noted, recorded and reported the objection to oil and gas activities.
3048	1022	Expresses strong concern about the project's ability to conduct an environmental impact survey, emphasising that our limited knowledge of ocean ecosystems makes it impossible to predict the potential damage the activities may cause.	We have set decision making criteria that align with your comment in that we must not have long-lasting effects on ecological or cultural sensitivities. Our impact assessments will be thoroughly scrutinised by an independent regulator with the necessary expertise to hold us accountable if our work is not accurate. The Regia activity is a marine seismic survey. There has never been an oil spill from a seismic survey in Australia and we take every precaution to ensure this will remain the case. Even in the unlikely event of a spill the consequences would be undetectable 7 days after the event. The risk is lower than the 1000's of vessels that transit through the marine park every year without accident (Event ID 1022).
3049	880	Feedback states that ecosystems are collapsing and calls for a collective transition away from oil dependence.	Objections to oil and gas activities are not about the advserse affects of the activity and were not assessed further.
3050	2677	Further consultation and research are required.	The titleholder provided the NOPSEMA guidelines regarding environmental information and how research and data from applicable regions can be used to inform environment and impact assessments.
3051	4794	GMTOAC emphasises that effective consultation goes beyond sending emails or information sheets to staff without decision-making authority, as they view all offshore petroleum activities as potentially significant to their interests.	Responded in Event ID 4973, recognising that EJA only recently began acting on behalf of GMTOAC and as such provided the history of consultation carried out since 15 February 2023. Highlighted that EJA did not suggest any meaningful alternatives for engaging with GMTOAC, aside from stating that our efforts were insufficient. CGG would like to clarify that our efforts have been more extensive than the limited examples provided, as shown in our Community Consultation and Engagement Plan, which has been available on the Regia MSS Consultation Hub since February 2023.
3052	4794	GMTOAC emphasises the need for independent technical advice to assess the impacts of proposed offshore petroleum activities on Gunditjmara Sea Country, given the complexity of the EPs and states advice is crucial for understanding the potential effects of seismic surveying and to provide meaningful information to GMTOAC and its members.	Responded in Event ID 4973, stating GMTOAC had access to sufficient information and a resonable period, including an invitation to comment on each draft environmental assessment, which contained detailed information about how the activity may affect their functions, interests, or activities of relevant persons, 127 days before submission.

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3053	4948	GMTOAC expresses concern that CGG's decision to submit the Regia MSS Environment Plan before receiving the Consultation Plan undermines the potential for meaningful dialogue and is frustrating.	On December 7, 2024, GMTOAC contacted CGG, inviting them to present for 45 minutes at an information day for GMTOAC members after 295 days without a response. Although CGG considered delaying the submission of the Regia MSS Environment Plan (EP) at that time, they ultimately decided to proceed with the submission for several reasons: the reasonable and accommodating consultation efforts already made, to which GMTOAC had previously been unresponsive; the extended consultation periods that had been provided; the absence of the promised consultation plan from GMTOAC; the fact that the information day invitation would not occur until February 17, 2024—an additional 73 days away; and the characterization of the meeting with the GMTOAC community as merely an information session, rather than part of the future and unspecified consultation plan that CGG had been awaiting since May 30, 2023, which was 197 days prior to receiving this invitation. (Event ID 4973)
3054	5228	GMTOAC requests that CGG commit to conducting proper, lawful, and respectful consultation, including withdrawing the current EP from submission to NOPSEMA and providing GMTOAC with the latest version of the proposed EP for effective participation in the consultation process.	CGG has clearly requested consultation with GMTOAC and its members on multiple occasions and explicitly invited co-design of the consultation process several times. They provided sufficient information both before and on May 30, 2023, and made additional information available after that date. CGG also offered to enter fee-for-service arrangements for consultation and waited months for any response. They attempted to identify relevant Gunditjmara persons and consult with the Gunditjmara community in various other ways. They supplied full copies of the environmental assessment to address uncertainties about sufficient information and shared their understanding of the cultural features relevant to environmental values and sensitivities. Furthermore, they communicated proposed protections for these cultural features and extended the consultation period multiple times to accommodate GMTOAC's needs. Despite these efforts, CGG had not received the consultation plan by the end of August, as promised in the May 30 meeting. Should no consultation plan be forthcoming by 30 June 2024, CGG will have been waiting 398 days for a consultation plan from GMTOAC. CGG remains committed to achieving mutually beneficial outcomes for GMTOAC members and CGG throughout this process, but that will not be possible without open two-way communication within a reasonable time frame The letter includes a summary table of correspondence and a copy of correspondence. (Event ID 4973). As of 1 November 2024, CGG has not received the consultation plan.

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3055	4948 & 5228	GMTOAC restates their position that requirements for consultation have not been met, higlighting two-way dialogue, sufficient information and a resonable period.	CGG has clearly requested consultation with GMTOAC and its members on multiple occasions and explicitly invited co-design of the consultation process several times. They provided sufficient information both before and on May 30, 2023, and made additional information available after that date. CGG also offered to enter fee-for-service arrangements for consultation and waited months for any response. They attempted to identify relevant Gunditjmara persons and consult with the Gunditjmara community in various other ways. They supplied full copies of the environmental assessment to address uncertainties about sufficient information and shared their understanding of the cultural features relevant to environmental values and sensitivities. Furthermore, they communicated proposed protections for these cultural features and extended the consultation period multiple times to accommodate GMTOAC's needs. Despite these efforts, CGG had not received the consultation plan by the end of August, as promised in the May 30 meeting. Should no consultation plan be forthcoming by 30 June 2024, CGG will have been waiting 398 days for a consultation plan from GMTOAC. CGG remains committed to achieving mutually beneficial outcomes for GMTOAC members and CGG throughout this process, but that will not be possible without open two-way communication within a reasonable time frame The letter includes a summary table of correspondance and a copy of correspondance. (Event ID 4973). As of 1 November 2024, CGG has not receieved the consultation plan.
3056	4794	GMTOAC states the information session held on February 17, 2024, was deemed insufficient, serving only as a preliminary introduction rather than a comprehensive consultation.	Responded in Event ID 4973, stating the offer for a meeting with GMTOAC community was characterised as an information session and not part of the (future and unspecified) consultation plan that CGG had been waiting for since 30 May 2023, some 197 days at the time of receiving this invitation.
3057	1317	I have already stated my position to oppose seismic testing in the Otway Basin. Period.	The titleholder has noted, recorded and reported the objection to oil and gas activities.
3058	3373	Indivdual provided a general objection to oil and gas acitivities that including advising the titleholder that 11 local governments has opposed seismic activities and that the fishing and tourism industires also opposed it.	The titleholder has noted, recorded and reported the objection to oil and gas activities.
3059	4637	Inferred titleholder's ALARP assessments are the product of assumptions	Event ID 4635 explains that the methods of assessment, conclusions and assumptions have been outlined. The Regia MSS team have also shared impact assessments, citing over 120 references. Titleholder invites a detailed critique of their assumptions, encouraging the provision of validated sources to further inform their analysis.

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3060	1389	It is clearly irresponsible to continue exploring for more fossil fuels as CO2 levels are high and continue to rise.	The titleholder has noted, recorded and reported the objection to oil and gas activities.
3061	4808	Lack of consultation with First Nations people on the cultural significance of Deen Maar.	Titleholder responded noting assertions and claims and outlining ongoing consultation approach with First Nations stakeholders (Event ID: 2630)
3062	2773	Lack of independent Australian University research before the seismic survey.	Titleholder responded clarifying scientific findings on mortality rates in lobsters and requesting further information on assertions regarding impacts to rock lobsters as a result of MSS in the Otway Basin. (Event ID: 2414)
3063	2901	Lack of information provided by Regia failed to meet AMCS expectations of consultation.	Prior to email Event ID 2901, AMCS was contacted via letter (Event ID 41) and phone (Event ID 433) at the start of the consultation process. The letter provides backgaround information on the project, including an invitation to consultation and how to engage. Attached to the letter was an activity overview, with timing an map, a description of the consultation framework, illustrating how consultation can be co-designed, various methods of contact and direction to the Regia webpage with further information. AMCS then submitted an online survey with specific questions (Event ID 529), these were responded to via the supplied email (Event ID 633). AMCS was encouraged to continue engagament and request further clarification on their questions. Further engagament in a manner that best suited them was offered, including a webinar for their members. They were also notified of upcoming community sessions their members may be interested in.
3064	4190	Lack of response to meeting request to understand the proposal better	Explained that unfortunately the email his colleague sent him, regiamss@cgg.com, does not exist. Stated the correct email was provided to his group in prior correspondance. Event ID 1739
3065	1022	Lack of trust in the environmental impact and risk assessments conducted. Claims if the assessments were done properly, the project would not proceed.	We have set decision making criteria that align with your comment in that we must not have long-lasting effects on ecological or cultural sensitivities. Our impact assessments will be thoroughly scrutinised by an independent regulator with the necessary expertise to hold us accountable if our work is not accurate. The Regia activity is a marine seismic survey. There has never been an oil spill from a seismic survey in Australia and we take every precaution to ensure this will remain the case. Even in the unlikely event of a spill the consequences would be undetectable 7 days after the event. The risk is lower than the 1000's of vessels that transit through the marine park every year without accident (Event ID 1022).
3066	4036	Late awareness of consultation period or contact with Blue Whale Study Organisation	Titleholder reponded to individual outline previous attempts to make contact and commence consultation. Provided NOPSEMA brochure and previously provided letter requesting consultation. (Event ID: 1933)

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3067	4808	Local fishing and tourism industries passed motions against the project.	The titleholder has noted, recorded and reported the objection to oil and gas activities.
3068	1655	Member lodging vote against the survey, seeks a receipt and asks for a transcript. States objection to proposed activity is on the grounds of unnecessary gas exploration and there is no acceptable level of environmental impact or risk.	Confirmed no official vote and a vote is not part of community or relevant person engagement plan, although comments have been recorded and will be reported(Appendix C1). Provided consultation plans, NOPSEMA brochure and link to consultation hub. Requested more information on FIAs.
3069	1659	Member lodging vote against the survey, seeks a receipt and asks for a transcript. States objection to proposed activity is on the grounds of unnecessary gas exploration and there is no acceptable level of environmental impact or risk.	Confirmed no official vote and a vote is not part of community or relevant person engagement plan, although comments have been recorded and will be reported(Appendix C1). Provided consultation plans, NOPSEMA brochure and link to consultation hub. Requested more information on FIAs.
3070	1661	Member lodging vote against the survey, seeks a receipt and asks for a transcript. States objection to proposed activity is on the grounds of unnecessary gas exploration and there is no acceptable level of environmental impact or risk.	Confirmed no official vote and a vote is not part of community or relevant person engagement plan, although comments have been recorded and will be reported(Appendix C1). Provided consultation plans, NOPSEMA brochure and link to consultation hub. Requested more information on FIAs.
3071	1662	Member lodging vote against the survey, seeks a receipt and asks for a transcript. States objection to proposed activity is on the grounds of unnecessary gas exploration and there is no acceptable level of environmental impact or risk.	Confirmed no official vote and a vote is not part of community or relevant person engagement plan, although comments have been recorded and will be reported(Appendix C1). Provided consultation plans, NOPSEMA brochure and link to consultation hub. Requested more information on FIAs.
3072	1663	Member lodging vote against the survey, seeks a receipt and asks for a transcript. States objection to proposed activity is on the grounds of unnecessary gas exploration and there is no acceptable level of environmental impact or risk.	Confirmed no official vote and a vote is not part of community or relevant person engagement plan, although comments have been recorded and will be reported(Appendix C1). Provided consultation plans, NOPSEMA brochure and link to consultation hub. Requested more information on FIAs.
3073	1665	Member lodging vote against the survey, seeks a receipt and asks for a transcript. States objection to proposed activity is on the grounds of unnecessary gas exploration and there is no acceptable level of environmental impact or risk.	Confirmed no official vote and a vote is not part of community or relevant person engagement plan, although comments have been recorded and will be reported(Appendix C1). Provided consultation plans, NOPSEMA brochure and link to consultation hub. Requested more information on FIAs.
3074	1666	Member lodging vote against the survey, seeks a receipt and asks for a transcript. States objection to proposed activity is on the grounds of unnecessary gas exploration and there is no acceptable level of environmental impact or risk.	Confirmed no official vote and a vote is not part of community or relevant person engagement plan, although comments have been recorded and will be reported(Appendix C1). Provided consultation plans, NOPSEMA brochure and link to consultation hub. Requested more information on FIAs.

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3075	1668	Member lodging vote against the survey, seeks a receipt and asks for a transcript. States objection to proposed activity is on the grounds of unnecessary gas exploration and there is no acceptable level of environmental impact or risk.	Confirmed no official vote and a vote is not part of community or relevant person engagement plan, although comments have been recorded and will be reported(Appendix C1). Provided consultation plans, NOPSEMA brochure and link to consultation hub. Requested more information on FIAs.
3076	1669	Member lodging vote against the survey, seeks a receipt and asks for a transcript. States objection to proposed activity is on the grounds of unnecessary gas exploration and there is no acceptable level of environmental impact or risk.	Confirmed no official vote and a vote is not part of community or relevant person engagement plan, although comments have been recorded and will be reported(Appendix C1). Provided consultation plans, NOPSEMA brochure and link to consultation hub. Requested more information on FIAs.
3077	1670	Member lodging vote against the survey, seeks a receipt and asks for a transcript. States objection to proposed activity is on the grounds of unnecessary gas exploration and there is no acceptable level of environmental impact or risk.	Confirmed no official vote and a vote is not part of community or relevant person engagement plan, although comments have been recorded and will be reported(Appendix C1). Provided consultation plans, NOPSEMA brochure and link to consultation hub. Requested more information on FIAs.
3078	1672	Member lodging vote against the survey, seeks a receipt and asks for a transcript. States objection to proposed activity is on the grounds of unnecessary gas exploration and there is no acceptable level of environmental impact or risk.	Confirmed no official vote and a vote is not part of community or relevant person engagement plan, although comments have been recorded and will be reported(Appendix C1). Provided consultation plans, NOPSEMA brochure and link to consultation hub. Requested more information on FIAs.
3079	2586	Member lodging vote against the survey, seeks a receipt and asks for a transcript. States objection to proposed activity is on the grounds of unnecessary gas exploration and there is no acceptable level of environmental impact or risk.	Confirmed no official vote and a vote is not part of community or relevant person engagement plan, although comments have been recorded and will be reported(Appendix C1). Provided consultation plans, NOPSEMA brochure and link to consultation hub. Requested more information on FIAs.
3080	3237	Mention of other ongoing projects and activities adding pressure to the marine environment.	The titleholder responded formally to submitted concerns in Event ID 3886, explaining that cumulative impacts are considered when assessments are made.
3081	4808	Moyne Shire and other local councils are unified against the project.	The titleholder has noted, recorded and reported the objection to oil and gas activities.
3082	3747	MSS Proponents are encouraged to complete a data project and then to use this to guide their consultation. (SETFIA's involvement is not critical but the Association can complete this work under contract and clients report finding it invaluable.)	A fisheries consultant was engaged to analyse the publicly available ABARES data and produced a comprehensive report which demonstrated the overlap of each fishery. See Appendix B6.

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3083	4049	Need to know normal annual catch ($) in area to establish if co-existance is possible.	As detailed in Event ID's 4129 & 3989, knowing a value or tonnes of historical fishing averages in an area does not add to the solutions already in place for this proposed activity. Event ID 4805 notes that SETFIA, SSIA, and Atlantis stated they have previously submitted at least 11 reports to titleholders in the Otway, which are publicly available in other Environment Plans. In preparing the Regia MSS Environment Plan, CGG reviewed these reports and found that SETFIA/SSIA regularly indicated that Commonwealth Trawl Sector (CTS) fishing typically occurs between 400m and 1,000m, although some CTS fishers mentioned occasionally fishing down to 200m, a claim supported by ABARES data. Overall, CGG concluded that fishing effort in the area is relatively low, as evidenced by the ABARES data, past reports, and confidentiality limitations indicating fewer than five active fishers.
3084	1899	No seismic testing. Leave our amazing ocean alone.	The titleholder has noted, recorded and reported the objection to oil and gas activities.
3085	1668	Objection to proposed activity on the grounds of unnecessary gas exploration. There is no acceptable level of environmental impact or risk.	Confirmed no official vote and a vote is not part of community or relevant person engagement plan. Provided link to plan on website. Confirmed recorded in system and requested information on FIAs.
3086	2278	Opposition to seismic testing, exploratory drilling for gas, and future drilling for commercial quantities of gas due to potential climate damage.	The titleholder has noted, recorded and reported the objection to oil and gas activities.
3087	1669	Our oceans are already under extreme stress from drilling, plastic, shipping, pollution and global warming - they cannot bear this further, unnecessary pressure.	The titleholder has noted, recorded and reported the objection to oil and gas activities.
3088	4190	Poor communication and lack of serious handling of consultation	Explained that unfortunately the email his colleague sent him, regiamss@cgg.com, does not exist. Stated the correct email was provided to his group in prior correspondance. Event ID 1739
3089	3674	Preference for petroleum titleholders to collaborate in reducing the consultation burden. A proposal was made for quarterly meetings among all titleholders to engage with the TOs. This approach could provide mutual benefits, allowing titleholders to share updates on their activities and any changes, while TOs would have the opportunity to share cultural stories, strengthen their community ties, and contribute to the management of environmental impacts associated with the petroleum activities.	Discussion in meeting was held around possible avenues to reduce consutlation fatigue on TO community. (Event ID: 3674.

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3090	2024	Raised an objection by questioning the overall necessity of the survey, focusing on whether it should be conducted at all, rather than just discussing the "how" and "when".	The titleholder has noted, recorded and reported the objection to oil and gas activities.
3091	2940	Reference to the overwhelming public opinion against the plans to proceed with the project.	Titleholder responded quering if they had confused Regia MSS with a different project as the public comment period had not started. (Event ID: 2938)
3092	5121	Relevant Persons have not been informed of content of letter from NOPSEMA to CGG	As publishing private correspondance is not a usual part of the process, but a choice made by CGG to demonstrate transparency and build trust, CGG requested permission from NOPSEMA to publish the letter. Once this approval was given the letter was uploaded to the consultation hub, and notice sent to relevant persons (Event ID 5134). AMCS was informed of this process in Event ID 5124.
3093	886	Request for a real contact person's name to deal with.	Titleholder advised the individual that the project email was a shared inbox and provided an overview of the administrative function and use for consultation and advised with whom they were corresponding in this instance. (Event ID 3187)
3094	4481	Request for the company to abandon exploration and seek more sustainable energy sources.	The titleholder has noted, recorded and reported the objection to oil and gas activities.
3095	2003	Request that the issue of compensation be dealt with through the associations only.	Discussion and input with associations only - rejected, fishers have requested this doesn't occur. Discussion and input with fishers only - rejected, excludes fishers who are happy to be represented by their asssociations. Discussion and input through a CGG process - adopted, noting the benefits of a collaborative approach. Discussion and input through a collaborative process (similar to the one NERA ran) - adopted.
3096	3746	Request to engage their data consultant to review and present data on shark and trawl fishery catches and values over the past 20 years in the proposed survey area, anticipating similar requests from other fisheries	A fisheries consultant was engaged to analyse the publicly available ABARES data and produced a comprehensive report which demonstrated the overlap of each fishery. See Appendix B6
3097	3705	Restatement that the consultation should consider IF the survey should go ahead, not just how and when the survey should be undertaken.	Acknowleged restatement of previous feedback (Feedback ID 275) and repeated response (Event ID 4280)

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3098	5231	SETFIA indicates that there is likely little more they can contribute moving forward, stating their willingness to share information about compensation with members. However, they express reluctance to engage in separating vessels from the survey due to CGG's perceived failure to act in good faith to minimise impacts.	This assertion has been raised multiple times, with the titleholder requesting the stakeholder explain how this data can assist where the currently supplied data can not. At the risk of damaging relationships further, this has not been responded to this time. Please refer to Apendix C1, where consultation with this stakeholder, including this assertion, is described in detail.
3099	2003	SSIA and SETFIA request a review of 20 years of AFMA data, reporting back on the extent of average annual overlap with each fishery. This can be done under contract with SETFIA or by an alternative company.	A fisheries consultant was engaged to analyse the publicly available ABARES data and produced a comprehensive report which demonstrated the overlap of each fishery. See Appendix B6
3100	4554	Stakeholder accused titleholder of showing a lack of integrity and stated they would blockade boats if titleholder attempted activity. Requested to know where a BACI designed study is and asked 'what happened at lakes entrance'.	Responded in Event 4555, stating that they are consulting with the stakeholder in good faith and adhering to legal requirements. They invite credible sources of information and relevant studies for review, committing to implement measures to avoid impacts or provide compensation if warranted. However, they currently conclude that the Regia MSS will not measurably affect King George Whiting populations, and thus no compensation is necessary. They reject the idea of negotiations being contingent on threats to block legal operations as unacceptable. Regarding the request for a Before-After-Control-Impact (BACI) study, they state there is no basis for further research on seismic effects on King George Whiting from the Regia MSS, asserting there are no significant evidence gaps. They also clarify that while the FRDC study they assume is referenced is ongoing, they cannot draw conclusions until a peer-reviewed report is available.
3101	2963	Stakeholder advocated for declaring coastlines off-limits to drilling and other destructive practices.	The titleholder has noted, recorded and reported the objection to oil and gas activities.

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3102	3209	Stakeholder asserted that consultation was token.	We can confirm that our correspondence with you is recorded in our consultation records. The classification of relevant person and public comment are not defined by us, but rather the authorising body NOPSEMA, in order to simplify engagement for all parties. This does not mean that if you are not in the category of relevant person that you are unable to be informed or make comment. Rather there is a distinction in how we engage. For example, if someone has a general objection to all oil and gas activities, whilst we will record this and it can be presented during public comment, we are working within the bounds of current legalisation that allows oil and gas activities to occur (once the specific permits are in place). However, if an individual or group raise a specific concern that they may be affected by our activities, then we are required to evaluate it and place mitigations in place as required. An example with this project would be considerations around Deen Maar. Through engagement we learnt that there is a spiritual significance to the area, so we impended an exclusion zone around the island and put a measure in place to ensure the vessel does not pass between the coast and Deen Maar. I have attached a brochure from NOPSEMA that explains the process in further detail.
3103	3209	Stakeholder asserted that despite consultation, views were not valued.	We take engagement very seriously and stand firmly behind our environmental scientists' work. Through the "engagement process we have been able to identify potential impacts and put measures in place, and so respectfully engagement process we have been able to identify potential impacts and put measures in place, and so respectfully disagree with your final statement that we aren't truly listening. Thank you for your time in sharing your concerns and engaging with us, it is an important part of the process and much appreciated. If you would like any clarification of the above, or to request further information and engagement, please don't hesitate to contact us."

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3104	3209	Stakeholder asserted the need to stop new gas/oil projects and reduce fossil fuel reliance.	The 'no new oil or gas' statement comes from the International Energy Association (IEA) World Energy Outlook (WEO) 2021, Net Zero Scenario which is a global analysis predicated on a demand driven decrease in fossil fuel use. It does not consider that at an Australia level, the AEMO predicts shortfalls of gas as early as 2027 in its Victorian Gas Planning We understand community views about the ongoing need for gas in Australia (or lack thereof) as the country navigates the energy transition. The current government policy is that more gas is needed, and petroleum exploration titles continue to authorise the exploration process, including seismic surveys. Matters of national energy policy are not within the purview of CGG or the Regia MSS. We will register claims related to the ongoing need for gas and provide those to NOPSEMA. We also advise that these concerns are better directed to your State or Federal members of parliament and/or the State or Federal Resources Ministers.
3105	2632	Stakeholder asserts a range of general objections and opposition to oil and gas acitivites and the Regia MSS including: Labeling the sender as the last bastion of outdated fossil technology, sharing his preference for receiving gas from existing suppliers over new supply and a proliferation of frontier gas exploration in the southern ocean, and advocating for the use of renewable energy sources once exisiting gas supply is exhausted.	The titleholder has noted, recorded and reported the objection to oil and gas activities.
3106	5236	Stakeholder emailed another organisation with the Regia project team cc'd into correspondence. Stakeholder states that in a recent SETFIA general meeting, CGG expressed their stance regarding the BACI study they co-funded in eastern Bass Strait, asserting that without publication, they do not acknowledge impact on catch rates from marine seismic surveys. They raised several concerns: the report's significant delay, issues with the FRDC board's acceptance of the report, and CGG's ongoing requests to the FRDC for the report over the past few years. Stakeholder followed up in the email.	The titleholder responded to all, correcteing the content of stakeholder's email to FRDC regarding BACI data. (Event ID: 5239).

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3107	3148	Stakeholder enquired why there is no community session in their region and made an official request for this to occur.	The titleholder responded offering a meeting and provided additional survey information that may interest the club members. (Event ID: 4567)
3108	549	Stakeholder expressed concerns that NOPTA was the sole government body overseeing the award of SPA's, without needing joint authority approval, and argued that this process was undemocratic.	Titleholder advised that objections and claims needed to be about the advserse affects of the activity and explained that this concern was a matter for NOPTA, the Minister for Resources or the local member for parliament (Event ID: 549).
3109	3386	Stakeholder expresses concern that CGG has not recognised them as a relevant person, despite their representation of AMCS, a recognized entity.	Regia team contacted the individual (Event ID 3143) two days after they had completed an online survey. They had sent an email a day later with a number of information requests. Event ID 3143 confirmed they were recorded, but also requested information regarding if they were also seeking to be a relevant person as an individual, in addition to as a representative of AMCS, or both. This was requested as previous consultation with AMCS had been with another individual, and also due to the multiple correspondance methods stakeholder (Person ID 1203) had used in a two day period. The individual was informed that a person may hold multiple FIA's, including as an individual and as part of an organisation (Event ID 3368)
3110	5192	Stakeholder listed statements they said were made by the Regia MSS team member asking if they were being withdrawn, which would align the views of CGG and SETFIA goals.	Titleholder responded clarifying statements and views including the preference to use final results, the importance of the peer review process in BACI results and methodology (Event ID: 5239).

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3111	5195	Stakeholder outlines their understanding of responsibilities under the Act. Stating that the proponent must identify relevant stakeholders (such as SETFIA) and provide them with necessary information, specifically requesting data on catch and effort rather than just gross spatial overlap. Additionally, the stakeholder emphasises that the proponent should present the impacts of their project, recognising that while fishing grounds are important, the primary concerns for fishing businesses are catch and revenue. The feedback asserts that the proponent must also take reasonable steps to reduce impacts to an acceptable level, referencing the ALARP (As Low As Reasonably Practicable) principle, and notes that SETFIA believes CGG has not adequately mitigated impacts, relying instead on compensation offers.	This assertion has been raised multiple times, with the titleholder requesting the stakeholder explain how this data can assist where the currently supplied data can not. At the risk of damaging relationships further, this has not been responded to this time. Please refer to Apendix C1, where consultation with this stakeholder, including this assertion, is described in detail.
3112	4057	Stakeholder questioned the validity and genuine nature of Regia MSS' efforts to include the stakeholder in the environmental assessment process.	The titleholder responded by offering to discuss the points made further with the stakeholder, and highlighted the stakeholders option to inform NOPSEMA of any dissatisfaction they may have relating to the consultation process (Event ID 4063).
3113	4032	Stakeholder questioned why the Regia MSS would not respect the past history, honour their present moment in time and protect their future.	The titleholder has noted, recorded and reported the objection to oil and gas activities.
3114	4057	Stakeholder refused to communicate with Regia MSS further and called for an outright ban on all seismic blasting for fossil fuel projects.	The titleholder responded by offering to discuss the points made further with the stakeholder, and highlighted the stakeholders option to inform NOPSEMA of any dissatisfaction they may have relating to the consultation process (Event ID 4063).
3115	2586	Stakeholder strongly objected to the proposal for seismic blast in the Otway Basin.	The titleholder has noted, recorded and reported the objection to oil and gas activities.
3116	1653	Stakeholder strongly objected to the proposal for seismic blast in the Otway Basin.	The titleholder has noted, recorded and reported the objection to oil and gas activities.
3117	1655	Stakeholder strongly objected to the proposal for seismic blast in the Otway Basin.	The titleholder has noted, recorded and reported the objection to oil and gas activities.
3118	1659	Stakeholder strongly objected to the proposal for seismic blast in the Otway Basin.	The titleholder has noted, recorded and reported the objection to oil and gas activities.
3119	1661	Stakeholder strongly objected to the proposal for seismic blast in the Otway Basin.	The titleholder has noted, recorded and reported the objection to oil and gas activities.

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3120	1662	Stakeholder strongly objected to the proposal for seismic blast in the Otway Basin.	The titleholder has noted, recorded and reported the objection to oil and gas activities.
3121	1663	Stakeholder strongly objected to the proposal for seismic blast in the Otway Basin.	The titleholder has noted, recorded and reported the objection to oil and gas activities.
3122	1665	Stakeholder strongly objected to the proposal for seismic blast in the Otway Basin.	The titleholder has noted, recorded and reported the objection to oil and gas activities.
3123	1668	Stakeholder strongly objected to the proposal for seismic blast in the Otway Basin.	The titleholder has noted, recorded and reported the objection to oil and gas activities.
3124	1667	Stakeholder strongly objected to the proposal for seismic blast in the Otway Basin.	The titleholder has noted, recorded and reported the objection to oil and gas activities.
3125	1670	Stakeholder strongly objected to the proposal for seismic blast in the Otway Basin.	The titleholder has noted, recorded and reported the objection to oil and gas activities.
3126	1672	Stakeholder strongly objected to the proposal for seismic blast in the Otway Basin.	The titleholder has noted, recorded and reported the objection to oil and gas activities.
3127	2254	Standing in solidarity with first nations custodians of the Gunditjmara land who say no to this!	Objections to oil and gas activities are not about the adverse effects of the activity. These are not assessed further.
3128	842	Stated that the oceans are incredibly important to the safety and health of our futures and noted that a project like this is absolutely not in line with moving towards safer futures.	Titleholder responded providing information on marine mitgation plans, confirming individual as an interested community member and inviting further engagement, noting connection with First Nations community (Event ID: 843)
3129	3382	States CGG needs to undertake the financial overlap report to ensure it has sufficient funds	In CGGs past experience such information provided no basis for protection measure or a reasonable estimation of the compensation that was actually due. Event ID 2894 explains that this is a concern for CGG and is not relevant to the purpose of consultation with SETFIA/SSIA. However, CGG remains open to any other reasons that we might need to generate and share this information. However, at present CGG cannot see any improvement to the predictive accuracy of our impact assessment work from obtaining or sharing this information.

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3130	4236	States financial catch information is needed by CGG to prepare their funds. The data project spoken about early on in the consultation process is from ABARES reports and doesn't provide the information CGG would need for this.	In CGGs past experience such information provided no basis for protection measure or a reasonable estimation of the compensation that was actually due. Event ID 2894 explains that this is a concern for CGG and is not relevant to the purpose of consultation with SETFIA/SSIA. However, CGG remains open to any other reasons that we might need to generate and share this information. However, at present CGG cannot see any improvement to the predictive accuracy of our impact assessment work from obtaining or sharing this information. As detailed in Event ID's 4129 & 3989, knowing a value or tonnes of historical fishing averages in an area does not add to the solutions already in place for this proposed activity. Event ID 4805 notes that SETFIA, SSIA, and Atlantis stated they have previously submitted at least 11 reports to titleholders in the Otway, which are publicly available in other Environment Plans. In preparing the Regia MSS Environment Plan, CGG reviewed these reports and found that SETFIA/SSIA regularly indicated that Commonwealth Trawl Sector (CTS) fishing typically occurs between 400m and 1,000m, although some CTS fishers mentioned occasionally fishing down to 200m, a claim supported by ABARES data. Overall, CGG concluded that fishing effort in the area is relatively low, as evidenced by the ABARES data, past reports, and confidentiality limitations indicating fewer than five active fishers. Event ID 4969 requested from the stakeholder the reasoning behind purchasing this report, and how it would help avoid interference, and provide information for mitigations.

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3131	4948	States GMTOAC and its members are concerned about the potential impacts of CGG's proposed seismic survey activities on Gunditjmara Sea Country and its environmental and cultural features. They feel that CGG has not sufficiently addressed the cultural, marine, and cumulative impacts related to the various activities proposed in the Otway Basin. CGG expressed interest in collaborating with GMTOAC on the co-design of its Consultation Plan and engaging further on its Sea Country Protection Program. However, GMTOAC has instructed that they will only meet with CGG regarding the Regia MSS Environment Plan (EP) after the Consultation Plan is finalised. GMTOAC emphasises that, given CGG's submission of the EP without prior consultation, it is inappropriate to discuss other matters, including the Sea Country Protection Program. They also assert that any such program must be entirely designed and led by Gunditjmara Traditional Owners, as mere consultation is not acceptable to them.	Despite the challenges faced in consultation, CGG remains committed to ongoing engagement with GMTOAC and its members. On February 17, 2024, CGG discussed the proposed activity, its impacts, risks, and protective measures for cultural features with the Gunditjmara community. This information refined earlier communications from before and on May 30, 2023, reflecting feedback from relevant persons. On March 8, 2024, CGG provided fact sheets addressing impacts on glass eels and Southern Right Whales, as well as clarifications about the absence of impacts to the Outstanding Universal Values of the Budj Bim Cultural Landscape, in response to GMTOAC community requests. While delays in the consultation plan have been frustrating, CGG emphasises that these challenges do not equate to a failure of consultation, engagement which will continue throughout the project's lifecycle. CGG believes the best path forward involves input from GMTOAC into their Sea Country Protection Program and other ongoing consultation protocols, including a future GMTOAC consultation plan, ensuring that cultural features and environmental sensitivities are adequately considered and managed for mutually beneficial outcomes. (Event ID 4973)

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3132	4788	States SETFIA cannot provide assistance without further information, so they will wait to see the outcomes, stating the activity is now potentially dangerous, commenting that the operator may 'be lucky' or may encounter a critical interaction with a trawl vessel.	Responded in Event ID 4804, explaining CGG's experience with the Gippsland survey has enabled them to identify the necessary information to minimize vessel overlap. They obtained and validated data from ABARES, and through discussions with trawl fishers, established measures to reduce disruption in shared areas. Their analysis and maps are conservative, as the operational area has been reduced and will continue to be updated. CGG reiterated they would like to engage in a fee-for-service arrangement to provide information to SETFIA's members, including on-water communications, noting that overlap reports may not effectively account for changing fishing areas Event ID 4788 challenges the comment regarding the survey now being dangerous and impactful, and the chance of a negative interaction at sea, stating that given there has only been a reduction in the nature and scale of the survey over the last 12 months the statement is mischievous, incendiary and not in accordance with the Commonwealth Government guidance framework. The stakeholder is asked to refrain from making such statements as that outcome would only be true with a complete lack of cooperation leading to fishers acting illegally.
3133	2274	STOP the destruction NOW	The titleholder has noted, recorded and reported the objection to oil and gas activities.
3134	1669	Strong objection to the proposal by Regia to 3D seismic blast in the Otway Basin.	The titleholder has noted, recorded and reported the objection to oil and gas activities.
3135	1673	Strongly object to the proposal being made by Regia to 3D seismic blast in the Otway Basin.	The titleholder has noted, recorded and reported the objection to oil and gas activities.
3136	1021	That has not been funded by the fossil fuels industry.	Objections to oil and gas activities are not about the advserse affects of the activity and were not assessed further.
3137	2038	The Australian Marine Conservation Society (AMCS) expressed serious concerns about the impacts of certain processes on the community and marine life. They advocate for the cessation of these processes, viewing the industry as polluting and incompatible with Paris climate targets. AMCS strongly advocates for the protection of oceans and marine life and the end of offshore oil and gas operations.	The titleholder has noted, recorded and reported the objection to oil and gas activities. Regarding concerns on marine life and the community, the consultation process has been followed, with subsequent engagment with the relevant organisation.

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3138	2082	The commenter questions the true independence of NOPSEMA, the supposed independent regulator, citing its sole funding from the petroleum industry as a conflict of interest.	A Productivity Commission study into Resources Sector Regulation (Nov 2020) stated that other regulators should "investigate opportunities for enhancing regulators' cost recovery processes (like those adopted by NOPSEMA)". Our claim of NOPSEMA's independence is repeating the claim they themselves make. It is regulatory best practice to cost recover from proponents and typical in many sectors (Event ID 2082).
3139	2997	The community and elected officials have spoken against the project.	The stakeholder responded to a project updates with a number of complaints regarding another Titleholders public comment period. When the Regia team informed the stakeholder of this, they rejected the explanation and continued to state petitions related to a different proposed activity. The Regia teampreviously assured the Stakeholder that all their comments would be received and provided to the industry regulator (Event ID 2630)
3140	2632	The community, local governments, and signatories are against seismic blasting in the southern ocean.	The titleholder has noted, recorded and reported the objection to oil and gas activities.
3141	2901	The consultation process was not clear, transparent, or accessible.	Prior to email Event ID 2901, AMCS was contacted via letter (Event ID 41) and phone (Event ID 433) at the start of the consultation process. The letter provides background information on the project, including an invitation to consultation and how to engage. Attached to the letter was an activity overview, with timing an map, a description of the consultation framework, illustrating how consultation can be co-designed, various methods of contact and direction to the Regia webpage with further information. AMCS then submitted an online survey with specific questions (Event ID 529), these were responded to via the supplied email (Event ID 633). AMCS was encouraged to continue engagament and request further clarification on their questions. Further engagament in a manner that best suited them was offered, including a webinar for their members. They were also notified of upcoming community sessions their members may be interested in.
3142	4942	The Council's request to NOPSEMA, the Victorian State Government, and the Commonwealth Government for the moratorium.	The titleholder has noted, recorded and reported the objection to oil and gas activities.
3143	653	The DNP should be made aware of oil/gas pollution incidences which occur within a marine park or are likely to impact on a marine park as soon as possible.	The titleholder responded with a link to the Implementation Strategy document that details the procedure relevent to the claim. (Event ID: 1751)
3144	3373	The entire community, including First Nations and non-Indigenous people, will not back down against seismic activities.	The titleholder has noted, recorded and reported the objection to oil and gas activities.

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3145	880	The feedback expresses strong concern about the environmental risks associated with potential spills, emphasising the need to prioritise ecosystem protection.	We understand this is a risk people are concerned about. Seismic surveying has occurred in Australia extensively for 60 years and there has never been an oil spill from a seismic activity, this is due to the prevention measures we implement to protect the environment. Further, in case the worst happens, we have plans in place to response quickly and effectively. These will be published shortly. Our oil spill risk is far less than the thousands of ships that pass through these waterways every year, without incident, delivering essential goods and services to local communities. The fuel we use is similar to diesel you'd put in your car. Our vessels are designed to the highest standard and have redundancies in place if unforeseen circumstances arise (Event ID 880).
3146	880	The feedback expresses that oil spills are inevitable and argues that protecting waterways is more important than pursuing profit.	We understand this is a risk people are concerned about. Seismic surveying has occurred in Australia extensively for 60 years and there has never been an oil spill from a seismic activity, this is due to the prevention measures we implement to protect the environment. Further, in case the worst happens, we have plans in place to response quickly and effectively. These will be published shortly. Our oil spill risk is far less than the thousands of ships that pass through these waterways every year, without incident, delivering essential goods and services to local communities. The fuel we use is similar to the diesel you'd put in your car. Our vessels are designed to the highest standard and have redundancies in place if unforeseen circumstances arise (Event ID 880).
3147	881	The feedback highlights concern over the cumulative damage to reefs caused by diesel-powered ships and oil industries. It stresses that diesel is harmful and not to be taken lightly, noting its long-term impact on the environment.	We understand your concern which is why we'll publish our risk prevention measures as well as our emergency plans for you to comment on (Event ID 881).
3148	2080	The feedback questions why corporate interests, under the guise of human necessity, are allowed to continue practices that may irreparably harm marine ecosystems.	The titleholder has noted, recorded and reported the objection to oil and gas activities.
3149	878	The feedback stresses the importance of transparency regarding the seismic blasting license being sought and calls for a clear explanation of the Seismic Program Application (SPA) to ensure the community is well-informed.	Titleholder responded to online feedback outlining process required prior to applying for the SPA and/or an AA and acknowledged inidividuals calls for transparency about titles. (Event ID: 878)

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3150	2080	The feedback urges a shift in investment from gas to alternative energy sources, suggesting that funds should support innovative, sustainable energy solutions instead of further gas development.	The titleholder has noted, recorded and reported the objection to oil and gas activities.
3151	2074	The latest AEMO report indicates that Australia's gas demand for electricity generation is expected to decrease by a third by 2030. However, gas companies are forecasted to maintain their current export levels, suggesting that the focus is more on profit than on addressing supply needs.	Electricity generation is only one source of gas usage. The latest AEMO Victorian Gas Planning Report stated "Unless new Victorian supply is developed, Victoria is forecast to become a net importer of gas from winter 2027, as Victorian annual consumption exceeds Victorian production (Event ID 2074).
3152	4049	The list of fishers provided by AFMA includes holders of SESSF vessel permits, many of whom do not actively fish and lease their rights elsewhere. Most permit holders do not operate in the Otway region. It's noted that the primary value of rights in the SESSF comes from quotas rather than vessel permits. While NOPSEMA is urging this process, it is viewed as misdirected and potentially irritating to rights holders who are not impacted.	Event ID 3879 explains that commonwealth fishers have been contacted via the AFMA details we have obtained, to ensure we have reached everyone and to establish if the fishers have functions, interests, or activities outside of commercial fishing.
3153	2073	The March 2023 IPCC report emphasises the need to halt new fossil fuel exploration to keep global warming below 1.5 to 2 degrees Celsius. It calls for an immediate stop to licensing and funding new oil and gas projects, halting the expansion of existing reserves, and achieving net-zero electricity generation by 2035 for developed nations and 2040 for others. Ignoring these recommendations is deemed grossly irresponsible, highlighting the critical nature of addressing climate change.	In most world energy outlooks gas still has a role to play in a net-zero world, particularly in hard to abate sectors. The most recent IRENA report suggested that even if we can scale up renewables three times faster than current projections, renewables will only meet 90% of the world's energy demand. Gas, particularly with carbon capture technologies, is necessary for a net-zero emissions world (Event ID 2073).
3154	4091	The possible risks of the proposed activity far outweigh any value that may be derived from hydrocarbon exploitation.	The titleholder responded: The legislation allows NOPSEMA to permission environmental impacts provided we comply with the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Environment) Regulations (Event ID 4092).

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3155	3746	The Regia consultation process has thus far failed to meet NOPSEMA's principles of effective consultation, including communication, transparency, collaboration, inclusiveness, and integrity.	In Event ID's 4597 & 4805, CGG reiterated that they have addressed all matters raised in previous correspondence with SETFIA, SSIA, and Atlantis. They note the absence of some correspondence from SETFIA's records and attach their full communication history with these parties for transparency. CGG has also confirmed their discussions with AFMA regarding the accuracy of ABARES data. They remain committed to finding ways to minimize impacts on individual commercial fishers and will communicate updates to the associations. Additionally, CGG has provided a purchase order for invoicing, requesting that SETFIA include the PO number on their invoice when convenient.
3156	4942	The resolution adopted by the Glenelg Shire Council to support the moratorium on seismic testing in the Otway Basin.	The titleholder has noted, recorded and reported the objection to oil and gas activities.
3157	806	The sender mentions confusion among community members after a joint presentation with Conoco Phillips Australia, and and seeks consultation in Apollo Bay.	Explained joint sessions were held in an attempt to mitigate consultation fatigue, offered and held standalone Regia session in Apollo Bay. Requested preferred dates and times. Event ID's 817, 813.
3158	3384	The staged approach of release of draft EP chapters means relevant persons were not able to initially review as a whole.	As advised via email on Event ID 3331, consulation will not be paused, granting time extension well beyond the 4 weeks requested. We will submit the Regia MSS EP for public comment once we believe we have met the Reg 10A(g) acceptance criteria
3159	2014	The stakeholder advised against petroleum development and seismic surveys.	The titleholder has noted, recorded and reported the objection to oil and gas activities.
3160	1891	The stakeholder advised that they were organising an offshore wind symposium aimed at fostering collaboration among wind proponents. Asserted that a new appraoch was necessary.	Titleholder requested an invitation to the offshore wind symposium so that we can listen and learn (no response was provided) (Event ID 1891). Titleholder also asked if there was a preferred way we should consult. If there were preferred consultants that we could use. Stakeholder advised nobody preferred. And that we need to be aware about the Sea Country IPA that they are working on and will publish shortly.
3161	2109	The stakeholder argues that the urgent need to transition away from fossil fuels limits the profitability of any gas found before a ban. They emphasise that the risks to marine life from seismic exploration and gas extraction are significant, advocating for prioritising ecological health over economic gain.	We are working hard to design our survey so that we limit our impacts to acceptable levels. Our activity is no more than 90 days so we'll find an appropriate window to operate in. We will not destroy any wildlife habitat as a result of our activity (Event ID 2109).

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3162	1891	The stakeholder asserted that effective consultation hinges on recognising the sovereign rights of Traditional Owners and ensuring collaboration on an equal footing. They sought a partnership model, as any superficial, tick-box appraoch is quickly identified and not trusted. Stakeholder mentioned that it is crucial to align on goals and the methods to achieve them.	Agreed that we are aligned on protecting cultural heritage and respecting the sovereign rights of TO's in everything we do.
3163	2103	The stakeholder asserts that the IPCC has called for no new fossil fuel development, emphasising that greenhouse gas emissions from existing fossil fuel infrastructure are already sufficient to exceed the 1.5°C global temperature increase. They argue that any additional fossil fuel projects would contradict climate goals and commitments.	The titleholder has noted, recorded and reported the objection to oil and gas activities.
3164	2097	The stakeholder asserts that the project will significantly exacerbate the climate crisis, emphasising the belief that this impact is undeniable.	CGG acknowledges claims regarding global warming and has reviewed Environment Plan (EP) Appendix B4 (Regia MSS Preliminary Environmental Impact and Risk Assessment (PEIRA)), which provided preliminary information on the potential impacts and risks to support consultations with relevant persons and provided the context to the subsequent impact and risk assessments. An assessment of atmospheric emissions was conducted as part of the PEIRA which concluded that, while emissions from the use of fuel to power vessel engines, generators and mobile and fixed plant add to the GHG load in the atmosphere which adds to global warming potential, they are relatively small on a state, national and global scale, representing an insignificant contribution to overall GHG emissions. Emissions will be small in quantity and short-term. The emissions from up to three vessels for 90 days will not significantly contribute to climate change. Therefore, impacts to ecological components of the environment from atmospheric emissions from the Regia MSS are not predicted and have not been evaluated further. CGG acknowledges claims regarding the concerns about the future potential for natural gas extraction; however, CGG is not proposing the commercial extraction of natural gas as part of the Regia MSS. The activity presented in the Environment Plan is for a short-term, temporary marine seismic survey. Consequently, this claim is not relevant to the adverse effects of the proposed Regia MSS to which the EP relates and is beyond the scope of this assessment.

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3165	2757	The Stakeholder claimed it disturbed greatly that this could go ahead without consent from people in this area despite consultation.	As per the previously provided NOPSEMA document (reattached for convenience), whilst the law doesn't require agreement or consent, it does require us to demonstrate in our EP (Environment Plan) that we have considered and addressed concerns, objections, or claims. This helps ensure that any associated impacts are as low as reasonably practicable and are acceptable. An example of this with Regia would be mitigations around Deen Maar. Through engagement we learnt that there is a spiritual significance to the area, so we implemented an exclusion zone around the island and put a measure in place to ensure the vessel does not pass between the coast and Deen Maar.
3166	3450	The stakeholder considered the consultation update to be inaccurate and failed to respond to many issues.	Titleholder responded outlinging thepurpose of project updates and response on previous questions. (Event ID: 3455)
3167	879	The stakeholder emphasised the need for honesty in the consultation process regarding the seismic project. They stated that the area in question is not a designated title released by the Australian Government but rather a frontier exploration zone.	Titleholder responded publically to this interactive map comment: The title/titles we end up applying for has no bearing on how we protect the beautiful and important creatures in your photo. The title you reference expires after 183 days so it is quite normal to apply for these when we submit our Environment Plan and not before. Questions about the purpose and use of titles are best answered by the National Offshore Petroleum Titles Administrator (NOPTA).
3168	1891	The stakeholder explained that they function solely as the administrative body, and would need to present a position to the Traditional Owners at the next meeting to determine the next steps after the initial letter. Advised that once they receive guidance from the Traditional Owners, they can develop an effective consultation process.	Titleholder responded providing information on the assesments completed to-date and the SCPP, inviting further involvement in the co-design and co-implementation of the program (Event ID: 256) and requested in-person meeting when team were next in the region after draft environmental impact assessments were made available (Event ID: 2669, 3031)
3169	1891	The stakeholder expressed diappointment over the lack of communication from NOPSEMA regarding the regulations.	TItleholder offered to relay that message to NOPSEMA (Event ID 1891).
3170	4048	The stakeholder expressed disatisfaction with activity design changes being made via direct consultation with relevant persons (Trawl Fishers), who the Regia team did not name and as such may be state or unlicenced.	The consultation process allows relevant persons to co-design the consultation process. This means some fishers may choose to engage directly with the Titleholder, whilst others may nominate an organisation to consult on their behalf.

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3171	2708	The stakeholder expressed dissatisfaction with the lack of information provided during the online consultation	The titleholder responded by thanking the stakeholder for their engagement, offered to arrange a meeting once relevant documents had been finalised, and offered to arrange a webinar tailored to the stakeholder groups needs. The titleholder also provided information on the topics covered in a recent webinar hosted by the titleholder (Event 1889).
3172	2105	The stakeholder expresses agreement with previous comments from the online Interactive Map, urging that the area should remain untouched to preserve it for future generations. They emphasise the desire for their descendants to enjoy the environment as their father did, voicing a preference for leaving the area natural and undisturbed.	The titleholder responded publically to the interactive map commment: We respect your views and encourage you to consult with us through the relevant persons process so that your views can be documented and shared with the independent regulatory decision makers at NOPSEMA. We understand your opinion and encourage you to consult with us through the prescribed regulatory process. However, our there is overwhelming evidence that the area is not untouched and is impacted daily by transient shipping, defence activities, port activities, commercial and recreational fishing and the natural fluctuations of a functioning ecosystem. It would be unacceptable to have long-term or perminent/unrecoverable impacts that threaten the environmental enjoyment future generations. Fortunately, impacts from marine seismic surveys are short-term, temporary, and recoverable. We acknowledge your opinion and encourage you to engage in the prescribed regulatory process so that NOPSEMA can take this into account. There is evidence that the Otway area is a highly productive industrialised waterway with defence, shipping, fishing, and petroleum activities coexisting within the environment in the region for many years.
3173	2107	The stakeholder expresses strong disapproval of profit-driven activities that harm the planet and marine life, advocating for a shift toward sustainable energy investments. They emphasise the responsibility to protect the environment for future generations.	The legislative framework in Australia permits some impact from offshore petroleum if it is managed and of an acceptable level. We believe that responsible development of gas is essential for maintaining the current quality of life we all enjoy and ensuring we pass that quality of life on to future generations. Gas is part of the Labour governments energy transition plan (Event ID 2107).
3174	2255	The stakeholder expresses the need for a move away from fossil fuels.	The titleholder responded, noting the concerns, providing information and offering further enagagement (Event ID 674)
3175	3697	The stakeholder has a standing objection to seismic surveys and will continue to campaign for an end to these activities.	Acknowledged objection to seismic surveys. (Event ID: 3701)

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3176	2708	The stakeholder highlighted the importance of having a consultation meeting that allows for sufficient time to consider all project plans.	The titleholder responded by thanking the stakeholder for their engagement, offered to arrange a meeting once relevant documents had been finalised, and offered to arrange a webinar tailored to the stakeholder groups needs. The titleholder also provided information on the topics covered in a recent webinar hosted by the titleholder (Event 1889).
3177	579	The stakeholder mentioned of an organisation opposing offshore activities, suggesting potential objections to the project.	Titleholder acknowledged assertion and provided date Team memeber would be in the region for a workshop with council. (Event ID: 579,)
3178	5192	The stakeholder mentioned that it would be left to the FRDC (Fisheries Research and Development Corporation) to decide on a response, highlighting that a group of 15 contributors to FRDC funding had heard the same remarks.	Titleholder responded acknowledging preliminary report and outling that they were unwilling to rely on them in isolation as the currently didn't mee standards of other studies taken into account in the EP. (Event ID: 5239)
3179	3697	The stakeholder noted that the titleholder's commitment to transparency and consultation had been industry leading.	Noted in meeting minutes (Event ID 3697).
3180	2389	The stakeholder objected to the activity on the basis that it is opposed to Australian Government Senate Enquiry.	The titleholder has noted, recorded and reported the objection to oil and gas activities.
3181	4189	the stakeholder objects to the gas exploration proposal in the Otway Basin.	The titleholder has noted, recorded and reported the objection to oil and gas activities.

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3182	2034	The stakeholder raised concerns about climate change increasing sea water temperatures.	CGG acknowledges claims regarding global warming and has reviewed Environment Plan (EP) Appendix B4 (Regia MSS Preliminary Environmental Impact and Risk Assessment (PEIRA)), which provided preliminary information on the potential impacts and risks to support consultations with relevant persons and provided the context to the subsequent impact and risk assessments. An assessment of atmospheric emissions was conducted as part of the PEIRA which concluded that, while emissions from the use of fuel to power vessel engines, generators and mobile and fixed plant add to the GHG load in the atmosphere which adds to global warming potential, they are relatively small on a state, national and global scale, representing an insignificant contribution to overall GHG emissions. Emissions will be small in quantity and short-term. The emissions from up to three vessels for 90 days will not significantly contribute to climate change. Therefore, impacts to ecological components of the environment from atmospheric emissions from the Regia MSS are not predicted and have not been evaluated further. CGG acknowledges claims regarding the concerns about the future potential for natural gas extraction; however, CGG is not proposing the commercial extraction of natural gas as part of the Regia MSS. The activity presented in the Environment Plan is for a short-term, temporary marine seismic survey. Consequently, this claim is not relevant to the adverse effects of the proposed Regia MSS to which the EP relates and is beyond the scope of this assessment.
3183	3697	The stakeholder raised concerns about titleholders surveying at the same time.	Outlined that a minimum buffer of 40km would be applied between the two activities in the unlikely event they were acquired simultaneously. (Event ID 3697)
3184	1891	The stakeholder requested that the industry come back to the stakeholder with an improved consultation approach.	Titleholder responded providing information on the assesments completed to-date and the SCPP, inviting further involvement in the co-design and co-implementation of the program (Event ID: 256) and requested in-person meeting when team were next in the region after draft environmental impact assessments were made available (Event ID: 2669, 3031)
3185	2831	The stakeholder stated that although the Regia team is working to reduce environmental impacts, and is listening to the community, it is not enough.	The titleholder responded in Event ID 2382, responding to concerns raised and offering ongoing engagement.
3186	1890	The stakeholder stated that there were no benefits of the seismic activity to the community.	This was discussed during the online meeting with the stakeholder, noted, recorded and reported.

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3187	1890	The stakeholder stated that they were concerned about climate change and that there is no longer a need for gas.	The titleholder has noted, recorded and reported the objection to oil and gas activities.
3188	3697	The stakeholder stated they oppose seismic surveys and will continue to campaign against them.	The titleholder has noted, recorded and reported the objection to oil and gas activities.
3189	4234	The stakeholder suggests if CGG and TGS have X overlap in the west, then there will be entire quotas that can't be caught and will need to be compensated for. The stakeholder states the data provided by the titleholder does not provide adequate information for this.	CGG responded in Event ID 2894, explaining that after further discussion, it was concluded that information about the value of previous catch is not necessary or useful for several reasons. First, historical catch data does not help understand how individual commercial fishers or fishing associations may be affected in the future. Second, this information is irrelevant to assessing the impact of underwater sound on fish and fishing activities, as monetary values do not contribute to the cause-effect pathways in impact assessments. Additionally, aggregated data does not provide the appropriate level of analysis needed for individual fishers, nor is it needed for an effective compensation protocol. The data would likely overestimate the economic impact, as fishers must fish to qualify for compensation and would still receive remuneration regardless. Lastly, historical data only indicates that some unspecified fishers may have been affected in the past under hypothetical scenarios that could not have coincided with actual surveys. Overall, no improvements to predictive accuracy in impact assessments are expected from obtaining or sharing this information.
3190	2255	The stakeholder supports moving away from fossil fuels and expresses concerns about seismic blasting leading to drilling for oil and gas.	The titleholder has noted, recorded and reported the objection to oil and gas activities.
3191	2074	The statement asserts that transitioning to net zero does not necessitate new fossil fuel infrastructure or investments, as there is already sufficient gas supply in Australia. It emphasises that the issue lies not in the availability of gas but in the fact that most of it is exported rather than used domestically.	Electricity generation is only one source of gas usage. The latest AEMO Victorian Gas Planning Report stated "Unless new Victorian supply is developed, Victoria is forecast to become a net importer of gas from winter 2027, as Victorian annual consumption exceeds Victorian production (Event ID 2074).
3192	1389	The sufficiency of Australia's gas reserves for the gas as transition phase.	The titleholder has noted, recorded and reported the objection to oil and gas activities.
3193	5195	The use of fine-scale fishing data can aid in minimising mutual risks and impacts on fishing activities when shared marine spaces are proposed. It emphasises that the effectiveness of this approach hinges on CGG's willingness to make reasonable efforts to act.	This assertion has been raised multiple times, with the titleholder requesting the stakeholder explain how this data can assist where the currently supplied data can not. At the risk of damaging relationships further, this has not been responded to this time. Please refer to Apendix C1, where consultation with this stakeholder, including this assertion, is described in detail.

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3194	2886	There is no "gas shortage," just a shortage of ethics and integrity from the gas cartel offering data in declining gas usage and querying the AEMO conclusion that more supply is needed for domestic demand. LINK provided.	Titleholder acknowledged individual and communities views on the ongoing need for gas in Australia and provided CGG perspective based on current AEMO expected demand and Australian Government Policy drivers. Titleholder advised that matters of national energy policy were not within the purview of the Regia MSS and suggested the individual direct their concerns to their State or Federal members of parliament and the State and Federal Resources minister. (Event ID: 2634)
3195	1673	There is no acceptable level of environmental impact or risk	Petroleum activities do not operate to a no-impact standard. Instead, the Regia MSS is required to define the acceptable levels of impact and risk, and work below those levels. Acceptable levels of impact are established based on relevant up-to-date technical and scientific studies, government advice, and are considerate of the information gathered through the consultation process. This information is used to make predictions of the levels of impact we expect to occur and compares those to the previously defined acceptable levels and is presented in the Environment Plan.
3196	3386	They have not received feedback on their submission or any indication of intended consultation. After CGG's request for clarification on October 12, the writer confirmed their representation of AMCS in a response on October 13, summarising their concerns. However, they have not received any further communication from CGG about a consultation meeting	Response Event ID 3368 explains that we carefully consider and review each submission, calling on specialists where required, to ensure each point has been understood thoroughly, researched, and any action or measure required put in place. This can be a longer process, and to avoid consultation fatigue, we endeavour to respond when we have all the requested information in place to provide to you.
3197	4794	They state that law mandates that these consultations should be appropriate to their communal interests	Responded in Event ID 4973: CGG's approach to consultation during the preparation of an Environment Plan is fundamentally rooted in legislation, case law and previously accepted approaches by other titleholders. We agree with paragraph 7 of your letter dated 13 June 2024, which addresses s25(2) of the Regulations quoting Santos NA Barossa Pty Ltd v Tipakalippa (Santos) and stating that consultation needs to be "appropriate and adapted to the nature of the interests.
3198	2094	This feedback asserts that the timeline for project approval is 183 days from the date of approval, not from the registration of the project with NOPTA, indicating a potential misunderstanding or miscommunication about the regulatory process.	It appears you may be conflating the roles of our two petroleum regulators, NOPTA and NOPSEMA. Once again, the title instruments required have no bearing on how we manage environmental impacts and risks. Therefore, questions about titles are best directed to NOPTA (Event ID 124).

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3199	2100	This statement argues against the proposed drilling by highlighting the shift away from fossil fuels. It emphasises the destruction of the environment and local ecosystems, asserting that this stance is self-evident and does not require further justification.	Gas has successfully been developed in the Otway for 25 years, including the successful co-existence of seismic surveying with the fishing, shipping, port infrastructure, and other marine users. If. you have particular places you'd like to see protected please let us know on this map so that we can acknowledge them and consider how best to protect them (Event ID 2100).
3200	2101	This statement expresses solidarity with Cetaceans (such as whales), emphasising a personal connection and a sense of kinship with these marine animals. It reflects a commitment to their protection, underscoring a belief in the intrinsic value of these species and concern over potential harm to their wellbeing.	Thank you for your comment. We will not carry out our survey whilst Southern Right Whales are present in their reproductive biologically important area. We have meetings with the local traditional owners soon and look forward to hearing their stories, learning about their culture, and protecting sea country (Event ID 2101).
3201	4808	Thousands of signatories against the project.	The titleholder has noted, recorded and reported the objection to oil and gas activities.
3202	2275	Total opposition to seismic blasting and oil and gas exploration	The titleholder has noted, recorded and reported the objection to oil and gas activities.
3203	1265	We don't need more oil and gas exploration.	The titleholder has noted, recorded and reported the objection to oil and gas activities.
3204	3746	Will only engage with the titleholder if commercially engaged to do so.	Agreed to engage SETFIA/SSIA for fee-for-service consultation with members to raise awareness about the activity and encourage individual fishers participation in the consultation process. (Events 2930, 3350, 3856, 4039)
3205	4191	You couldn't care less about the environment, global warming or anything else.	The titleholder has noted, recorded and reported the objection to oil and gas activities.

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4377	6412	Stakeholder claims that the lack of consultation with local experts and scientists could lead to adverse effects on the Fairy Penguin colonies and other species.	Event ID 6882 (Doc ID 9096) - CGG consulted with Parks Victoria (PV) during the planning of the proposed survey, meeting on 11/08/2023. The consultation records are available in the EP (Appendix C2). PV raised concerns about the survey's proximity to the Twelve Apostles Marine Park, leading to a refinement of the survey area. Fairy Penguins were not mentioned in this meeting. CGG also consulted with the Warrnambool Coastcare Landcare Network and their Middle Island Penguin Project. A referenced expert in scientific literature was consulted about penguin foraging ecology and at-sea movements. They advised against relying on outdated population estimates for penguins due to rapid ecosystem changes and predation pressures. CGG has sent the F3 assessment from the Regia EP to the Professor for feedback and is awaiting a response. CGG also reached out to DECCA but has not received any information. Regarding the other individuals mentioned, they were consulted, with records available on the public website. The Regia MSS EP includes extensive references to studies by blue whale (EP E7 and F3) and Southern Right Whale experts. Additionally, a professor's work on Fairy Penguins is referenced, along with the Middle Island Penguin Project. CGG based its impact assessment on peer-reviewed literature, including studies by the scientists mentioned, and disagrees with any suggestion that knowledge was bypassed or cherry-picked. The process has been fully transparent, and CGG has actively sought additional relevant literature. CGG also met with Warrnambool City Council to discuss the Middle Island Penguin Project and is looking to support efforts to gather data on penguin populations.
3206	6313	Request for all future correspondence from CGG to be sent to EJA on behalf of GMTOAC.	Responded in Event ID 6429 stating that the project update had been sent to EJA, requesting stakeholder advise the Regia team if this hadn't been received. Explained that relevant persons and individuals who receive the update may have interest in the project separate to their role in an organisation, and in this case it is appropriate for individuals to follow the advice in the project updates and unsubscribe if they so wished.
3207	6315	Concerned about the timing of the decision-making process due to the holiday period and has requested an extension for the decision-making period to a date after 15 January 2025	This assertion was made to NOPSEMA
3208	6324	Concerns that points in submission from relevant person have been misunderstood or being obscured	In Event ID 6318, Regia team provided credentials of experts who made the assessment and asked the stakeholder to specificy the points they feel have not been understood.

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3209	6325	Relevant person asserts that the Regia team do not care for their business	This assertion is rejected by the Titleholder. As shown in the consultation records and the EP a large amount of additional research and assessment has been undertaken on the stakeholders request.
3210	6326	The relevant person was concerned that they had not been notified of status updates of the EP re submission.	Event ID 6314 - The Regia team responded that the Regia MSS EP remains under assessment and that CGG would issue an update to all relevant persons on the status of the submission in due course.
3211	6327	Stakeholder was not satisfied with some aspects of the recipient's response to her Fairy Penguin report.	Event ID 6320 - The Regia team encouraged them to provide feedback.
3212	6341	The relevant organisation asserted that consultation has not occurred according to the standard required and therefore is not complete.	Event ID 6430 - The Regia team member clarified their duty under Section 25 of the Regulations, and restated CGG's position on historicial consultation efforts, including CGG's initial contact and request to co-design a consultation process, 660 days previous to the date of the letter.
3213	6341	Acknowledges it has taken time to develop an appropriate protocol for consultation and that they are open to suggestions on how consultation may best occur.	Event ID 6430 - The Regia team member provides feedback on the consultation and negociation protocol, highlighting lack of clarity with how the protocol can be applied to CGG's legislative requirements, the negotiation process, the activity area not being included in the scope, and questions how the protocol can be adapted to the activity (short duration), and how FPIC can be applied in a situation where other traditional owner groups have shared interests. It is stated that the feedback is made without prejudice and should not be taken as an unwillingness for dialogue and understanding of the need for a negotiation process, but rather that a consultation plan was expected.
3214	6341	Claims that the meeting held on 17 February 2024 could not properly and meaningfully progress consultations due to various reasons, including the limited time for each session, the complexity of the information presented, and the lack of specific tailoring to the risks of the proponents' activities in respect of GMTOAC and Gunditjmara functions, interests, and activities.	Event ID 6430 - The Regia team member responds stating that CGG has previously put forward their position regarding previous consultation effects as they relate to Section 25 of the regulations and so repeating them would be redundant. However the dates of initial communication (15 Feb 2023) and passage of time before receiving the promised consultation plan, (532 days) are described.
3215	6341	Objects to the fact that a single 45-minute meeting with only some members of a Traditional Owner group is not sufficient for representative decision-making or to be informed about technical petroleum activities that may have decades of implications for the environment.	Event ID 6430 - The Regia team member responds stating that CGG has previously put forward their position regarding previous consultation effects as they relate to Section 25 of the regulations and so repeating them would be redundant. However the dates of initial communication (15 Feb 2023) and passage of time before receiving the promised consultation plan, (532 days) are described.

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3216	6341	Objects to the fact that the recipient has not provided updated versions of the EPs despite previous requests.	Event ID 6430 - CGG refute this claim. Each updated document of the EP has been updated on the Regia consultation hub, despite this not being mandated, and notification of this sent to all relevant persons. CGG have records that show GMTOAC and EJA staff both received and opended these notifications.
3217	6341	Requested information on whether the CGG agree to fund the costs of consultation, obtaining independent technical advice, and a strategic regional environmental and cultural assessment.	Event ID 6430 - The Regia team responded that CGG had no objection to payment of sitting fees, requested to be made aware of any fees the organisation, or any other party, sought to charge before any engagement. CGG requested that discussions about the cost of ongoing consultation should be tabled.CGG was open to discussion about what information the organisation may need to comission, but could not agree to the clause of their consultation and negotiation protocol that was tantamount to providing a blank cheque.The Regia team also stated that CGG was open to discussion about relevant strategic regional environmental and cultural assessment but that it was premature to offer a view on their agreeement to such a scope of work without initiating the co-design of the consultation process.
3218	6341	The relevant organisation requested CGG's views and comments on their Consultation Plan by 6 December 2024, including whether CGG was open to negotiation in respect of agreement-making with the organisation to discuss its activities in the Otway Basin.	Event ID 6430 - Titleholder responded clarifying between Negotiation and Consultation and outlined their believe that the provided Consultation and Negotiation Protocol blends the differences between consultation and negotiation creating a lack of clarity in how CGG is best to progress engagement whilst building respectful relationships. The titleholder stated that the feedback was made without prejudice and should not been seen as unwillingness to continue dialogue and understand the need for a negotiation process.

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3219	6410	The sender asserts that the information provided by CGG is inconsistent and confusing and does not provide comprehensive or comprehensible information to relevant persons and the community.	In Event 6529, Regia team member states that the claims of inconsistency, between the EP and the consultation hub, are evidence of genuine consultation, with effective consultation and management processes, undertaken over an extended period of time. The comment that the stakeholder pointed to, was made when the previous Southern Right Whale (SRW) Conservation Management Plan was in effect, with survey timing scheduled for January, February, and March. Since then, the SRW National Recovery Plan was updated, changing the area listed as critical to the species' survival, particularly regarding the proposed Regia MSS area. As a result, the survey design was modified to increase separation from the reproductive BIA and the timing adjusted to align with transition periods between SRW and Blue Whale usage in the Otway region. To ensure transparency, CGG has published each version of the Environment Plan and consultation materials over the past 20 months.

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3220	6412	Asserts that the consultation process for the Regia MSS project has not included scientific experts with local knowledge on Fairy Penguins	Event ID 6882 (Doc ID 9096) - CGG consulted with Parks Victoria (PV) (Event ID 2282)during the planning of the proposed survey, meeting on 11/08/2023. The consultation records are available in the EP (Appendix C2). PV raised concerns about the survey's proximity to the Twelve Apostles Marine Park, leading to a refinement of the survey area. Fairy Penguins were not mentioned in this meeting. CGG also consulted with the Warrnambool Coastcare Landcare Network and their Middle Island Penguin Project. A referenced expert in scientific literature was consulted about penguin foraging ecology and at-sea movements. They advised against relying on outdated population estimates for penguins due to rapid ecosystem changes and predation pressures. CGG has sent the F3 assessment from the Regia EP to the Professor for feedback and is awaiting a response. CGG also reached out to DECCA but has not received any information. Regarding the other individuals mentioned, they were consulted, with records available on the public website. The Regia MSS EP includes extensive references to studies by blue whale (EP E7 and F3) and Southern Right Whale experts. Additionally, a Professor's work on Fairy Penguins is referenced, along with the Middle Island Penguin Project. CGG based its impact assessment on peer-reviewed literature, including studies by the scientists mentioned, and disagrees with any suggestion that knowledge was bypassed or cherry-picked. The process has been fully transparent, and CGG has actively sought additional relevant literature. CGG also met with Warrnambool City Council to discuss the Middle Island Penguin Project and is looking to support efforts to gather data on penguin populations.
3221	6412	Asserts that the decision-making process regarding the project should not be left solely to CGG and needs to be closely overseen by NOPSEMA.	Throughout the consultation process, including Event ID's 1481, 1731 and 1499, the relevant person has been informed of the consultation and assessment process, including NOPSEMA's role as regulator.
3222	6420	Stakeholder suggested they may need information explained to them, regarding their concern around potential regional population impacts of seismically induced krill mortality within the ASA.	In Event ID 6414, Regia Team member agreed with stakeholder to hold meeting with the Regia marine science team to discuss matters further. This meeting is Event ID 6890
3223	6432	Asserts that CGG was never intending to blast the initial, larger ASA and always intended to reduce it based on public feedback.	In Event ID 6815, The Regia team stated the reductions made during consultation, planning, and environmental assessment processes, are significant and pertain to areas that might be surveyed in the future. These reductions clearly contribute to minimizing impacts and risks, which is a requirement of the activity design.

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3224	6432	Asserts that CGG has been insincere, minimising accountability rather than engaging in meaningful environmental stewardship.	Regia has dedicated over 3,000 pages to understanding and developing a comprehensive environmental management program for the area where the Regia MSS will take place. The program includes an extensive and detailed discussion of the ecosystem, with a particular emphasis on the "complexity of population and ecosystem dynamics in the region." This work is supported by hundreds of citations. Additionally, Regia has conducted two years of community consultation, which is still ongoing. (Event ID 6815)
3225	6505	The sender questions the recipient's understanding of the agreed action items from their meeting.	The Regia team noted in Event ID 6518 that they did not agree that the stakeholders action item (as per Event ID 6513) was the one agreed upon, however still committed to providing the full review of the submission (Event ID 6815)
3226	6507	The sender questions how the NOPSEMA assessment process integrates public submissions and maintains transparency at this stage	Ongoing consultation processes was discussed with the relevant person via phone call (Event ID 6874). In addition, the following is included in project updates: Ongoing consultation will continue with relevant persons, organisations and authorities, and updates provided of any changes or new information as it becomes available. Relevant Persons are invited to contact us at any time with any new information they have concerning the project.
3227	6512	The relevant person expressed concern about the lack of interest in his model and its supporting material.	Event ID 6517 - The Regia team responded that they would like discuss the relevant person's calculations, which occurred in the online meeting (Event ID 6890) later that day.

3228	6512	The relevant person asserted that the Regia team's explanation of the precautionary principle needs clarification as there were many uncertainties.	Event ID 6517 - The Regia team discussed the precautionary principle. They responded that the quote the relevant person had pulled is from the NOPSEMA Safety Case Guidance and has not come from Environment Plan guidance. It also encourages a precautionary approach and does not apply the precautionary principle as defined in Section 391(2) of the EPBC Act. To be clear, taking precaution in impact/risk management and legally complying with the EPBC Act are two related and different things. The Regia team stated that they had routinely applied the former and assessed the latter in the EP, which I will provide you some reading on below. NOPSEMA Environment Plan Guidance focuses on implementing the legal definition. s391(2): The precautionary principle is that lack of full scientific certainty should not be used as a reason for postponing a measure to prevent degradation of the environment where there are threats of serious or irreversible environmental damage. The Regia team provided a link to an article which the relevant person may find helpful in understanding this and the two conditions precedent for its application: Federal Court confirms interpretation of the precautionary principle | Lindsay Taylor Lawyers Federal Court confirms interpretation of the precautionary principle Posted on October 28, 2022 by Liam Mulligan 11. Federal Court confirms interpretation of the precautionary principle. The Federal Court of Australia in Bob Brown Foundation Inc v Minister for the Environment (No 2) [2022] FCA 873 has confirmed how the precautionary principle is to be interpreted and applied under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth) ('EPBC ... www.lindsaytaylorlawyers.com.au They also stated that there is a distinction drawn between "uncertainty" and "scientific uncertainty" that is relevant to consider here. The word "uncertainty" itself has slightly different meanings when used in everyday speech versus a scientific context. In scientific discourse, it conveys the degree to which something is known. In the vernacular, the word conveys rather the sense of not knowing. The difference is subtle, but important. Regardless, there are two preconditions to satisfy when considering whether 'to postpone a measure to prevent degradation' and the case we have put forward in the Regia EP is that, with the measures put in place, there is no threat of serious or irreversible environmental

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			damage from the Regia MSS. This renders any discussion about the scale of uncertainty moot in relation to application of the legally defined precautionary principle.
3229	6513	The relevant person asserted that CGG's logic around regional scale impacts of Regia MSS on larval krill within the CGG EP has some critical flaws, where their model did not attempt to quantify such effects and indicted the multiplier effect of currents (between 0 and 1 knot) on krill larvae mortality through the ASA is about 5x.	Event ID 6518 - The Regia team responded that they did not agree with the relevant person's written conclusion. They stated that they had considered the relevant person's paper and model and committed to providing them with more detailed feedback to understand its utility in an impact assessment. The Regia team requested more information on the model, all the references and underlying data used in the model including the code and calculations, and the numbers used for what appared to be mortality and reproduction estimates with references.
3230	6520	The relevant organisation asserted they did not have enough time to discuss the requested material from the Regia team prior to the meeting on 15 February 2025.	Event ID 6521 - The Regia team provided the material requested by the relevant organisation and stated that most of the information had been previously given to them or had been available online since September 2023. They stated that any changes are as result of: - The passage of time. - Incorporating new science and literature (such as the Gunditjmara Nyamat Mirring Plan). - Activity design reductions and/or improvements to management measures. - Responses to public comment and ongoing consultation. - Feedback from NOPSEMA's assessment.
3231	6520	The relevant organisation asserted that 'appropriate and adapted' consultation for them included consultation at duly convened meetings, with information in the format requested being received in advance of such meetings.	Event ID 6521 - The Regia team responded to the assertion made concerning the presentation and accessibility of information with a reiteration that throughout the consultation process, CGG had repeatedly offered tailored and bespoke communications, including numerous requests to meet with the relevant organisation to discuss their needs. In the absence of requests or feedback being received, CGG had endeavoured to provide information in multiple formats, including summarised information sheets and recorded webinars, and also made these publicly available, along with multiple forms of contact to request alternative communications. They provided an example of their compliance to the provision of information when a request was made: CGG was asked at the meeting in February 2024 to supply their assessment of impacts to the OUV of the Budj Bim Cultural Landscape, and fact sheets on Glass Eel and Southern Right Whale, which was promptly produced and given.

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3232	6520	The relevant organisation asserted that the information requested is necessary to be reasonably informed about the proposed activities under the EP and its potential consequences on organisations functions, activities, and interests. They also assert that it is the duty of the titleholder to present this information to relevant persons in an appropriate, adapted, and meaningful way to give effect to the objects of consultation.	Event ID 6521 - The Regia team responded to the assertion made concerning the presentation and accessibility of information with a reiteration that throughout the consultation process, CGG had repeatedly offered tailored and bespoke communications, including numerous requests to meet with the relevant organisation to discuss their needs. In the absence of requests or feedback being received, CGG had endeavoured to provide information in multiple formats, including summarised information sheets and recorded webinars, and also made these publicly available, along with multiple forms of contact to request alternative communications. They provided an example of their compliance to the provision of information when a request was made: CGG was asked at the meeting in February 2024 to supply their assessment of impacts to the OUV of the Budj Bim Cultural Landscape, and fact sheets on Glass Eel and Southern Right Whale, which was promptly produced and given.
3233	6526	Concerns about the consultation process, including milestones and timeframes, consultation costs, confidentiality and intellectual property requirements	Event 6528 - The Regia team responded to the relevant person's request for information regarding the Regia Marine Seismic Survey (Regia MSS) consultation. They acknowledged the additions to the meeting agenda for 15 February 2025 and reiterated the need for written feedback on specific points from previous correspondence to prepare adequately.
3234	6526	Need for further technical advice in respect of the EP	Event 6288 - Titleholder recognised relevant persons perception of inequity in consultation process and outline regulatory requirements of the titleholder in the consultation process.
3235	6526	Expressed concerns about the ability of their client to navigate the volume of material without support.	Event 6528 - Titleholder responsed querying relevant persons intent around large request for information whilst raising concern about the requirement to navigate large volumes of information.
3236	6526	The sender raises concerns about whether the consultation process has provided sufficient information and a reasonable period for consultation.	Event 6528 - Titleholder responded advising that both sufficient information and a reasonable period for consultation had been provided, as evidenced in the consultation records.
3237	6880	The relevant person did not consider what had happened prior to their meeting with the Regia team on 14/02/25 consultation.	Event ID 6880 - The Regia team responded in-meeting and discussed co-design for the ongoing consultation process and stated they were happy to be guided on the relevant person's preferred method of consultation.
3238	6880	The relevant person was concerned that the Regia team were trivialising what was happening on Country.	Event 6880 - The Regia team responded in-meeting and provided overview of what CGG had undertaken to reduce impacts and risks of activity, specifically impacts to whales.

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3239	6880	The relevant person was concerned that the EP only focused on 'big-ticket' items like whales and ignored the effects of seismic on other species.	Event ID 6880 - The Regia team responded in-meeting that the first half of the EP is associated with assessment work undertaken prior to commencing the activity. First and foremost, because there are so many different species, they explained that they had grouped species together from a physiological perspective. Secondly, the Regia team explained that their focus is on the mega-fauna and species which have protection under the EPBC act.
3240	6880	The relevant person said there was a genocidal hierarchy in picking and choosing which species live and dies.	Event ID 6880 - The Regia team responded in-meeting that the first half of the EP is associated with assessment work undertaken prior to commencing the activity. First and foremost, because there are so many different species, they explained that they had grouped species together from a physiological perspective. Secondly, the Regia team explained that their focus is on the mega-fauna and species which have protection under the EPBC act. The hierarchy is something in place by the Australian government. In terms of the effects of seismic, they stated that there are no mortal effects predicted to these species. A large majority are affected in a behavioural sense or not affected at all.
3241	6880	The relevant person wanted to ensure that the Gunditjmara people were protected environmentally.	Event ID 6880 - The Regia team responded in-meeting and discussed risk pathways on Sea Country. Discussed accidental oil spills, release of waste, invasive marine species and fauna interactions. Discussed impact pathways i.e. atmospheric emissions, light emissions, physical presence. Discussed planned discharges. In relation to underwater sound, there are 2 categories – continuous noise and impulsive sound. Explained data can take 12-18 months to process before they could get an image of rock layers.
3242	6880	The relevant person asserted that the finances of the project need to be spoken about in true context.	Event ID 6880 - The Regia team responded in-meeting and discussed confidentiality and intellectual property requirements. Explained sensitive information requirement and our obligation to make it private. Explained we have to submit it to regulator but it will fall under the SIR. We do not know what is sensitive until we are told. Explained the EP is published and made publicly available. If the information is reasonably publicly known, that information would be made public.
3243	6880	The relevant person asserted that the Otway region and Sea Country was unhealthy.	Event ID 6880 - The Regia team responded in-meeting with an overview of the Otway region and explained that it is a productive and dynamic environment holding a variety of species.

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3244	6880	The relevant person was concerned that, in relation to the SCPP, their contribution would be part of the design rather than having it be something brought to the table to trigger consultation.	Event ID 6880 - The Regia team responded that they had put forward their case with the regulator and are continuing to engage with the organisation as there was a particular process they had to follow. Explained that they had engaged with Traditional Owners across the Otway Region and that the Regia team respect the relevant person's values and that it would be beneficial to exchange information on those values. Explained the SCPP could be a vehicle to discuss shared values.
3245	6880	The relevant person was concerned that an email sent to them was regarded as consultation.	Event ID 6880 - The Regia team responded in-meeting with an explanation of consultation efforts made with the organisation since 15th February 2023 and that they had an obligation to provide copy correspondence to NOSPEMA.
3246	6880	The relevant person was concerned that CGG would profit from the information they provide through consultation.	Event ID 6880 - The Regia team explained in-meeting that if the relevant person tells them the information they provide is sensitive, CGG and NOPSEMA are not allowed to publish it. The Regia team stated that the data licensed by CGG is only sub-surface data/scientific data from the survey.
3247	6880	The relevant person was concerned about impact of mother nature on the 90 day activity limit.	Event ID 6880 - The Regia team responded in-meeting that there may be times when operation would cease due to conditions.
3248	6880	The relevant person asserted that information provided by the Regia team needs to be simple, easy to understand and brought to the broader group so that everyone in the organisation has the same information.	Event ID 6880 - The Regia team responded in-meeting that some questions that have been previously raised by the organisation are difficult to respond to without providing a scientific response and using technical language. Provided the example of decibel thresholds. The Regia team explained that if someone had a scientific question, they would respond to that person and discuss the easiest way to share the information with the organisation. The Regia team also stated that every document had been made publicly available and they want to ensure everyone has access to the information. Offered a workshop to provide information on how to work the EP and locate information.
3249	6880	The relevant person asserted that future meetings with their organisation should be held on a weekend.	Event ID 6880 - The Regia team responded in-meeting that meeting over a weekend would be suitable with prior notice.
3250	6880	The relevant person asserted that they have a preference for face-to-face meetings/hybrid meetings.	Event ID 6880 - The Regia team responded in-meeting that during the next meeting they would allow more time to go into a deep Q&A regarding the organisation's concerns.
3251	6623	Asserted that they had not been able to identify answers to questions raised in the consultation materials provided by CGG.	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded by providing responses to questions raised with a letter annexure. Noted unease in attempting to answer detailed technical and scientific questions in the requested “plain non-technical language”, but stated that had done their best to ensure that answers are in a form that is appropriate and adapted to the audience.

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3252	6702	Asserted that the Sea Country Protection program must be co-designed and led by Gunditjmara and/or with Traditional Owners of another adjacent Country.	Event 6880 - Regia team responded by acknowledging past consultation and advised that the Regia team have engaged with TO's across the Otway region as a whole. Titleholder shared that they acknowledge and respect your values and therefore need to exchange information on those values. Titleholder suggested that if relevant person did not think the SCPP was not the best vehicle to protect Sea Country they were invited to make alternative suggestions
3253	6690	Asserted that it would be beneficial for all parties to be fully informed on the proposed activity and its progress.	Event ID 6794 - The Regia team responded that at the start of consultation on the Regia MSS, CGG recognised the need for transparency in order to build trust with relevant persons. One aspect of this has been to publish the NOPSEMA assessment letters, which they had done on the web site and notified relevant persons via a project update. They stated that as this is not something that other titleholders do, and as the letter is essentially private correspondence meant for the addressee (CGG) only, there is a process that has to be undertaken before we publish the correspondence.Once the correspondence was ready to be published, the Regia team would notify relevant persons via a project update, as they had done previously.
3254	6879	Asserted general opposition to seismic activities.	Event ID 6879 - The Regia team responded in-meeting and provided project updates by way of information.
3255	6878	Asserted that the organisation is saturated by consultation requests and that engagement with the Regia team was about listening and understanding.	Event ID 6878 - The Regia team responded in-meeting with an overview of the SCPP and initiatives that could be run through the SCPP.
3256	6878	Asserted that their organisation requires a lot of lead time and need to be involved at the beginning of the process.	Event ID 6878 - The Regia team responded in-meeting and discussed the consultation position put forward to the regulator. Stated that they hoped the Eastern Maar people would understand the process and stated that they would be kept informed.
3279	6748	Relevant person stated that they had followed up seeking a response to questions made on compensation a number of times and were seeking a response	Event 6722 - Responded to relevant person clarifying the commitment to investigate the matter and advised the work on this was still ongoing a nd requested patience. Provided brief update on search for additional research that supports the FRDC findings and requested if the relevant person was able to access/ provide any other peer reviewed literature to support the claim

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3281	6749	If OMICC is correct and there are no impacts, providing compensation after the survey has no cost and should be agreed to in the scheme.	Event 6724 - OMICC announces that the latest version of the OMICC Otway Adjustment Protocol has been published, along with a video briefing for fishers, which can be accessed through a provided link. In the briefing, OMICC confirms that, following the relevant persons feedback, a "claim period" and a "lodgment period" have been incorporated into the definitions of the protocol. The claim period is set to 30 days after the end of any activity, while the lodgment period extends up to 6 months after the end date of any activity. OMICC further informs the relevant person that the OMICC Founders reviewed the request for claims up to 6 months after an activity. However, the decision was made to adopt a 30-day claim period, as this duration resulted in a positive compensation outcome for fishers affected by the Gippsland survey in 2019.
3282	6749	Small coastal towns rely on the fishing industry.	Noted, compensation protocol put in place.
3283	6759	The relevant person requests a response, emphasizing the need for an in-person meeting at the offices in Brighton. They also note that this is the third request for a meeting.	Event 6704 - OMICC acknowledges receipt of an email, which appears to be the first message received from the relevant person in the OMICC project inbox. They are seeking confirmation about whether the email was intended for the Otway Marine Industries Co-Existence Cooperative (OMICC) or one of the founding titleholders, CGG (Regia MSS) or ConocoPhillips Australia (Otway Exploration Drilling Program). If the email was meant for a specific titleholder or project, OMICC requests clarification so they can forward the message to the appropriate team.
3285	6594	Relevant person criticised VFA management of fishery and consultation	Event - 6595 Titleholder responded to relevant person outlining approach to assessment of fisheries and SRL, including assessment of mitigiations in place and advised the would not comment on VFA matters.
3286	6592	Relevant person replied to campaign sms - noted that seismic companies had not been honest with rock lobster fishermen.	Event ID 6595 - The titleholder responded that they could not comment on VFA matters and that they had undertaken a thorough assessment of potential impacts on SRL, including a further assessment on the effectiveness of the mitigations in place.
3287	6875	Asserted that they had experienced a fishing decline and suspected that seismic blasting was the reason.	Event ID 6875 - The Regia team responded in-meeting. Discussed that they had completed some analysis and presented data on long-term catchability and went through the analysis with the stakeholder.
3288	6875	Asserted that a lot of commercial fishers have had to 'sell-out' as a result of historic activities.	Event ID 6875 - The Regia team responded in-meeting. Explained that the Regia survey area had been reduced and provided an update on timeframes and duration.

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3289	6875	Concerned about loss of fishing quota and questioned why it is commercial fishers that are wearing the impact.	Event ID 6875 - The Regia team responded in-meeting and explained that there is an impact of the seismic activity on lobster associated with their righting reflex. Discussed that they needed to look at what the resource tolerates. Discussed research boat in Tasmania and directed relevant person to recent research paper "Boom, Shake the Room."
3290	6876	Relevant person was concerned about how the protocol had been amended without fisher consultation.	Event ID 6876 - The Regia team responded in-meeting and explained that the protocol was open for comment to commercial fishers. Outlined the feedback received and the amendments made to the adjustment protocol as a result of consultation.
3291	6876	Raised concern about quota reduction.	Event ID 6876 - The Regia team responded in-meeting with discussion regarding egg rate production in the western fishery.
3292	6876	Asserted that they were dissatisfied the Regia team were not acknowledging their request for retirement of quota.	Event ID 6786 - The Regia team responded in-meeting and stated they had spoken with SIV and explained why retirement of quota is not the right way to pay compensation. Explained that the quota holder is not always the fisher and that it was the Regia team's position that the person on the water should be compensated. The Regia team also discussed anti-rivalry laws.
3293	6876	Concerned that tests showing effects on puerulus and soft shell requested by the relevant person had not been completed.	Event ID 6786 - The Regia team responded in-meeting and discussed UTAS study which looked into effects of seismic during different stages of juvenile development. Explained that the sample size was very small. Study showed that there is a repairing period.
3294	6988	Asserted the test claim button on the online form was not working.	Event ID 6990- Titleholder responded with a copy adjustment protocol which had hard copy claim forms attached. The Titleholder also provided the stakeholder with login details to access the online test claim form and supplied a step-by-step screenshot guide for how to log in.
3295	6966	Asserted that they remained committed to consulting with CGG about the proposed activity in line with their consultation and negotiation protocol.	In Event ID 7022, CGG responded acknowledging this and confirming that they also remained committed to consultation, as per Section 25 of the Regulations.
3296	6966	Asserted that the SCPP and strategic regional environmental cultural assessment, including any funding required to pursue these initiatives in a culturally competent way, would be the subjects of substantive consultation moving forward.	In Event ID 7022, CGG confirms it will seek to follow the Gunditjmara Consultation and Negotiation Protocol, while also meeting its legal obligations under Section 25 of the Regulations.
3297	6966	Asserted that CGG had previously represented that it would not commence certain activities without its SCPP in place.	In Event ID 7022 CGG encouraged GMTOAC and Gunditjmara to take part in the Sea Country Protection Program, which supports the identification and management of new, activity-relevant information through collaboration with participating First Nations people.

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3298	6966	Asserted that though all information prepared by CGG was provided to Gunditjmara ahead of time using their Cultural Information Management System, there was not enough time to discuss the information sheets and other requested materials prior to the 14 February 2025 meeting.	Noted
3299	6966	Asserted they were grateful for the efforts made by CGG to prepare consultation materials.	Noted
3300	6966	Asserted that receiving the finalised PowerPoint presentation one week before the native title meeting did not allow the relevant person enough time to consider materials and the structure of the 14 February 2025 session did not afford the time to discuss agenda items in full.	In Event ID 7022, the titleholder expresses their support for in-person, full group meetings with Gunditjmara, which include open-ended Q&A sessions.
3301	6966	Concern that if the documents provided by CGG remain unchanged, it will pose challenges for the relevant person to effectively participate in consultation.	CGG reaffirmed their willingness to make changes to the documents but requested further clarity regarding the format and expectations for future documents, particularly when technical questions are involved. CGG also noted its efforts to balance brevity and substance in the information sheets, aiming to be respectful while avoiding oversimplification that could appear dismissive (Event ID 7022)
3302	6966	Asserted that consultation be conducted via dedicated, Gunditjmara-specific, full group meetings.	In Event ID 7022, the titleholder expresses their support for in-person, full group meetings with Gunditjmara, which include open-ended Q&A sessions.
3303	6966	Asserted that their client was disappointed by the tone and insinuations made by CGG and would write to CGG separately.	Titleholder recieved separate correspondance from GMTOAC (Event ID 7004) and responded in Event ID 7023.
3304	7004	Asserted that they felt the meeting with CGG on 14 February 2025 had gone well and was a positive first step towards meaningful consultation with Gunditjmara.	In Event ID 7023, Titleholder extended their gratitude for the meeting.
3305	7004	Asserted that they were disappointed with CGG's letter of 4th March 2025 as they felt it questioned their right to be consulted in the manner that is appropriate and adapted to their interests and their right to independent advice.	CGG expressed regret that its correspondence was perceived as questioning the approach to receiving independent advice, clarifying that this was not its intention and reaffirming a commitment to respectful and collaborative engagement. CGG also reiterated the need for clarity regarding correspondence involving EJA as an intermediary, emphasising that its request for transparency aligns with legal obligations to report consultation details to NOPSEMA (Event ID 7023)

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3306	7004	Asserted that CGG's questioning of their right to ask detailed questions is not appropriate and not appreciated in the light of efforts to build a relationship through consultation.	CGG emphasised that their request for clarification should not be seen as a refusal to provide the requested information, but rather a need to ensure they meet GMTOAC's expectations. CGG reiterated their previous offer to provide information through various formats such as webinars, videos, or one-on-one meetings. CGG also highlighted their commitment to transparency by publishing all iterations of their Environment Plan, including external assessments and correspondence with NOPSEMA, in order to build trust, and expressed disappointment at being assumed to withhold independent advice. CGG expressed disappointment that GMTOAC has chosen not to share the preliminary technical advice referenced in the EJA letter of 6 February 2025, which is now considered confidential. CGG noted that sharing this advice would support mutual understanding and help achieve better environmental outcomes, particularly given the alignment with GMTOAC's own Consultation and Negotiation Protocol. CGG also highlighted a disconnect between written requests from representatives and the questions raised during direct engagement, with some Gunditjmara attendees appearing unfamiliar with the proposed activity (Event ID 7023).
3307	7004	Concern that if the documents provided by CGG remain unchanged, it will pose challenges for the relevant person to effectively participate in consultation.	CGG clarified that they had not changed their position on consultation with GMTOAC and Gunditjmara and were not making the insinuations claimed. However, they emphasised their legal obligation to provide NOPSEMA with a consultation report detailing the consultations undertaken, and therefore, it was reasonable for them to request transparency and clarity about the specific individuals they had consulted with (Event ID 7023).
3308	7007	Relevant person asserted there had been misunderstandings with information and communication between CGG and another stakeholder which led to unfortunate assumptions by CGG.	CGG clarified that while they cannot discuss specific private correspondence, they wanted to provide insights into their consultation process and scientific practices. They explained that during consultation, all stakeholders are invited to share information, but any received information must be validated for relevance and accuracy, similar to the peer review process in scientific research. Peer review ensures quality, credibility, and error detection. CGG acknowledged that feedback can be challenging to receive but is crucial for transparency and improving future work. They concluded by expressing appreciation for the stakeholder's participation and emphasized their commitment to protecting the environment while managing the proposed activity (Event ID 7024)

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3309	7007	Asserted that there were a number of concerns about Fairy Penguins that require attention, and they will write to us with these in due time.	In Event ID 7024, CGG responded to comments about Fairy Penguins by encouraging the provision of new relevant information for their marine science team's assessment.

Annex 5 – Information Received

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1000	168	Stakeholder noted attached information doesn't provide details of survey effort, locations or proximity to Australian Marine Parks.	Appendix E1 Section 4 and 8.	The titleholder responded with the relevant documents and shape files for both the proposed activity and environmental planning. The titleholder confirmed that they were refining the project they engaged with stakeholders therefore changes/refinements to the areas or plans may occur. (Event ID: 559, Document ID: 333)
1001	405	Provided secondary email contact. Advised email to resend initial letter. Could not confirm receipt of initial letter, advised the original email is a business and email could have been deleted.		Correspondence was sent to the revised email address provided; receipt confirmed via phone call (Event ID 3914).
1002	428	Highlights the ecological importance of the area as a significant birthing and migration site for endangered southern right whales, which visit annually.	E7 Section 4.3.6, F3 Section 4.1	We are about to start our environmental assessments and will include details about how we plan to protect southern right whales and minimise our interference with local fishers. Keep informed of updates by registering for our newsletter and our webinars (Event ID 428).
1003	529	FIA's are marine conservation, advocacy and community support in subject areas, including being residents in affected communities.		Information used to inform consultation process
1004	537	Highlights that numerous scientific studies have investigated the impacts of seismic surveys, specifically noting that several studies have been conducted in the region of Tasmania and King Island.		The information was noted. No further action required.
1005	560	Recommendation to continue to engage with relevant councils as key stakeholders		Advised that we have engaged with local councils adjacent to the proposed activity area. No further action required.
1006	626	Regia MSS's brief flyer only mentions the presence of Pygmy Blue Whales	E7 Section 4.3.5, F3 Section 4.2	The titleholder informed the stakeholder that a full environmental assessment utilising information sources provided by the stakeholder was being conducted, and provided a link to the project website where the documents could be found (Event ID 724).
1007	626	In 2019 and 2023 at least this region was a birthing and nursery area for Pygmy Blues and Sperm Whales (the data is not formally published in journals at this stage, but is on the biological database of the Department of Environment).	Appendix E7 Section 4 and 8, F3 Section 4.2	Advised that no validated scientific data exists to confirm presence of sperm whale birthing and nursery areas in the area where the Regia MSS will occur. All relevant data on Pygmy Blues has however been assessed.
1008	648	Advised of email address for staff member that could be contacted in their place.		The information was noted. No further action required.

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1009	653	The stakeholder requests , the EP must: identify and manage all impacts and risks on Australian marine park values (including ecosystem values) to an acceptable level and has considered all options to avoid or reduce them to as low as reasonably practicable.	D4, E1	CGG has assessed risks and impacts to Marine Parks in Appendices D4 and E1 of the EP. The closest marine protected area is the 12 Apostles State Marine Park. CGG will implement anactivity limitation with no operational activity within 5 km of this Park
1010	653	The proposed operational area intersects the West Tasmania Canyons and the Bonney Coast Upwelling. Both features are areas of high productivity and aggregations of marine life	A2, F3 Section 4.13	The active source area does not overlap with the West Tasmania Canyons and the Regia MSS will not be operating during the summer months of high productivity in the Bonney Upwelling.
1011	653	The operational area is adjacent to, and appears to overlap, recent seismic activities undertaken by ConocoPhillips and is near another proposed seismic activity.	A2, F1	CGG undertook a cumulative impact assessment to ensure other projects in the Otway (see Appendix F1). There will be no overlap with drilling activities and the Regia MSS. The overall cumulative impact is considered low.
1012	653	The operational area is adjacent to and overlaps the following biologically important areas:Presence of Southern Rock Lobster and Giant Crab within the proposed acquisition area, including previously excised areas in the recent ConocoPhillips acquisition.	E1, E4 Sections 4 & 8, F3 Sections 4.5 & 4.6	CGG has acknowledged the presence and assessed the impacts of seismic sound to Southern Rock Lobster, and Giant Crab in relation to the acquisition area across the EP including Appendices to E1, E4, and F3.
1013	653	The operational area is adjacent to and overlaps the following biologically important areas: Pygmy Blue Whales' seasonal feeding aggregations are supported by upwelling systems located at the Bonney Upwelling system and adjacent waters off South Australia and Victoria. Whales predominantly occur in these regions from November to May. Research to date has found that Pygmy blue whales occupy the western are of the Bonney Upwelling system in the Eastern Great Australia Bight and adjacent to the Kangaroo Island canyons from November to December – with high variability of abundance between and within seasons – 'Conservation Management Plan for the Blue Whale'.	E7 Section 4.3.5, F3 Section 4.2	CGG has acknowledged the presence and assessed the impacts of seismic sound to Pygmy Blue Whales in relation to the acquisition area across the EP including Appendices E7 and F3.
1014	653	The operational area is adjacent to and overlaps the following biologically important areas: Foraging areas for numerous protected seabirds.	E5 Section 8	CGG carried out a full impact assessment on seabirds (see Appendix E5) that may be undertaking biologically important areas in the vicinity of the operational area, and the predicted levels of impact were below acceptable levels of impact.

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1015	653	The operational area is adjacent to and overlaps the following biologically important areas: Core use and range area for the Southern Right Whale ('Draft National Recovery Plan for the Southern Right Whale'). Impacts within the species' range is an identified risk in the plan emphasising the need to ensure injury and, or, disturbance is minimised, including from the impacts from anthropogenic underwater noise – particularly as whales demonstrate site fidelity.	E7 Section 4.3.6, F3 Section 4.1	CGG has acknowledged the presence and assessed the impacts of seismic sound to Southern Right Whales, in relation to the acquisition area across the EP including Appendices E7 and F3.
1016	653	The EP must clearly demonstrate that the activity will not be inconsistent with the South-east Commonwealth Marine Reserves Network Management Plan 2013-2023	B2	CGG as part of its obligations ensures that its EP complies with all relevant legislation that applies to offshore activities. These are designed to ensure the protection and preservation of the marine environment and the sustainability of its resources. This is consistent with the SECMRN management plan which was proclaimed for the purpose of protecting and maintaining marine biodiversity, while allowing for the sustainable use of natural resources in some areas, and contributing to the NRSMPA.
1017	653	Spatial avoidance of fishing grounds or temporal avoidance of fishing seasons is recommended.	A2	The titleholder responded with an explanation that the Regia MSS team are consulting with fishers to identify appropriate controls to manage impacts to fishers and stock. Based on feedback to date, the following exclusion zone will be implemented: No acquisition in water depths of less than 50m as this is protective for abalone divers, abalone, and other recreational marine users. (Event ID: 1751)
1018	653	Noted the acquisition area is 37 km from Nelson Marine Park and 33 km from Zeehan Marine Park which form part of the South-east Marine Parks Network. If activity is not effectively managed, it could affect the parks' natural, social and economic values.	A2, E1	There is no overlap with the acquisition area and Nelson Marine Park and Zeehan Park
1019	653	Noted planned activity does not overlap an Australian Marine Park. As such, there are no licencing requirements from the Director of National Parks.		The information was noted. No further action required.
1020	653	Information on the values for the marine parks can be located on the Australian Marine Parks Science Atlas.	E1 Section 8	CGG has considered this information in its Physical Presence Impact Assessment in E1.

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1021	653	Further information for Zeehan and Apollo Marine parks can be found in the South-east Commonwealth Marine Reserves Network Management Plan 2013-2023.		The information was noted. No further action required.
1022	653	Asked Regia MSS to take note of the guidance note created by the stakeholder and NOPSEMA outlining what titleholders need to consider and evaluate.	E1	CGG has consulted with the Director of National Parks.
1023	781	Stakeholder provided details of their functions, interests and activities: swim and/or surf and/or dive and/or fish and/or kayak and/or sail and/or watch wildlife in the local area.	E8	Stakeholder interests were noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1024	788	***Redacted***	E8	***Redacted***
1025	792	Stakeholder is now retired so provided contact details for the person acting in the role.		The information was noted. No further action required.
1026	820	***Redacted***	E8	***Redacted***
1027	823	Stakeholder provided details of their functions, interests and activities: swim and/or surf and/or dive and/or fish and/or kayak and/or sail and/or watch wildlife in the local area.	E8	Stakeholder interests were noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1028	823	Stakeholder provided details of functions, interests and activities: family run a local business that relies on tourism.	E8	Stakeholder interests were noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1029	832	The stakeholder informed the titleholder of their role which is the collection of Marine Debris (plastics) along our ocean beaches. They want to be assured that the activities out at sea will not result in increased rubbish washing up.	D1	CGG has considered this information and has included a risk assessment in the EP (Appendix D1) to ensure the accidental release of materials from the vessel is minimised. CGG will have a Garbage Management Plan, Streamer Recovery Units, Garbage Record Books, and OVID style inspections to ensure compliance and to ensure no waste from the activity washes up on any local beaches.
1030	835	As a member of Portland Field Naturalists Club, the stakeholder watches whales and seals and also pelagic and shorebirds along the southwest coast of Victoria	E8	Stakeholder interests were noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1031	840	Stakeholder provided details of their functions, interests and activities: swim and/or surf and/or dive and/or fish and/or kayak and/or sail and/or watch wildlife in the local area.	E8	Stakeholder interests were noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1032	852	***Redacted***	E8	***Redacted***
1033	886	Stakeholder mentioned the Southern Right Whales that migrate to Warrnambool every year to give birth.	E7 Sections 4.3.6 and 8, F3 Section 4.1	CGG acknowledges this information and has condsidered impacts to SRW's that migrate to the waters off the coast of Victoria in EP Appendices E7 and F3.

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1034	918	The Regia MSS is proposed within Eastern Maar unceded territory	A2	Stakeholder interests were noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS. There is a buffer of 17km around Deen Maar.
1035	918	Confirming Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation (EMAC) represents the rights of the Eastern Maar.		Stakeholder interests were noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1036	948	The stakeholder stated that abalone typically do not inhabit depths greater than 30 meters.	A2 Section 4	CGG has adopted a minimum survey depth of 50m.
1037	948	The stakeholder recognised the disease outbreak that affected the abalone in Portland in 2019, and highlighted the importance of giving areas time to recover.	A2	Stakeholder interests were noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS. CGG has adopted a minimum survey depth of 50m.
1038	948	The stakeholder recognised other fishers who may be impacted and consented to share their details.		The information was noted. No further action required.
1039	948	Fishers explained that abalone divers have a high degree of self-regulation, attributed to the smaller number of divers, which enables easier consensus on areas to leave fallow.		The information was noted. No further action required.
1040	956	Given the location, the the stakeholder believed there weren't any risk of interaction with the Saturday races since they don't venture that far offshore. However, he mentioned a large yacht race from Queenscliff to Port Fairy, where participants take the fastest route but may need to tack out depending on wind conditions, sometimes reaching 3 to 4 nautical miles offshore.		The information was noted. No further action required.
1041	989	The stakeholder suggested that the recipient should advertise the event in the AB community news sheet	C2	I can confirm that we have contacted the editor to request placing an advert in the newsletter.
1042	1040	Stakeholder took part in an online survey and advised they would like to be deemed a relevant person for the purpose of consultation and has requested a meeting.		Undertook consultation process with Relevant Person. No further action required.
1043	1180	The proposed activity area is important for Eastern Tuna and Billfish Fishery concession holders.	E1 Section 4.1	Information was noted but fishery activity in the Operational Area was assessed as low with less than 5 fishers during 2010 to 2020. See Table E1-5 1: Fishery effort is typically concentrated along the NSW coast and southern Queensland coast

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1044	1181	Tuna Australia represents members of the Eastern and Western Tuna and Billfish fisheries of Australia which includes the operational area of Regia MSS. Members target tuna and associated baitfish stocks such as Yellowfin Tuna (Thunnus albacares), Bigeye Tuna (T. obesus), Albacore Tuna (T. alalunga), Broadbill Swordfish (Xiphias gladius) and Striped Marlin (Tetrapturus audax) and some target Southern Bluefin Tuna (T. maccoyii). Target fish species are from internationally shared highly migratory fish stocks. Fishing effort is variable, and is related to but not entirely, ocean pelagic habitat. Due to climate change and increased fish abundance, we have observed significant changes to fishing grounds, with some fishing effort moving 1500kms.	E1 Section 4.1	Information was noted but fishery activity in the Operational Area was assessed as low with less than 5 fishers during 2010 to 2020. See Table E1-5 1: Fishery effort is typically concentrated along the NSW coast and southern Queensland coast
1045	1244	***Redacted***	E1, E8	***Redacted***
1046	1251	Stakeholder provided details of their functions, interests and activities: swim and/or surf and/or dive and/or fish and/or kayak and/or sail and/or watch wildlife in the local area.	E8	Stakeholder interests were noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1047	1317	Stakeholders ancestry includes connections with the ocean through livelihoods.		Stakeholder interests were noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1048	1317	Stakeholder is the curator of Portland Bay Beacon, facilitating community discussions.	E8	Stakeholder interests were noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1049	1325	Stakeholder provided details of their functions, interests and activities: swim and/or surf and/or dive and/or fish and/or kayak and/or sail and/or watch wildlife in the local area.	E8	Stakeholder interests were noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1050	1333	Stakeholder provided details of their functions, interests and activities: swim and/or surf and/or dive and/or fish and/or kayak and/or sail and/or watch wildlife in the local area.	E8	Stakeholder interests were noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1051	1335	The stakeholder mentions being a regular visitor to the coastline for recreational purposes, indicating potential knowledge of fishing locations.	E8	Stakeholder interests were noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS

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1052	1389	The stakeholder identified themselves as a relevant person because they are passionate about climate change and conservation.		Regia MSS Environment Team responded to each assertion and provided thorough feedback and information, including providing links to research on seismic studies, humpback whale studies, impact surveys on marine life.
1053	1432	Commenter mentions that they dive along the coastline from Port Campbell to Portland throughout the year.	E8 Section 8.2	We understand that divers may be affected by the activity which is why we'd like to know where and when you're diving so that we can implement a SIMOPS plan in accordance with DMAC guidelines. One of the team will be in touch with you to discuss your activities (Event ID 1432).
1054	1432	A scuba diving instructor, notes witnessing significant changes in the local ocean environment over the past 40 years.		The information was noted. No further action required.
1055	1438	The maximum area fished applies the five boat rule and expands reporting to 1-degree squares, shading the entire square to indicate any fishing activity. This means there could be just one fishing event within a shaded 1-degree square.		Information was noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1056	1438	The effort/intensity data (red/pink) indicates catch intensity at a square kilometre scale, excluding areas where data is reported by fewer than five boats.		Information was noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1057	1438	ABARES maps reflect the catch and effort restraint of AFMA's information disclosure policy		Information was noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1058	1529	There is a strong objection to the idea of peak bodies receiving compensation, suggesting that such payments should not be directed to these organisations but rather to individual fishers or affected parties.	Refer to Otway Adjustment Protocol	Stakeholder interests were noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1059	1529	There is a clear objection to compensation being directed solely to license holders, emphasising that payments should instead be made to boat owners and those actively engaged in fishing.	Refer to Otway Adjustment Protocol	Stakeholder interests were noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1060	1529	Shark/ gillnet and trawl fishers provided information about the potential displacement from northern fishing areas within Victoria/P79 due to seismic activities. They highlighted that fishing plans can be affected by weather conditions.	Refer to Otway Adjustment Protocol	Stakeholder interests were noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS

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1061	1529	Participants referenced a historic protocol by Origin Energy, where the seasonal quota for SRL was retired as a compensation measure.	Refer to Otway Adjustment Protocol	Stakeholder interests were noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1062	1529	Fishers indicated that SETFIA (South East Trawl Fishing Industry Association) represents members of the trawl sector in Portland and emphasised the importance of ongoing consultation with this organisation.		Stakeholder interests were noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1063	1529	Discussion around the fishing areas/ targeted areas and Regia MSS current exclusions commitments. Information received confirmed zones as Trawl fishing from 200m out, Sharknet and some Trawl within 200m, SRL targeted in 20-70m depths.	Refer to Otway Adjustment Protocol	Stakeholder interests were noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1064	1529	Discussion around critical lifecycle stages, feedback that February to April better time for SRL, and that Shark flagged that Gummies are spawning during May.	B8 Sections 4 & 9, E3 Section 4, E4 Sections 4 & 8	Stakeholder interests were noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1065	1649	Individual identified as running two relevant not-for-profit fishing associations		CGG identified and contacted the stakeholders associations in February 2023, at the start of the consultation process, requesting engagement (Event IDs 4202, 4203 & 3210)
1066	1655	Stating they are a member of OCEAN, Org ID 190		Information used to inform consultation process
1067	1659	Stating they are a member of OCEAN, Org ID 190		Information used to inform consultation process
1068	1661	Stating they are a member of OCEAN, Org ID 190		Information used to inform consultation process
1069	1662	Stating they are a member of OCEAN, Org ID 190		Information used to inform consultation process
1070	1663	Stating they are a member of OCEAN, Org ID 190		Information used to inform consultation process
1071	1665	Stating they are a member of OCEAN, Org ID 190		Information used to inform consultation process
1072	1666	Stating they are a member of OCEAN, Org ID 190		Information used to inform consultation process
1073	1668	Stating they are a member of OCEAN, Org ID 190		Information used to inform consultation process
1074	1669	Stating they are a member of OCEAN, Org ID 190		Information used to inform consultation process
1075	1669	Registered their vote AGAINST Regia's proposal.		Information noted but no further action required.
1076	1670	Stating they are a member of OCEAN, Org ID 190		Information used to inform consultation process
1077	1672	Stating they are a member of OCEAN, Org ID 190		Information used to inform consultation process

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1078	1686	Stakeholder sent a brief email to advise they were the CEO for SETFIA and SSIA, explaining Atlantis Fisheries Consulting Group is a company engaged by the aforementioned associations.		Information used to inform consultation process
1079	1737	A map was provided of the Tasmanian jurisdiction for rock lobster and giant crab	A2	There is no overlap of the active source area with the Tasmanian fishing sector.
1080	1738	Stakeholder emailed detailed documents of dive sites as attachments and advised other divers use these and other sites up to 2 km out from shore.	E8	Multiple measures undertaken to manage interaction with divers
1081	1740	Recreational fishing activities		Stakeholder interests were noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1082	1740	Involvement in fishing charters		Stakeholder interests were noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1083	1742	The stakeholder stated the environmental planning area extends into Tasmanian jurisdiction for rock lobster and giant crab, and in addition, abalone and octopus fishing.	A2, E4	There is no overlap of the active source area with the Tasmanian fishing sector. No impacts predicted within Tasmanian jurisdictions.
1084	1760	Provided information on previous scientific work undertaken in area: Investigator p190 - modelling and possibly measurements done, Crowes Foot - modelling for impact on lobster and suggested mitgations, no measurements and unsure if mitigations were accepted and undertaken, Enterprise - modelling for biological impacts and safe diving distance, no measurements. Other measurements of seismic in area: west coast Tassie T48P, Aargon west side King Island, Essential and Kerr McGee Robe.		Information noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1085	1780	Stakeholder informed us that 'The Arches" is a popular dive site and located inside a Marine Park and therefore protected.	E1	The information was noted. No further action required as Regia MSS is 25km away and does not impinge on any marine parks.
1086	1783	Research findings on the effects of seismic testing on penguins, showed avoidance of preferred foraging areas during seismic testing.	B8 Section 7, E5 Section 8, F3 Section 4.4	CGG has considered this research and it has been included in the EP-Appendix B8 Seismic Studies and Appendix E 5 Section 8

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1087	1783	Middle Island is home to seabirds such as the Short-tailed Shearwater, the Black-faced Cormorant, and the Little Penguin.	E5, F3 Section 4.4	The Regia EP has conducted a thorough assessment of the literature and found there will be minimal seismic impacts to birds on Middle Island. The MSS will not pose any threat to the long-term health and sustainability of the bird populations on Middle Island. Foxes remain the greatest threat to long term survival of resident birds. See E5, F3
1088	1783	Background on the Middle Island Penguin Project and the use of Maremma Guardian Dogs to protect Little Penguins from foxes.		The information was noted. No further action required.
1089	1784	Research findings on the effects of seismic testing on penguins, showed avoidance of preferred foraging areas during seismic testing.	B8 Section 7, E5 Section 8, F3 Section 4.4	CGG has included this research in the EP- Appendix B8 Seismic Studies and Appendix E 5 Section 8
1090	1784	Potential decrease in the penguin population due to the adverse effects on foraging behaviour.	B8 Section 7, E5 Section 8, F3 Section 4.4	CGG acknowledges this information and has addressed poytential impacts to penguin foraging behaviour in EP Appendices E5- Section 8 and F3 Section 4.4.
1091	1784	Penguins began foraging significantly further from the seismic survey vessel when in operation.	B8 Section 7, E5 Section 8, F3 Section 4.4	CGG acknowledges this information and has addressed the impacts of seismic on penguin foraging in EP Appendices E5- Section 8 and F3 Section 4.4.
1092	1784	Increased stress and fatigue on birds due to having to travel further for food.	B8 Section 7, E5 Section 8, F3 Section 4.4	CGG acknowledges this information and has addressed the impacts of seismic seabirds in EP Appendix E5- Section 8
1093	1784	Decreased chances of penguins returning to their chicks and survival.	B8 Section 7, E5 Section 8, F3 Section 4.4	CGG acknowledges this information and has addressed potential decreases in penguins and chick survival in EP Appendices E5- Section 8 and F3 Section 4.4.
1094	1785	***Redacted***		***Redacted***
1095	1815	The stakeholder stated that they would not be in a position to address objections and claims raised by members and that their scope of work would need to be clear.		Stakeholder interests were noted. No further action required.
1096	1815	The stakeholder stated an expectation to receive a fee for service arrangement.		Stakeholder interests were noted. No further action required.
1097	1815	The stakeholder provided information that their policy position and fee for service arrangement would be available in a month and would be for the provision of information only.		Stakeholder interests were noted. No further action required.
1098	1890	The stakeholder provided the locations of surf priority sites both along the coast and 1km from the coast.	A2	Information was noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS. CGG has implemented a minimum depth threshold of 50m.

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1099	1890	Provided details of their functions, interests and activities as a surf group representing over 100 members from Apollo Bay to Warrnambool/Port Fairy with a function to preserve and protect the marine environment.		Stakeholder interests were noted. No further action required.
1100	1891	The stakeholder stated that they function solely as the administrative body and do not act as representatives until they have received direction from Traditional Owners.		Information was noted and used to inform consultation.
1101	1891	The stakeholder recommended that titleholder's review the process used for listing Budi Bim as a UNESCO World Heritage site, and emphasised the cultural significance of the areas surrounding and connected to Budi Bim.	F3 Section 4.15	Advised that we're here to learn about country and what was significant in the region. Mentioned that we'd heard that Deen Maar was culturally significant (Event ID 1891).
1102	1891	The stakeholder mentioned that creating a sea country plan was on the agenda to help raise community awareness about the culturally significant sites in the region.		Information was noted. No further action required.
1103	1891	The stakeholder confirmed that Dean Maar holds cultural significance and recommended leaving it alone.	A2	Confirmed that a buffer of 17km has been put in place around Deen Maar (Event ID 1891).
1104	1891	The stakeholder advised they needed to speak to someone at the organisation who might be able to assist. Stakeholder provided contact name.		Information was noted and contact given.
1105	1891	The stakeholder advised not a native title holder, and that should consult with specific groups as well as well as Gunditjmirring and Eastern Maar.		Information was noted and used to inform consultation process
1106	1891	Stakeholder expressed that they prefer a collective request for information on (cultural values and sensitivities). Example of eight offshore wind proponents all wanting the same thing.		Information was noted and used to inform consultation process
1107	1891	Provided information that recent studies have revealed ancient cave dwellings and culturally significant sites located on the seafloor and within geological formations in other areas and hence should be aware of this during this process.		Information was noted and used to inform consultation process

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1108	1891	Advised that the Iluka silica/sand mine underwent a thorough assessment process lasting between 12 to 24 months, encountering some challenges but ultimately experiencing fewer consultation issues compared to other similar projects.		Information noted but no further action required.
1109	1892	There was a discussion regarding lighter-coloured lobster found along the 100m contour, which has not been fished due to current market dynamics.	Refer to compensation protocol	Intention to fish there if the market changes could be accounted for in a compensation approach (Event ID 1892).
1110	1892	The Victorian SRL is actively working towards achieving MSC qualifications.		Information was noted. No further action required.
1111	1892	Participants requested that the engagement and consultation process be transparent and consistent.		Information was noted and used to inform consultation process
1112	1892	Fishers reported that the Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) has revised its models for calculating fishing quotas. They noted that the community decided not to increase the quota this year, opting instead to maintain the current quota levels despite having the option to raise them.		Information was noted. No further action required.
1113	1892	Fishers expressed concerns about port facilities in Warrnambool, particularly noting previous damage that industry support vessels have caused.		Information was noted. No further action required.
1114	1892	Fishers discussed the current state of Giant Crab fishing, noting that the fishery is small and characterised by low quota levels.	E4 Section 4.2 & 8, F3 Section 4.6	Information was noted. No further action required.
1115	1893	Recommendation to consult with the Victorian Department of Energy Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) and the Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) for the consultation process.		Consultation was undertaken with these organisations, Org ID 330 and 13 respectively
1116	1924	Provided the fisheries present in the area		Information was noted. No further action required.
1117	1924	Provided information on process to obtain individual fishers contact details		Information used for identification of relevant persons
1118	1924	Provided contact details for additional associations AFMA suggest are contacted		Information used for identification of relevant persons
1119	2003	Use the Atlantis email address for communications with SETFIA and SSIA		Information used to inform consultation process
1120	2003	The trawl fishery is now 85% closed.		Information was noted. No further action required.

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1121	2003	The hourly charges for contact with proponent and costs for SMS's sent to members.		Agreed to engage SETFIA/SSIA for fee-for-service consultation with members to raise awareness about the activity and encourage individual fishers participation in the consultation process. (Events 2930, 3350, 3856, 4039)
1122	2003	SSIA is concerned about the impacts on the shark fishery (displacement). The shark fishery is 90% closed.	E3 Section 4.2	Stakeholder concerns were noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1123	2003	SETFIA is concerned about the impacts on the fishery (displacement) and on the exploratory roughy fishery.	C2	Information used to inform consultation process
1124	2003	SETFIA (trawl) and SSIA (shark) are relevant association for which Atlantis holds the management contract	C2	Information used to inform consultation process
1125	2003	Members names and details are not released, however all members are potentially impacted as fishers in the west may be displaced to the east.	C2	Information used to inform consultation process
1126	2003	This exploratory roughy fishery is run by SETFIA, not SSIA.	C2	Information used to inform consultation process
1127	2006	Light pollution poses a challenge for shearwaters during their northern migration, as the birds are often attracted to artificial lights in towns. In response, a program has been initiated in Warrnambool to turn off lights when the shearwaters depart for their migration to Alaska at the end of summer.	Appendix E9 Section 4 and 8.	Information is noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1128	2006	Advised there are currently three cameras installed on Middle Island to monitor bird activity.		Information was noted. No further action required.
1129	2006	Advised shearwater breeding, which also occurs on Griffith Island, and black-faced cormorants are both present on Middle island.		Information is noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1130	2006	Advised penguins in the area are equipped with microchips but do not have GPS tags or trackers.		Information was noted. No further action required.
1131	2006	Advised penguins are observed year-round, with breeding activity typically beginning in August and September when they lay eggs. Population counts are generally conducted in September to monitor breeding trends and numbers.	Appendix E5 Section 4 and 8, F3 Section 4.	Information is noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS

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1132	2006	Advised in 1999, the penguin population on the island was approximately 90 birds, but recent counts have dwindled to just 6, primarily due to the threat posed by foxes. The project's objective is to protect the remaining penguins and increase their numbers.	Appendix E5 Section 4 and 8, F3 Section 4.	Information is noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1133	2007	The Southern Right Whale Study off GAB is a long-term research program designed to monitor the recovery of the Southern Right whale population.		Information was noted. No further action required.
1134	2007	The most recent population estimate for the species is derived from the acoustic monitoring conducted by McCauley as part of the Integrated Marine Observing System (IMOS) project.		Information was noted. No further action required.
1135	2007	Options for monitoring blue whales in the Otway region were discussed, highlighting the importance of both acoustic monitoring and aerial surveillance. Acoustic methods, such as those implemented by IMOS or fixed loggers positioned off the Thylacine platform, can effectively track the location and timing of whale presence. However, to gain a comprehensive understanding of the whales' behaviors and activities, aerial surveillance is also necessary to provide contextual information about their movements and interactions within the area.	Appendix E7 Section 4 and 8, F3 Section 4, G1 and G2	Information is noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1136	2007	The Blue Whale Study is not currently collaborating with any oil and gas companies in its research efforts.		Information noted but no further action required.
1137	2009	The stakeholder confirmed the accuracy of ABARES data.		Information was noted. No further action required.
1138	2026	The fisher confirmed specific fishing areas he operates in, detailing that he regularly fishes in blocks G12, G13, and H14, with occasional activity in block H13.		Information was noted. No further action required.
1139	2028	Stakeholder offered to assist with communications with recreational divers through their network, indicating a willingness to facilitate dialogue and information sharing between stakeholders.	Appendix E8 Section 4 and 8, and C2	Welcomed this and confirmed that we'd like to take up this offer near to the survey timing, once the final dates were known (Event ID 2028).

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1140	2028	Shared details about diving experience, noting they regularly use several dive sites and complete over 300 dives each year, both during the day and at night.	Appendix E8 Section 4 and 8	Acknowledge that it might be easier to coordinate SIMOPS if a commitment to only survey close to the coast at night was made. The other alternative was to distance the survey away from those sites. Noted that CGG would be completing more modelling in the future once the activity has been further refined. Committed to share this modelling with stakeholder when received (Event ID 2028).
1141	2029	The stakeholder confirmed availability to provide data for aggregated areas over previous surveys.		Information was noted. No further action required.
1142	2032	the stakeholder stated the effects on individual rock lobsters were well established but population level effects were not so well understood.	Appendix E1 Section 4 and 8, E5 Section 4 and 8, and F3 Section 4.	Information was noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1143	2032	The stakeholder confirmed that there were no research activities planning that may be affected by the activity but were open to undertaking research if needed with vessel time.		Information was noted. No further action required.
1144	2037	Stakeholder requested to be included on project updates.		Request was noted and actioned.
1145	2038	Stakeholder stated that the impacts of seismic blasts, which can travel hundreds of kilometers, especially on cetaceans, need to be better studied.	C2	At a joint briefing by Regia MSS and ConocoPhillips Australia, the representative of Regia MSS attempted to answer the question that followed this statement of information about seismic blasts but was cut off. (13/6/2023; Event ID 1655). There is no seismic testing scheduled for this project and that point has been reiterated in project information materials as it is clearly a matter of community interest.
1146	2038	Stakeholder questioned about the measures being taken to avoid operations during migration times of federally listed species, including endangered ones, in areas with high migratory species traffic like the Otway Basin.	A2	The Regia Mss team responded to information shared and a subsequent question about measures to ensure the project would not be operational during migration times for Federally listed species. The response affirmed that there would be both activity limitations and control measures.
1147	2073	Logans Beach is the only established nursery for southern right whales in south-eastern Australia, serving as a vital habitat for mothers and calves during the calving season.	Appendix E7 Section 4 and 8 and F3 Section 4.	We agree, it would be unacceptable to acquire seismic in a known Southern Right Whale calving area while they are present. So CGG commits to not undertaking seismic activities while Southern Right Whales are in the critical habitat defined in their conservation management plan. That plan identifies that the Southern Right Whales are likely to be present between May and November (Event ID 2073).

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1148	2097	The Bonney Upwelling is identified as essential for the survival of local marine species, underscoring its ecological importance.	E2 Section 4.3, F3 Section 4.13	Information was noted. A thorough analysis of the upwelling has been conducted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS.
1149	2113	Stakeholder provided details of their functions, interests and activities: swim and/or surf and/or dive and/or fish and/or kayak and/or sail and/or watch wildlife in the local area.	Appendix E8 Section 8.	Stakeholder interests were noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1150	2117	Stakeholder provided details of their functions, interests and activities: swim and/or surf and/or dive and/or fish and/or kayak and/or sail and/or watch wildlife in the local area.	Appendix E8 Section 8.	Stakeholder interests were noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1151	2120	Stakeholder emailed as an attachment a paper published in 2023 regarding leatherback turtle foraging grounds in the Southern Ocean.	E6 Section 4, E7 Sections 4.3.6 and 8, F3 Section 4.1	CGG acknowledges this information and added the source into the EP Appendix E6 Section 4.
1152	2135	Stakeholder provided information regarding the potential effect to blue whale reproduction from displacement.	E7 Section 4 and 8, F3 Section 4.2	CGG acknowledges this information and it was considered as part of all material assessed for the EP.
1153	2135	Stakeholder provided information regarding sightings of skinny blue whales in the Bonney Upwelling and Otway suggesting they may be nutritionally stressed.	E7 Sections 4.3.5 and 8, F3 Section 4.2	CGG acknowledges this information and it was considered as part of all material assessed for the EP.
1154	2135	Stakeholder provided information regarding La Nina and climate pattern appears reducing prey availability for blue whales in Indonesia and sightings of skinny blue whales off NW Australia.	E7 Section 4 and 8, F3 Section 4.2	CGG acknowledges this information and it was considered as part of all material assessed for the EP.
1155	2135	Stakeholder provided information regarding energy trade offs in blue whale foraging techniques	E7 Section 4 and 8, F3 Section 4.2	CGG acknowledges this information and it was considered as part of all material assessed for the EP.
1156	2135	Stakeholder provided information on the differences between energy storage techniques in blue whales, southern right whales and humpback whales	E7 Section 4 and 8, F3 Section 4.2	CGG acknowledges this information and it was considered as part of all material assessed for the EP.
1157	2135	Challenges and feasibility of tagging studies regarding Blue Whales in the Otway region.		Information noted but no further action required.
1158	2135	Blue whales' feeding habits and reliance on prey-rich areas such as GAB, and the WA coast.	E7 Section 4 and 8, F3 Section 4.2	CGG acknowledges this information and it was considered as part of all material assessed for the EP.
1159	2255	The stakeholder emphasizes their role as a local member of the community and the planet, indicating a broader perspective beyond personal interests.		

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1160	2255	The stakeholder mentions their appreciation of the environment and awareness of the detrimental effects of the blasting activity on marine ecosystems.	Appendices E1 to E9 and F3	Information noted but no further action required.
1161	2255	The stakeholder highlights their activities in the southern ocean, indicating a personal connection to the marine environment.	E8	Stakeholder interests were noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1162	2256	***Redacted***	Appendices E1 to E9 and F3	***Redacted***
1163	2275	Reference to accurate information obtained from the Australian Marine Conservation Society		Information noted but no further action required.
1164	2275	Mention of suitably qualified scientists from the Australian Marine Conservation Society		Information noted but no further action required.
1165	2275	Circulation of social communications and videos related to the topic		Information noted but no further action required.
1166	2278	***Redacted***	Appendix E7 Section 4 and 8 and F3 Section 4.1.	***Redacted***
1167	2278	***Redacted***	Appendix E1 Section 4 and 8, E4 Section 4 and 8, and F3 Section 4	***Redacted***
1168	2282	The stakeholder outlined several dive sites that they used and that they completed >300 divers per year, both a day and night.	C2	Information was noted and used to inform the consultation process.
1169	2282	The stakeholder offered to assist with communications with recreational divers through her network.	C2	Welcomed this and confirmed that we'd like to take up this offer near to the survey timing, once the final dates were known. (Event ID 2282)
1170	2371	Mention of the high cultural significance of the Mornington Peninsula and Point Nepean to Bunurong People.	C2	The titleholder requested stakeholder availability for a meeting (Event ID 2917).
1171	2383	Vulnerable Plant and Animal Life: Reference to the need to protect marine life and the whale birthing nursery in Warrnambool.	E7 Section 4 and 8, F3 Section 4.1	Information noted but no further action required.
1172	2383	Indigenous Relationship with Land and Sea: Mention of the importance of indigenous culture and the significance of the Otway Basin Sea Country.	E1 Section 4.6 and F3 Section 4.16	Stakeholder interests were noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1173	2389	The stakeholder provided an information link to a protest in Port Fairy and to websites of other opposition groups.		Information noted but no further action required.
1174	2586	Stating they are a member of OCEAN, Org ID 190	C2	Information used to inform consultation process

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1175	2629	SRL key findings and implications from report (Document ID 1875) were as follows: There was no increased mortality in either lobster group, righting reflex was significantly impaired immediately after exposure for those in E0 and E500 treatments, recovery was observed after the first moult in juvenile E500 lobsters, while E0 juveniles showed persistent impairment after the second moult, ntermoult periods were significantly longer for E0 juveniles, suggesting potential slowed development and growth. Implications: Seismic exposure levels matched previous studies, validating the experimental approach, righting impairment extended to at least 500 m from the seismic source, persistent impairment in lobsters exposed at close range suggests a threshold beyond which recovery occurs, highlighting the need for careful management of seismic activities to minimize impacts on fisheries.	Appendix E1 Section 4 and 8, E4 Section 4 and 8, and F3 Section 4	Information was noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS. Reports are in database.

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1176	2629	Adult pale octopus key findings and implications from report (Document ID 1875): Key Findings: The BACI analysis showed no impact on octopus CPUE at the fishing block level, though localized short-term declines were noted independently. No mortality occurred in either sex due to seismic exposure, but behavioural changes were observed: Males exhibited reduced adventurousness and feeding rates, females showed decreased maternal care as eggs approached hatching. Egg counts in exposed females suggested potential issues, though not conclusively linked to exposure. Physiological assessments indicated lower initial pH levels in males, with significant changes following exposure, elevated immune responses (phagocytosis) in exposed octopuses, alongside variable results for oxidative stress indicators, some evidence of neurotransmitter activity changes, potentially linked to behavioural impacts, no significant DNA damage or long-term impairments were detected. Implications: The study concluded no evidence of mortality or severe long-term effects from seismic exposure. Behavioural changes raised concerns about neuromuscular coordination and environmental interactions. Overall, the impacts were negligible at 500 m and almost non-existent at 1000 m, establishing a threshold for minimizing seismic survey impacts.	Appendix E1 Section 4 and 8, E4 Section 4 and 8, and F3 Section 4	Information was noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS. Reports are in database.
1177	2631	Stakeholder was thankful for being kept updated and advised weather had prevented a lot of diving activity recently and advised that from then on they would be highly active in the region.		Information noted but no further action required.
1178	2640	Stakeholder was thankful for being kept updated and advised weather had prevented a lot of diving activity recently and advised that from then on they would be highly active in the region.		Information noted but no further action required.

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1179	2687	Proposed activity is in close proximity to 2 fisher communities, the King Island and north-west communities.	A2	Responded with information about how Regia EP identifies impacts and risks and subsequent mitigation plans. Acquisition area is ~100km away.
1180	2745	Provided information, contact details and links to 5 Registered Aboriginal Parties, for further engagement, and has extended help in engaging if no response is received.		Information noted but no further action required.
1181	2766	Species presence: Mention of the Southern Right Whale choosing the area for birthing their calves.	E7 Section 4 and 8, F3 Section 4.1	Stakeholder interests were noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1182	2766	Local environmental knowledge: Insights into the cultural heritage and significance of the Otway Basin Sea Country.	B3, E1 Section 4.6,F3 Section 4.1	Stakeholder interests were noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1183	2766	Fishing locations: Reference to the significance of the Otway Basin Sea Country and the importance of local elders in protecting the whale birthing nursery.	E1 Section 4.6, E7 Section 4 and 8 and F3 Section 4.1	Stakeholder interests were noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1184	2886	Stakeholder provided information as part of the objections and claims in the form of links to articles supporting the objection.		Information noted but no further action required.

1185	2886	Stakeholder cited a study showing reduced cetacean sightings (baleen and toothed whales) across large spatial scales across effects in seismic testing and control sites, with evidence of multi-species impacts from seismic survey noise on cetaceans. The stakeholder also cited studies to show that airguns can damage whales' hearing if they're fired within a kilometre or so of an animal, and can also be disturbingly loud at great distances. because they are both loud and ow-frequency creating a range of behavioural impacts dozens of kilometres away from airgun arrays. LINK provided.		CCG is committed to ensuring that marine mammals can continue to undertake biologically important behaviours within the Otway Basin. Several species of marine mammals (whales, dolphins, and seals) are typically found within the area where the Regia survey is proposed. Where underwater noise has the potential to affect marine mammals, mitigation and management measures will need to be in place. We are currently reviewing all mitigations to identify those that will be effective in managing impacts to whales, particularly southern right whale and blue whale which have been identified as undertaking biologically important behaviour within or close to the Regia survey area. As southern right whales have been identified as calving and resting within coastal areas adjacent to the survey area, we have committed to no acquisition to be undertaken when they are in these coastal areas. To determine when southern right whales are present or absent from these coastal areas, we will work with southern right whale researchers to develop appropriate survey methods. We have also altered our timing, following relevant person consultation, from a 6- month window (November – May), to two separate 3-month windows of April – June, or September – November. The activity will occur once in these windows between 2024 and 2028. The decision to alter timing reflects an additional priority for protection and the implementation of an additional impact management buffer for Southern Right Whales (SRW). SRW's remain our priority for protection, and we are now increasing the level of protection afforded to the biodiversity associated with the summer upwelling events. Finding ways to reduce impacts to these sensitivities has led to the implementation of: - an additional impact management area for SRW's (which extends 11.3km beyond the proposed reproductive biologically important area), and - the change in timing to avoid the expected increase in blue whales associated with the summer upwelling. In addition, we will not be acquiring in water shallower than 50m,

				increasing the survey's distance from shore and offering additional biodiversity protection. For other whale species, industry standard controls for seismic surveys that will be implemented as per EPBC Act Policy Statement 2.1: Interaction between Offshore Seismic Exploration and Whales are: - Two marine mammal observers will be present on the survey vessel with a minimum of one on watch at all times during day light hours to implement controls including shut down zones. - The acoustic source is ramped up over a period of 30 minutes with acoustic source components gradually added in sequence until operating level is achieved. - The seismic source ramp up (called a soft start) can only commence if no whales have been observed (minimum observation zone will be 3 km) in the previous 30 minutes. - If a whale is sighted during the soft start the acoustic source should is to be powered down to the lowest possible setting and the soft start cannot commence until the whale is no longer observed or 30 minutes has passed since the whale has been observed. - Shutdown and low power zones implemented for whales. - For line turns acoustic source will be at low power to deter whales form entering the survey area. When observations cannot be undertaken (night-time and low visibility) start-up may commence after a soft start: - Provided that there have not been 3 or more whale instigated power-down or shutdown events during the preceding 24-hour period; or If operations were not previously underway during the preceding 24 hours, the vessel (and/or a spotter vessel or aircraft) has been in the vicinity (approximately 10km) of the proposed start up position for at least 2 hours (under good visibility conditions) within the preceding 24-hour period, and no whales have been sighted. Operations may proceed provided that there have not been 3 or more whale instigated power-down or shut-down situations during the preceding 24-hour period. When observations cannot be undertaken (night-time and low visibility) operations may proceed provided that there have not been 3 or more whale instigated power-down or shut-down situations

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				during the preceding 24-hour period. Other controls being evaluated with expert opinion from acoustic specialists and whale researchers: - Use of acoustic monitoring for detection of whales. - Use of vessel and aerial surveys and shoreline observations to detect presence/absence of southern right whales in coastal areas and presence/absence of blue and other whales in offshore areas. Our full draft impact assessment is available here.
1186	2886	Stakeholder quoted seafood industry calls for more research on seismic testing under 'real-world conditions' in response to research into seismic impacts on demersal fish species which have shown profound negative impacts to the fish stocks. Including a Fisheries Research and Development Corporation report which showed a 80-99 per cent decline in the catch rates of flathead and school whiting following seismic testing in the Danish seine commercial fishery off Lakes Entrance. Stakeholder also referred to a study showing that seismic surveying reduces whiting catch rate by 99.5 per cent. The research found catch rates for whiting were down by 99.5 per cent during a six-month-long survey at Lakes Entrance in eastern Victoria, compared to before the survey. Flathead catch was also reduced by 71 per cent, according to the research. LINK provided.		The paper you cite here is yet to be finalised and released, therefore assessment is undertaken. on current scientifically accepted research. The survey has the potential to temporarily displace fish and other marine life from the survey area, which may temporarily impact the local fishing industry. However, measures will be taken to minimize the impact, such as conducting surveys during the time of year when fish are less likely to be in the area and implementing exclusion zones around fishing grounds. If exclusions zones cannot be accommodated, we will work with individual fishers to ensure they are no worse off because of the survey.
1187	2901	VP-79 has 43 referenced migratory species known to use this area for foraging and habitat including blue whale, pygmy blue whale and northern royal albatross.	Appendix E7 Section 4 and 8, E5 Section 4 and 8 and Appendix F3 Section 4	Stakeholder interests were noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1188	2901	Lease V79 lease abounds with the Apollo marine protected areas of which AMCS has long running Marine Park and Threatened Species campaign activity in.	Appendix E1 Section 4 and 8.	Stakeholder interests were noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1189	2924	Requested to be removed from email correspondence list.		Information noted but no further action required.
1190	2926	Mention of phasing the activity to consider Southern Right Whales and Blue Whales at different times of the year.	B3, E7 Section 4 and Section 8, F3 Sections 4.1 and 4.2	Stakeholder interests were noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS

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1191	2926	Interest in studying the cumulative impacts of 2D and 3D seismic surveying.	F1	
1192	2970	Stakeholder provided fishing locations in Portland.		Information noted but no further action required.
1193	2997	Mention of the area being a blue whale migratory location and southern right whale breeding ground.	Appendix E7 Section 4 and F3 Section 4.1 and 4.2	Information was noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1194	3021	Mention of the rich sea life in the ocean off Portland.		Information noted but no further action required.
1195	3068	The AHO will promulgate the appropriate Notice to Mariners (NTM), which will ensure other vessels receive information of activities.		Information noted but no further action required.
1196	3068	Advised to provide updates to both the Australian Hydrographic Office and the JRCC on progress and, importantly, any changes to the intended operations.	C2	Information used to inform consultation process
1197	3068	Advised to notify AMSA's Joint Rescue Coordination Centre (JRCC) by email or phone for promulgation of radio-navigation warnings at least 24-48 hours before operations commence. AMSA's JRCC will require the vessel details (including name, callsign and Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI)), satellite communications details (including INMARSAT-C and satellite telephone numbers), area of operation, requested clearance from other vessels and any other information that may contribute to safety at sea. JRCC will also need to be advised when operations start and end.	C2	Information used to inform consultation process
1198	3068	Advised to exhibit appropriate lights and shapes to reflect the nature of operations.	B2	All vessels engaged in the Regia MSS will be compliant with the International Rules for Preventing Collisions at Sea
1199	3068	Advised to contact the Australian Hydrographic Office no less than four weeks before operations, with details relevant to the operations.	C2	Information used to inform consultation process
1200	3068	Advised how to obtain a vessel traffic plot showing Automatic Identification System (AIS) traffic data for area of interest through AMSA's spatial data gateway and Spatial@AMSA portal to download digital data sets and maps.	C2	Information used to inform consultation process

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1201	3080	Stakeholder responded to a meeting offer accepting and discussing method of meeting. Advised that 2 colleagues have been added to email and would be happy to all meet at the same time.		Information noted but no further action required.
1202	3092	Mention of a yacht race each Saturday off the coastline of Port Fairy.		Information noted but no further action required.
1203	3182	The paper "McCauley et al. 'Widely used marine seismic survey air gun operations negatively impact zooplankton' 2017" raises concerns about the negative impact of marine seismic survey air gun operations on zooplankton.	Appendix E 2 Section 8 and F3 Section 4.13 and 4.14.	The titleholder provided a response in the form of an attached document. This response included information around why the paper in question is considered an outlier in evidence, and explained that NOPSEMA has accepted the petroleum industry's position on the paper in multiple other seismic survey EP's. The titleholder also explains the absence of a "no impact" requirement in Australia and the relevance of defined acceptable levels (Event ID 2356).
1204	3209	Stakeholder referred to the Precautionary Principle; the IPCC Report on Climate Change; and the Sonic Sea movie.		Information noted but no further action required.
1205	3212	Stakeholder stating they are CEO for two associations.	C2	Information used to inform consultation process
1206	3215	Contact details for SETFIA and SSIA are the Atlantis contact details.	C2	Information used to inform consultation process
1207	3217	Provided SETFIA SSIA Policy on MSS Proponent Engagement 2_0 20 June 2023	C2	Information used to inform consultation process
1208	3224	Provided information regarding consulting with the Commonwealth Fishing industry	C2	Information used to inform consultation process
1209	3228	This feedback provides information about the fishing practices for RL, indicating that most activities occurred in shallower waters closer to ports.	A1	Confirmed that the data agreed with this and why the 50 m activity limitation was adopted (Event IDs 3228 and 4107).
1210	3228	One participant expressed a preference for compensation payments to be directed to quota owners, indicating that this approach would be more beneficial for him as a quota owner.	Adjustment protocol	Stakeholder interests were noted. Refer to compensation protocol document.
1211	3228	No agreement was reached from stakeholders that compensation should be paid on a boat-by-boat basis.	C2	The Regia MSS team pointed out feedback from Portland fishers who preferred that each fisher should be the claimant. Agreed that all evidence-based claims would be put through the NERA adjustment protocol (Event ID 3228).

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1212	3228	Expression of interest from the fishers about putting their boats forward for a spotter vessel if required.		Information noted but no further action required.
1213	3229	Identification of any seabed anomalies that may be potential heritage sites (shipwrecks, crashed aircraft, etc), Regis MSS must notify Heritage Victoria in accordance with the requirements of s 80 of the Heritage Act 2017 (Vic) and/or s 40 of the Underwater Cultural Heritage Act 2018 (Cth). The stakeholder also noted 40 of the UCH Act also requires notification to the Minister.		Information noted but no further action required.
1214	3237	Impacts on whales and dolphins due to seismic air-gun surveys.	B8 Section 8, E7, F3 Section 4	Regia EP has conducted a thorough assessment of the literature and found seismic impacts to cetaceans can be mitigated and managed through appropriate timing of the survey and a comprehensive fauna management plan
1215	3237	Impact on seals from seismic testing.	B8 Section 8, E7, F3 Section 4.3	Regia EP has conducted a thorough assessment of the literature and found potential seismic impacts to seals do not pose any threat to the long-term health and sustainability of any populations of these taxa found within the operational area. Any interactions with seismic are mitigated and managed through spatial boundaries and a comprehensive fauna management plan.
1216	3237	Impact on Molluscs and Crustaceans from seismic testing.	B8 Section 4, E4, F3 Sections 4.5, 4.6, 4.8, 4.9, 4.10	Regia EP has conducted a thorough assessment of the literature and found seismic impacts to fish, molluscs and crustaceans do not pose any threat to the long-term health and sustainability of any populations of these taxa found within the operational area.
1217	3237	Impact on Fish from seismic testing.	B8 Section 5, E3, F3 Sections 4.11, 4.12, 4.14	Regia EP has conducted a thorough assessment of the literature and found seismic impacts to fish, molluscs and crustaceans do not pose any threat to the long-term health and sustainability of any populations of these taxa found within the operational area.
1218	3237	Impact on zooplankton from seismic testing.	B8 Section 8, E7, F3 Section 4.13	Regia EP has conducted a thorough assessment of the literature and found potential seismic impacts to zooplankton do not pose any threat to the long-term health and sustainability of any populations of these taxa found within the operational area.

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1219	3328	The stakeholder stated fishers will look to them for advice and that they would support their members.	C2	Information used to inform consultation process
1220	3350	The stakeholder stated that Gillnet fishers don't go deeper than 100f, 183m.	Appendix E1 Section 4 and 8	Stakeholder information was noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1221	3350	The stakeholder stated that trawlers operate mostly in deeper waters and only go as shallow as 150m.	Appendix E1 Section 4 and 8	Stakeholder information was noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1222	3350	The stakeholder provided information regarding their consultation services and stated they could provide on-water comms including SMS, Facebook posts and emails by fishing zone.		Information noted but no further action required.
1223	3355	SETFIA clarifies that it undertakes work specifically for marine seismic survey (MSS) proponents and not Atlantis. As a not-for-profit organization, SETFIA, along with the SSIA, engages Atlantis to manage their associations, but Atlantis does not receive payment from either association for MSS project work.	C2	Information used to inform consultation process
1224	3356	Stakeholder shared concern about the start time for meeting in Portland.		
1225	3373	Mention of the protest rally in Warrnambool		
1226	3383	Tuna concession owners wish for all environmental plan consultation to be directed through Tuna Australia.	C2	Information used to inform consultation process
1227	3383	Mention of Tuna Australia's internal database being up to date, accurate, actively managed, and reviewed after each consultation.	C2	Information used to inform consultation process
1228	3383	Advice from the Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA) on the preferred method for energy companies to conduct environmental plan consultation through fishing industry associations.	C2	Information used to inform consultation process

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1229	3384	Stating AMCS's functions, interests and activities as relating to the protection and preservation of the health, biodiversity and function of marine ecosystems in Commonwealth and states waters. Also the management of state and Commonwealth marine parks, threatened species and fisheries in the proposed operational area (OA) and environment that may be affected (EMBA) zones.	C2	Information used to inform consultation process
1230	3384	Stating AMCS is Australia's peak marine conservation organisation and Australia's leading national charity dedicated solely to protecting our precious oceans and wildlife. Representing people from all around the country, we work to protect our oceans and coastal environments for the benefit of all marine life, and current and future generations	C2	Information used to inform consultation process
1231	3398	Stakeholder advised they believed they were a person that may be affected, stated why they thought that and requested a catch up to acquire more information.	C2	The Regia MSS team undertook consultation process with Relevant Person.
1232	3415	Person ID 1163/Org ID 316 is busy but keep trying as they do want to be heard.	C2	The Regia MSS team continued to attempt to make contact to arrange meeting. See Appendix C1, Annex 2, 'Southern Ocean Protection Embassy Collective'
1233	3415	Limited social license for seismic blasting along the affected coastline.		Information noted but no further action required.
1234	3417	The Southern Bluefin Tuna fishery also overlaps the proposed activity.	E3, Section 4.1	Southern Bluefin Tuna is not commercially caught in the Operational Area. It is sometimes caught recreationally off Victoria.
1235	3654	***Redacted***	C2	***Redacted***
1236	3672	In-field survey of operators is undertaken to collect the data the economic ABARES information is based on.	C2	Information used to inform consultation process
1237	3672	ABARES data uses logbook and other data collected in fisheries status report assessments, and is reliable.	C2	Information used to inform consultation process
1238	3674	WTOAC has a dedicated Caring for Country Team that, despite being busy, should be involved in any initiatives related to Caring for Country.	C2	Information used to inform consultation process
1239	3674	To make a booking with another relevant person for input.	C2	Information used to inform consultation process

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1240	3674	The WTOAC is involved in aquaculture projects focused on seaweed and kelp, specifically located in Corio Bay.		Information noted but no further action required.
1241	3674	The WTOAC Healthy Country Plan includes coastal values.		Information noted but no further action required.
1242	3674	The suggestion was made for the Regia MSS to engage with the Federation of Victorian Traditional Owner Corporations.	C2	Information used to inform consultation process
1243	3674	The stakeholder expressed skepticism regarding the substantial efforts being dedicated by titleholders to the project, citing a low likelihood of the event occurring.		Information noted but no further action required.
1244	3674	Discussed engagement being difficult with a TO community severely affected by a lack of resources and those available are stretched; lot's of requests for engagement with petroleum titleholders on very unlikely events.	C2	Information used to inform consultation process
1245	3674	Discussed a preference for petroleum titleholders to get together and reduce consultation burden on WTOAC.	C2	Information used to inform consultation process
1246	3674	Briefing to the regional TO Corporation Caucus possible - held monthly online and quarterly in person. In relation to input into the sea country protection program (working title).	C2	Information used to inform consultation process
1247	3674	***Redacted***	C2	***Redacted***
1248	3678	Advised that this meeting did not constitute consultation with Eastern Maar Traditional Owners.	C2	Discussed consultation process for offshore petroleum activities. Outlined that EMAC can request information from the Regia team to help reduce burden on EMAC. Outlined that EMAC can request information on a particular form. Outlined that the public comment period should not be confused with the parallel 'relevant persons' consultation process (Event ID 3678).
1249	3697	Identified Southern Right Whales, Blue Whales, Eels, and Zooplankton as potentially important receptors to be covered.	E2, E3, E7, F3	The Regia EP has conducted a thorough assessment of the literature which is both aspect-focussed and also receptor-focussed for those taxa of increased public concerns. Southern Right Whales, Blue Whales, Eels, and Zooplankton (focus on Bonney Upwelling) have all been subject to increased levels of assessment which have been used to decide outcomes.

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1250	3697	Criticised the aspect-by-aspect approach currently published and suggested that key matters reports for matters of national environmental significance would be a preferred way to review information.		
1251	3745	***Redacted***	C2	***Redacted***
1252	3800	Tuna concession owners wish for all environmental plan consultation to be directed through Tuna Australia.	C2	Information used to inform consultation process
1253	3800	Advice informing that the the preferred method for energy companies to conduct environmental plan consultation according to Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA), is through fishing industry associations.	C2	Information used to inform consultation process
1254	3803	The stakeholder identified their FIA's as a local resident and local business owner.	C2	Information used to inform consultation process
1255	3803	Stakeholder relevance as a local resident, ocean lover, surfer, business owner, and sustainability professional.		
1256	3853	***Redacted***	C2	***Redacted***
1257	3891	Stakeholder requested to be consulted with through their fishing association and not directly with Regia Team		
1258	3892	Stakeholder requested to be consulted with through their fishing association and not directly with Regia Team		
1259	3917	The largest jig fishery for squid in Bass Strait in operates in 70 to 130 metres between Portland and the Thylacine platform in Western Bass Strait.	B8 Section 4, E4 Section 4.2, F3 Section 4.8	Extensive assessment done on the jig fishery and no significant impacts are expected from MSS.
1260	3954	Stakeholder requested to be consulted with through their fishing association and not directly with Regia Team		
1261	3955	Stakeholder requested to be consulted with through their fishing association and not directly with Regia Team		
1262	4026	Stakeholder requested to be consulted with through their fishing association and not directly with Regia Team		
1263	4036	Reference to the Blue Whale Study as a regional stakeholder for blue whales.	E7 Section 4 and 8, F3 Section 4.2	Information was noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1264	4036	Mention of the survey taking place in a Biologically Important Area for pygmy blue whales.	E7 Sections 4 and 8, F3 Section 4.2	Information was noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS

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1265	4043	Provided costs for communication protocols and services	C2	Agreed to engage SETFIA/SSIA for fee-for-service consultation with members to raise awareness about the activity and encourage individual fishers participation in the consultation process. (Events 2930, 3350, 3856, 4039)
1266	4048	Stakeholder provided information on trawling depths: between 100 and 1,100m (mostly <700m).	Appendix E 1 Section 4 and 8, and F3 Section 4	Information was noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1267	4062	The titleholder requested the stakeholder connect with another person and relay the titleholders messages to date, and encourage the person to engage with the titleholder.	C2	The Regia MSS team want the person to do whatever they believe is best for them with regards to how they engage, however, there is only a short window left to consult prior to submission (Event ID 4062).
1268	4069	GMTOAC invitation to a consultation day.	C2	Information used to inform consultation process
1269	4091	Fauna records identify nearly 200 species within the Belfast Coastal Reserve, over 50 of these are listed as threatened and of conservation significance. Four of these are bird species listed for recovery plans under the Australian Government's Threatened Species Strategy are found in BCS : Orange-bellied parrot, Hooded Plover, Australasian Bittern and Eastern Curlew.	A2, E5, E9	The active source area is located over 30km from the BCR, there is no overlap with the acquisition area.
1270	4091	BCS is culturally significant area for indigenous peoples for ceremony and includes burial sites and shell middens.	A2	The active source area is located over 30km from the BCR, there is no overlap with the acquisition area.
1271	4091	BCS contains habitat of international significance for migratory birds Sanderling and Sharp-tailed Sandpiper.	A2, E5, E9	The active source area is located over 30km from the BCR, there is no overlap with the acquisition area.
1272	4106	The individual shared that he only holds the minimum leased quota and is unlikely to venture far from Port Fairy, suggesting he does not anticipate any overlap with the upcoming survey.		Information noted but no further action required.
1273	4106	The individual indicated that he possesses an 'ocean general' license and expressed interest in possibly making a claim related to the activities.	See Compensation Protocol for fishers	Encouraged him to do so if he were to be displaced from his fishing activities.
1274	4106	Stated he'll fish for squid occasionally in the summer.		Information noted but no further action required.
1275	4106	Stated he only has the minimum quota for southern rock lobster which he leases. Unlikely to go too far from Port Fairy and that he didn't think they'd be any overlap with the survey.		Information noted but no further action required.

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1276	4106	Has an 'ocean general' license and that he may want to make a claim for these activities.	E1	Fisher informed of the compensation protocol in place and all submissions accepted with suitable evidence to support claims.
1277	4107	This feedback provides information about the fishing practices for RL, indicating that most activities occurred in shallower waters closer to ports.	Appendix A2, E 1 Section 4 and 8, E4 Section 4 and 8 and F3 Section 4	Confirmed that the data agreed with this and why the 50 m activity limitation was adopted (Event ID 4107).
1278	4107	This feedback notes that fishing activities, particularly for sharks, often occur close to or even within the area, suggesting potential concerns about the impact of seismic activities on local fishing practices.	See Compensation Protocol for fishers	Reaffirmed the methods of claiming compensation if displaced from fishing grounds (Event ID 4107).
1279	4107	This feedback expresses concern that if the market for reds opens up again, fishers may be incentivised to venture deeper into active source areas.	See Compensation Protocol for fishers	Reiterated that catch history in an area is required to be able to have a successful claim. (Event ID 4107).
1280	4107	Stakeholders expressed concerns regarding the reliability of ABARES data for trawl fishing, asserting that it does not accurately reflect fishing effort or productivity in the trawl sector. They indicated that the data does not provide a true representation of their fishing locations or the effectiveness of trawl fishing activities.	Appendix E 1 Section 4 and 8, E4 Section 4 and 8 and F3 Section 4	Asked where the trawl sector fished if not shown in the maps. Sought clarification from stakeholder that almost all trawl fishing is undertaken between 200 m and 400 m depth contour. Agreed to consider a 200 m activity limitation on the active source area and see if CGG could also minimise the time the vessel spent in the operational area in waters deeper than 200 m (Event ID 4107).
1281	4107	Fishers reported that squid fishing is concentrated in a specific area and occurs primarily during a limited season, with February being the main month for fishing. They did not raise concerns regarding the overlap of ABARES data collected in April/May/June or September/October/November, indicating a consensus on fishing patterns without noted conflicts.	B8 Section 4, E4 Section 4.2, F3 Section 4.8	Information was noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS. Assessments were done on squid fishing.
1282	4107	Expression of interest from the fishers about putting their boats forward for a spotter vessel if required.		Information noted but no further action required.
1283	4133	Tuna Australia's role as the peak body for the longline fishing sector in Australia.		Information noted but no further action required.
1284	4133	Changes in tuna fishing grounds due to climate change and increased fish abundance.	E3	Information was noted. Assessments of fisheries impacts from RSS are inclusive of relevant climate change science. Tuna fisheries are not operating in the activity area.
1285	4152	***Redacted***	C2	***Redacted***

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1286	4180	***Redacted***	See Compensation Protocol for fishers	***Redacted***
1287	4180	***Redacted***	Appendix E 1 Section 4 and 8, E4 Section 4 and 8 and F3 Section 4	***Redacted***
1288	4184	The Stakeholder advised that his main interest was in being across the science underpinning mitigations of the seismic testing.		
1289	4185	Stakeholder provided details of their functions, interests and activities: swim and/or surf and/or dive and/or fish and/or kayak and/or sail and/or watch wildlife in the local area.	E1 Section 8	Information was noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1290	4218	Stakeholder advised inability to provide fishing data by area and fishery and explained reasons for this.	E1 Section 4 , F3 Sections 4.5 to 4.14	Information noted but no further action required.
1291	4218	Offered to have a virtual meeting if preferred.		Information noted but no further action required.
1292	4218	Offer to provide CPUE fishery data from 2010	E1 Section 4, F3 Sections 4.5 to 4.14	Information was noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1293	4219	***Redacted***	E1 Section 4, F3 Sections 4.5 to 4.14	***Redacted***
1294	4221	Stakeholder requested to be consulted with through their fishing association and not directly with Regia Team		
1295	4233	Stakeholder confirmed Facebook post and email was shared a few weeks ago to all members.	C2	Information used to inform consultation process

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1296	4235	Brief email from stakeholder to Regia stating another proponent has looked at the catch and revenue data three times and reduced their proposed area and potential impacts.	C2	Responses in Event ID 2655, Regia team seeks to understand why SETFIA/SSIA are focused on the aggregate tonnes of fish potentially affected by the survey, especially since higher-resolution catch data may not be relevant for a whole fishery analysis. Following this, Event ID 2894, explaining that after further discussion, it was concluded that information about the value of previous catch is not necessary or useful for several reasons. First, historical catch data does not help understand how individual commercial fishers or fishing associations may be affected in the future. Second, this information is irrelevant to assessing the impact of underwater sound on fish and fishing activities, as monetary values do not contribute to the cause-effect pathways in impact assessments. Additionally, aggregated data does not provide the appropriate level of analysis needed for individual fishers, nor is it needed for an effective compensation protocol. The data would likely overestimate the economic impact, as fishers must fish to qualify for compensation and would still receive remuneration regardless. Lastly, historical data only indicates that some unspecified fishers may have been affected in the past under hypothetical scenarios that could not have coincided with actual surveys. Overall, no improvements to predictive accuracy in impact assessments are expected from obtaining or sharing this information.
1297	4355	Self-identified as relevant person, stated their FIA's as a commercial fisher.	C2	Information used to inform consultation process
1298	4367	Provided scheduling information and states there will be arrangements for individuals to join online. Explained that companies will have a designated timeslot and be pre-informed of questions to assist them in their presentations.	C2	Information used to prepare for consultation day presentation.
1299	4370	The measures and approach proposed in the planning and design of the survey are seen as approaching 'As Low As Reasonably Practicable' (ALARP) for the operations of the SBT fishery in the Great Australian Bight.		Information was noted as supportive of the Regia MSS EP and its approach. No action required.

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1300	4370	Preference for the survey to occur within a specific time period after main fishing operations.		
1301	4370	Preference for the survey to start in the shallower portion of the operational area and progress towards deeper areas.		
1302	4378	The presence and location of the temperature logger mooring in the Otway.		Information noted but no further action required.
1303	4405	Time allocated to CGG to present at consultation day		Information noted but no further action required.
1304	4405	Stated each session will be closed to only Gunditjmara, GMTOAC program staff, National Indigenous Australians Agency Vic region representatives, NOPSEMA representatives and the proponent.	C2	Information used to inform consultation process
1305	4406	Then sender would like to maintain the logger in its current position for the foreseeable future.		Information noted but no further action required.
1306	4407	Stakeholder advised the Titleholder that cultural values are not in their remit and they would have to look into any contacts within their organisation that could assist with the sea country protection program, if required.	C2	Titleholder has confirmed that they would appreciate any further contacts the Stakeholder can provide. (Event ID 4456)
1307	4410	***Redacted***		***Redacted***
1308	4410	Stakeholder emailed to clarify their feedback or information provided can be treated as outlined in the terms of agreement as of the new year.	C2	Information noted but no further action required.
1309	4411	***Redacted***	C2	***Redacted***
1310	4433	The stakeholder provided information regarding their functions, interests and activities as a commercial fisher.	C2	Information used to inform consultation process
1311	4478	Stakeholder confirmed King George Whiting is their principal concern.	C2	Information used to inform consultation process
1312	4492	Stakeholder states 80% of their stock comes from or through the proposed acquisition area	F3 Section 4.12	Information was noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS. A comprehensive Assessment has been made of the potential impacts of seismic to the King George Whiting Fishery with no risk to population stability found.
1313	4516	Stakeholder provided fishing locations in Portland and Port Fairy.	OMICC Otway Adjustment Protocol	Information was noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1314	4546	Relevant Person resends submission as unsure if it had previously been received.		Information noted but no further action required.

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1315	4551	Seismic Effects on marine mammals like whales	B8 Section 8, E7, F3 Sections 4.1, 4.2	Regia EP has conducted a thorough assessment of the literature and found seismic impacts to cetaceans can be mitigated and managed through appropriate timing of the survey and a comprehensive fauna management plan.
1316	4627	The stakeholder stated that their organisation's input is not required for correspondence with commercial fishers.	C2	Information used to inform consultation process
1317	4627	The stakeholder noted that while collaboration with the petroleum industry is welcome, the fishers and their organisation's board would determine the policy regarding the specifics for fishers. If negotiating individually offers a better deal, they will pursue that option. Ultimately, fishers will seek what is best for them.		Information noted but no further action required.
1318	4637	Noted King George Whiting have long larval duration that makes the species more susceptible to impacts	E1 Section 4 and 8, E 3 Section 4 and 8 and F3 Section 4.	Information was noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1319	4669	The stakeholder responded to the team member's query about the data request and suggested that Regia send a separate data request to the mentioned organisation to clarify its purpose.		Information noted but no further action required.
1320	4669	The stakeholder acknowledged and supported the concept of OMICC and appreciated the advance notice. The organisation would consider their involvement once the letter was received. Stakeholder recommended including another specific organisation in Regia awareness-raising activities.		Information noted but no further action required.
1321	4788	Stakeholder states the distribution of trawl fishing is uneven, with over 90% of the trawl fishery closed due to marine parks, fishery closures, and oil and gas exclusions.	C2	Information noted but no further action required.
1322	4788	Agrees that avoiding depths greater than 200 meters may be beneficial.	A2	CGG will implement an activity limitation of no acquisition beyond 200 m depth contour.
1323	4794	Their primary concerns focus on projects with significant impacts, such as seismic surveys and drilling, along with cumulative effects on Gunditjmara Sea Country.	C2	Given that CGG's project involves a seismic survey, the consultation should have been prioritized. It is therefore puzzling that, to our knowledge, GMTOAC and its members have not met to discuss this matter since February 17, 2024.(Event ID 4973)

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1324	4794	GMTOAC plans to deliver a consultation plan to CGG by late May 2024	C2	Information noted but no further action required. The Regia MSS team have has not been received.
1325	4794	GMTOAC is the corporate representative of the Gunditjmara people.	C2	Information used to inform consultation process
1326	4794	GMTOAC are relevant persons	C2	The Regia MSS confirmed this and GMTOAC were identified as such and contacted at the start of the consultation process on 15th February 2023, inviting consultation and co-design, of both the activity and consultation process. Receipt of the letter was confirmed via phone on 23rd March 2023. (Event ID's 46 & 439)
1327	4794	EJA acts for GMTOAC regarding the Regia MSS.	C2	The Regia team noted this information and it was used to inform the consultation process
1328	4934	Explained shark fishing occurs at depths of 50-183 meters, line fishing from 183 meters to about 600 meters, and trawling from 30 to 1,000 meters, all approximate ranges	Appendix E1 Section 4.5 and 8.	Information was noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1329	4938	Stating that the consultation plan will not be finalised before late May 2024.	C2	Information noted but no further action required.
1330	4938	GMTOAC advising that the consultation plan will be provided no earlier than GMTOAC's next Board meeting on 28 June 2024.	C2	Information noted but no further action required.
1331	4938	EJA acts for GMTOAC regarding the Regia MSS.	C2	Information noted but no further action required.
1332	4948	GMTOAC is currently working towards getting technical advice to assist them in developing a consultation plan, the plan will contain minimum standards, preferences and parameters for consultation, and that the plan will not be provided earlier than 28 June 2024.	C2	Information noted but no further action required.
1333	4948	EJA acts for GMTOAC regarding the Regia MSS.	C2	The Regia team noted this information and it was used to inform the consultation process
1334	4953	Informing CGG that the Consultation Plan will be shared with proponents no earlier than the next Board meeting, which has been rescheduled from June 28, 2024, to July 5, 2024, due to Sorry Business in the Gunditjmara community.	C2	Information noted but no further action required.
1335	4953	EJA acts for GMTOAC regarding the Regia MSS.	C2	The Regia team noted this information and it was used to inform the consultation process

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1336	5115	The stakeholder mistakenly reported the maximum foraging range for Fairy Penguins as 37.4 km instead of the correct 30.7 km.	E4 Section 4.5, F3 Section 4.4	Information noted but no further action required.
1337	5117	There are at least 5 main Fairy Penguin breeding colonies along the coastline of Western Victoria: Deen Maar (Lady Julia Percy Island), Middle Island, London Bridge, Gibson Steps, and Lawrence Rocks	E4 Section 4.5, F3 Section 4.4	Information was noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1338	5117	Penguins gather ashore at these colonies (Deen Maar, Middle Island, London Bridge, Gibson Steps, and Lawrence Rocks) to breed from as early as June through to February the following year.	E4 Section 4.5, F3 Section 4.4	Information was noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1339	5117	Fairy Penguins: Their main food sources are small schooling fish like anchovies and pilchards, as well as squid and sometimes krill	E4 Section 4.5, F3 Section 4.4	Information was noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1340	5117	Fairy Penguins: Eggs are laid between June and November, taking 35 days to hatch. Young chicks are guarded for 10-15 days, and parents take turns foraging	E4 Section 4.5, F3 Section 4.4	Information was noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1341	5117	Fairy Penguins, also known as Little Penguins, are the smallest species of penguin in the world, measuring about 30-35cm high and weighing approximately 1-1.5kg	E4 Section 4.5, F3 Section 4.4	Information was noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1342	5117	Fairy Penguins are protected under Australian federal law by the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 and under state law by the Wildlife Act 1975	E4 Section 4.5, F3 Section 4.4	Information was noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1343	5117	During the breeding season, adult penguins take turns every second day to forage for food, leaving before dawn and returning within the first one or two hours after dusk	E4 Section 4.5, F3 Section 4.4	Information was noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1344	5117	Fairy Penguins: After the chicks are 8-10 weeks old, they begin to fledge, and adults can take longer foraging trips out to sea for multiple days	E4 Section 4.5, F3 Section 4.4	Information was noted and used to inform the analysis and assessment of impacts arising from the Regia MSS
1345	5185	The stakeholder suggested distributing information through their general member updates, a weekly newsletter that typically goes out on Fridays. This approach would effectively reach SIV members and license holders with relevant project updates.	C2	Regia Team confirmed with stakeholder that they would be distributing OMICC and project update information shortly.

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1346	5185	Stakeholder asked if project team would like to distribute an Information Sheet to SIV members and license holders per the Engagement Agreement, indicating an opportunity for the project to reach a broader audience.	C2	Regia Team confirmed with stakeholder that they would be distributing OMICC and project update information shortly.
1347	5189	Stakeholder mentions having catch history and data that could be relevant to the management of environmental impacts.	C2	The Regia team responded to the stakeholder, noting that they commercially fish and requesting further information on their activities to enable a full assessment of potential impacts to be completed. They were asked for their preference of communication form and provided with a link to the consultation hub, with project information and interactive map. A record of this correspondence can be viewed in Appendix C2, under Org ID 805
1348	5189	Stakeholder expresses frustration about the amount of seismic tubes, electrical wire, and debris left behind from previous seismic surveys	C2	The Regia team responded to the stakeholder, noting that they commercially fish and requesting further information on their activities to enable a full assessment of potential impacts to be completed. They were asked for their preference of communication form and provided with a link to the consultation hub, with project information and interactive map. A record of this correspondence can be viewed in Appendix C2, under Org ID 805
1349	5190	Fishing locations: Portland, Victoria	C2	The Regia team responded to the stakeholder, noting that they commercially fish and requesting further information on their activities to enable a full assessment of potential impacts to be completed. They were asked for their preference of communication form and provided with a link to the consultation hub, with project information and interactive map. A record of this correspondence can be viewed in Appendix C2, under Org ID 805
1350	5190	Financial impact: provided details on annual turnover	C2	The Regia team responded to the stakeholder, noting that they commercially fish and requesting further information on their activities to enable a full assessment of potential impacts to be completed. They were asked for their preference of communication form and provided with a link to the consultation hub, with project information and interactive map. A record of this correspondence can be viewed in Appendix C2, under Org ID 805

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1351	5194	Advised a mapping consultant would be able to complete the work suggested and provided contact information of a suggested consultant, who was cc'd into the email.		
1352	5195	The stakeholder references the efforts of TGS, who ran their spatial overlap analysis three times, reducing their overlap with commercial fishing by 95% from their initial plan, resulting in nearly a $10 million reduction in potential impact. Similar analysis' by DCCEEW and other wind proponents have also reduced trawling impacts, achieving reductions of up to 99% and 90% in various regions. The stakeholder cites extensive experience in this field over the past 15 years.		Information noted but no further action required.
1353	5227	Stakeholder stating he was citing the Greg Jenkins paper.		Information noted but no further action required.
1354	5228	GMTOAC is developing a Consultation Plan, which will guide its consultation approach with proponents of offshore petroleum Environment Plans. This plan is set to be finalized after GMTOAC's next Board meeting, rescheduled to July 5, 2024, due to Sorry Business within the Gunditjmara community. As the prescribed body corporate under the Native Title Act 2003 and the Registered Aboriginal Party under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006, GMTOAC must follow specific decision-making protocols that include deliberative processes. The Consultation Plan is essential for GMTOAC's participation in statutory consultations regarding offshore petroleum activities.		Information noted but no further action required.
1355	5228	EJA acts for GMTOAC regarding the Regia MSS.		Information noted but no further action required.
1356	5228	A full meeting of Gunditjmara native title holders is planned for late October 2024 to discuss and potentially adopt the Consultation Plan.		Information noted but no further action required.
1357	5232	Stakeholder advised required format for documents so they can distribute and stated that once the document is received along with request to distribute, they will action the information sharing.		Information noted but no further action required.

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1358	5235	The Operational Area for the Regia MSS overlaps with three foraging BIA's of the Little Penguin. These areas are Deen Maar, London Bridge and Gibson Steps.	Appendix E5, Section 4 and 8, F3 Section 4.4.	CGG has acknowledged the presence and assessed the impacts of seismic sound to Little Penguins in relation to the acquisition area.
1359	5259	Stakeholder provided website detailing their completed activities		Information noted but no further action required.
1360	5261	Stakeholder sharing update of their 2023 activities and those beyond, as well as continuation of existing operations.		Information noted but no further action required.
1361	4409, 4411	Confidential information request for all past and future correspondence, whether verbal or electronic, to be treated as privileged and confidential.		Event ID 4457 email sent to clarify the request, responded in Event ID 4413 that all correspondence and information is to be considered sensitive.
1362	2038	Relevant person expressed the need to ensure statutory notifications are made within a two-hour timeframe to relevant authorities and control agencies, and showed interest in following up on this matter.		We will provide periodic updates to relevant persons in line with a consultation and communication plan for the activity, for example, notifications prior to , during and on completion of the activity. ConocoPhillips Australia noted the request for the provision of information on incidents and spills during the activity and requested information on why this information was being requested and how it would support the relevant persons assessment of the possible consequences on their functions, interests and activities.
1363	5117	Specialist in Fairy Penguins should be consulted with, also Warrnambool Coastcare Landcare Network, Warrnambool Field Naturalists Club, Deakin University, Parks Victoria, DEECA, Warrnambool Council. Also other organisations or members of the community with an interest in Fairy Penguins.		Appendix C1 documents how CGG undertook the consultation process, managed risks to as low as reasonably practicable and an acceptable level, and appropriately responded to, incorporated, and adopted measures based on relevant persons objections, claims, and other feedback. This included a broad capture approach to people and information, including specialists on Fairy Penguins, such as the Middle Island Penguin Project. A record of consultation with these groups, including feedbacks, can be found in Appendix C2.
1364	3873	AFMA notifying Regia team of spelling mistake on commercial fishers information sheet, Troll Fishery should be Trawl Fishery		Corrected the spelling mistake in the information sheet and resent to recipients.

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1365	4794 & 4948	GMTOAC asserts that prior interactions with CGG do not constitute proper consultation regarding the Environment Plan (EP) and that formal consultation has yet to begin.		Responded in Event ID 4973: GMTOAC and GMTOAC members had many opportunities over a long period of time to voluntarily participate in the consultation process with CGG. Having extended our consultation timeframe on three separate occasions, for a total of five months longer than originally planned, GMTOAC and GMTOAC members have clearly had a reasonable period to instruct CGG on their preferred consultation plan, provide input into the preparation of the EP, review the measures adopted to protect Sea Country, and meaningfully engage with CGG. To further illustrate their efforts, CGG enclosed a summary table of all communications with GMTOAC during the consultation process for the EP, both before and after the submission of the Regia MSS EP, along with copies of additional correspondence not previously referenced. Hoping that this will demonstrate the breadth of the consultation process and potentially shift their perspective. CGG firmly aligns with the interpretations made in Cooper v NOPSEMA (No 2), and believes our pre-submission consultation efforts were not only lawful and sufficient but also exceeded industry norms. (Event ID 4973).
1366	3355	There is disatisfaction expressed made about the titleholders' use of the word 'claim' regarding feedbacks received.		
1367	3746	The stakeholder provides a summary of their record of correspondence with Regia team, then describes Regulation 11A (1)(d), following which stakeholder states their associations to be Relevant Persons.		CGG identified and contacted the stakeholders associations in February 2023, at the start of the consultation process, requesting engagement (Event IDs 4202, 4203 & 3210).

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1368	3415	The use of 'how' not 'if' language does not allow for Traditional Owners consent.		Advised person that the consultation would not be genuine had CGG included consultation on if the activity should proceed. The Australian government has provided permission for development of this region by awarding titles and CGG is clearly of the position that whether these activities can go ahead has already been asked and answered in the affirmative by the government. Provided advice to lobby the government to change decisions if still dissatisfied. Noted that Sea Country protection was a priority and we'd be seeking engagement from Traditional Owner to establish how Sea Country is best protected.
1369	3639	Preferred communication format is written, may request a video call following this.		CGG offered video calls on stakeholders request (Event ID 3637, 3368)
1370	4384	18 other commercial licence holders (around 10 businesses) in the area and an in-person meeting may be worth the trip.		Responded in Event 4452, requesting to have initial online meetings in order to assess if there were potential impacts.

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1371	874	Stakeholder referred to well-documented effects of seismic testing which meant their support could not be given to the project.		Thank you for your interest in the planned Regia marine seismic survey. I can confirm you've been added to our records as an interested community member. Regarding your environmental concerns, we recognise the potential to harm marine life and address this by identifying potential impacts and risks and putting mitigation plans in place. Examples of these include: - Conducting the survey during a time of year marine mammals and fish are less likely to be in the area. - Reducing the sound source to the lowest settings and reducing the number of times the sound source is activated. - Implementing marine mammal and fish monitoring programs during the survey. - Implementing exclusion zones around marine mammals and fish to minimize the potential for injury or harm. - In-field monitoring of the ocean for the presence of marine life. - Following strict guidelines as set by the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA). Our Preliminary Environmental Impact and Risk Assessment document has been published on the project website and is available here. We will also be publishing environmental assessment documents, and the environmental impact and risk treatments, expected in May, in the document library. The Australian Government requires petroleum and greenhouse gas (GHG) companies to conduct their activities in a manner that meets a high standard of environmental protection. The seismic industry's environmental record in Australia, particularly in offshore areas, has been exemplary. No offshore seismic survey proposal would be approved unless the highest environmental standards had been met. If we can clarify any of the information above, or if you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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1372	653	Introduction of spatial and temporal buffers to any other seismic activities is advised.		The titleholder responded with an explanation that the industry standard control of 40 km separation distance between operating seismic sources will be applied. The cumulative impact assessment will identify if further spatial and temporal buffers are required to manage impacts to an acceptable level. (Event ID: 1751)
1373	653	Set a limit to the number of days for acquisition at full power and, or, the total distance of sail lines for acquisition at full power.		Titleholder responded by clarifying that there are set limits for the seismic survey with the Maximum days of Operation set to 90 continuous days in a single phase. Maximum days of actual acquisition set to 60 days and Maximum sail line distance set to 1700 km.
1374	918	EMAC representatives at the meeting will communicate the information received back to the Eastern Maar community.		Confirmed consultation process with EMAC was as a representative body
1375	3121	EMAC representative confirming the newsletter sign up was for their role within EMAC, not as an interested individual.		Recorded and consulted as EMAC representative
1376	2413	Recipient agrees to a discussion on activity, confirming direct family member operates SOPEC and they can facilitate contact.		Continued to attempt to make contact to arrange meeting. See Appendix C1, Annex 2, 'Southern Ocean Protection Embassy Collective'
1377	4061	Regia team received this email in error, which states stakeholders intention to not acknowledge receipt of email sent to them, on advice from Org ID 249.		Responded in Event ID 4063, stating disappointed that Regia Teams effort to provide opportunity to engage has been seen as a box ticking exercise. Reconfirming points raised in original email. Offering again opportunity to speak to Regia team regarding project, via email, phone, meeting. Again noting that views can be put forward during public comment.
1522	920	Advised that unexploded ordnance (UXO) may be present on and in the sea floor.		Information noted.
1523	920	The titleholder undertakes exploration activities at their own risk		Information noted.
1524	920	Advised that the DoD doesn't take responsibility for reporting the location or type of UXO that may be in area		Information noted.
1525	920	Advised that the DoD doesn't take responsibility for reporting the location or type of UXO that may be in area		Information noted.
1526	920	Advised the DoD doesn't take responsibility for any loss or damage incurred by Regia MSS or third parties as a result of UXO's in the area.		Information noted.

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1383	2774	Individual sent link to article: *The impact of seismic survey exposure on the righting reflex and moult cycle of Southern Rock Lobster (Jasus edwardsii) puerulus larvae and juveniles.*	Appendix B8	Information noted. No action taken as already considered in EP
1384	6410	The eastern SRW population is recognised as being genetically distinct from the western population and is estimated to be around 300 individuals.	Appendix E7 - section 4.3.6	This is described in the EP
1385	6410	The rate of increase of the eastern population is estimated to be 4.7% pa.	Appendix E7 - section 4.3.6	This is described in the EP
1386	6410	SRW females have high site fidelity to reproduction areas, meaning that they return to the same calving grounds each calving year.	Appendix E7 - section 4.3.6	Calving SRW area fidelity is described in the EP: Calving females are known to have high site fidelity and a 3 to 4-year calving interval.
1387	6410	There has been no change over three decades in the annual abundance of cow-calf pairs at Logans Beach in Warrnambool, Victoria, the only established calving ground in south-east Australia.		Evidence shows a broader distribution of SRW, including a broader distribution of cow calve pairs, such that isolating metrics to those beaches near the Regia MSS is a narrow and selective approach to the consideration of impacts to SRW and the SRW population.Watson et al. 2021 is referenced to accurately describe SRW use of Logans Beach.
1388	6410	It is estimated that there are probably less than 12 females regularly using the Logans Beach nursery.		CGG notes that this statement is unreferenced and contradictory to Stamation et al. 2020 which confirms the actual number at Logan's Beach in 2018 as 14.
1389	6411	If Southern Rock Lobster larvae are going to be encountered in the region in which the proposed survey will be conducted, it is likely that they will be the planktonic phyllosoma stage, not pre- and post-settlement stages or eggs	Appendix E4 - Section 9.1.2	This is described in the EP
1390	6411	Octopus populations rely on a small number of well-developed offspring.		The Octopus single reproductive episode is described in Appendix E4, section 4.2.2
1391	6411	Cephalopods demonstrate a high level of intelligence and are reliant on neuromuscular coordination.		Cephalopods are described and assessed in Appendix E4.
1392	6412	Stakeholder states that they have learned that the colony they believed was located at Gibson Steps is actually located at The 12 Apostles.	Appendix E5 - section 4.5	This is described in the EP
1393	6412	Stakeholder states that the correct normal breeding season commencement time is June/July for the Fairy Penguins of Western Victoria.	Appendix E5 - section 4.5	Information was noted and the EP updated

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1394	6415	Provided draft update being distributed to members in organisation newsletter under the engagement arrangement.		Noted for consultation.
1395	6421	The relevant organisation plan to create a map incorporating all Otway Basin Eps that is fit for purpose so native title holders can visualise the extent of various projects and their effects.		Noted for consultation.
1396	6432	information on krill	Appendix E2 - Section 4.1	This is described in the EP
1397	6505	The sender mentions a Python file containing most of the constants and data used to run his experimental simulations.		Noted for consultation.
1398	6507	The sender mentions that N. Australis is the primary food source for Blue Whales feeding in and around the ASA from November onwards.	Appendix E7 - Section 4.3.5	This is described in the EP
1399	6509	Historical monitoring of these penguins has been by the local council.		Noted for consultation.
1400	6509	Professor at Deakin University has been involved in past monitoring activities		Noted for consultation.
1401	6511	The sender mentions the proposed operational windows and suggests excluding November and December.		Titleholder responded to relevant person in Event ID 6432
1402	6512	The relevant person provided cumulative calculations for their model and its key assumptions.		Noted for consultation.
1403	6512	The relevant person provided their interpretation of the Regia team's material, specifically the impact of seismic blasting on zooplankton and krill in the Regia Active Source Area and the Otway bioregion.		Noted for consultation. Titleholder responded to interpretation and modelling in Event ID 6815.
1404	6513	The multiplier effect of currents (between 0 and 1 knot) on krill larvae mortality through the ASA is about 5x.		Noted for consultation. Titleholder responded to interpretation and modelling in Event ID 6815.
1405	6525	The relevant person mentioned a paper that suggests the bounce in zooplankton populations due to decreased phytoplankton grazing is a possibility.		Noted for consultation. Titleholder responded to interpretation and modelling in Event ID 6815.
1406	6525	The relevant person informed that the bioregion provided looks reasons and no triggers relating to krill and relevant stressors exist, with chlorophyll-a not a specific enough proxy for krill distribution.		Noted for consultation. Titleholder responded to interpretation and modelling in Event ID 6815.
1407	6526	Mentions the Gunditjmara Nyamat Mirring and Mirring as potentially affected by the project.	Appendix C1 Annex 2 Appendix F3 - Section 3.16	This is described in the EP

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1408	6526	mentions the Budj Bim Cultural Landscape and its integral outstanding values, such as the endangered Kooyang.	Appendix E1 Appendix F3	This is described in the EP
1409	6526	mentions the endangered Pygmy Blue Whale and Southern Right Whale as potentially affected by the project.	Appendix E7 - Sections 4.3.5 & 4.3.6	This is described in the EP
1410	6526	mentions the Kooyang's lifecycle, its migration through the EMBA and/or Operational Area of the EP, and any associated impacts on the Budj Bim Cultural Landscape.	Appendix E7 - section 4.3.6	This is described in the EP
1411	6526	Mention of key feeding, breeding/ calving and transits to and from biologically important areas for key whale species.	Appendix E7 - section 4.3.6	This is described in the EP
1412	6526	Mention of the lifecycle of the Kooyang and its migration through the EMBA and/or Operational Area for the proposed activities.	Appendix E7 - section 4.3.6	This is described in the EP
1413	6526	The relevant person mentioned that under traditional law and custom, Gunditjmara are compelled and have a cultural duty to protect Mirring and Nyamat Mirring. Under traditional law/lore, this is not optional, but mandatory.	Appendix E1 - Section 4.6.2.1	This is described in the EP
1414	6532	Individual questioned the reliability of older estimates of little penguin populations due to rapidly changing ecosystems and increasing predation pressure from recolonising New Zealand fur seals.		Little Penguin are assessed in Appendix E5, with a further assessment in Appendix F3, section 3.4, that discusses population numbers and predation.
1415	6541	Individual stated no monitoring of little penguins had been possible on Middle Island for the last two breeding seasons due to rough sea conditions.		This is described in EP Appendix F3, section 3.4
1416	6541	Individual stated that maremma dogs have returned to Middle Island.		Noted.
1417	6541	Individual stated that penguin tracks had been observed on Middle Island, though it did not help with population estimates.		Noted.
1418	6541	Individual attached graphs depicting the number of arrivals and estimated population sizes during their involvement in the Middle Island project.		Little Penguin are assessed in Appendix E5, with a further assessment in Appendix F3, section 3.4, that discusses population numbers.

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1419	6562	Individual stated that they did not consider themselves eligible for compensation as they dive close to shore and therefore had not been personally affected.		Noted.
1421	6654	Individual stated that due to extreme weather conditions over the last couple of seasons, an accurate penguin count had not been able to be completed for the Middle Island Colony.		Little Penguin are assessed in Appendix E5, with a further assessment in Appendix F3, section 3.4, that discusses population numbers.
1422	6654	Individual informed that an estimation of the population of the Middle Island penguin colony had not been able to occur since 2020/21 due to insufficient data.		Little Penguin are assessed in Appendix E5, with a further assessment in Appendix F3, section 3.4, that discusses population numbers.
1423	6654	Individual suggested reaching out to Parks VIC for more recent data on the Little Penguin colony at the 12 Apostles site.		Noted for consultation.
1424	6654	Provided key penguin statistics for 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24 reports.		Noted for consultation.
1425	6691	Relevant person provided updated office address for meeting.		Noted for consultation.
1426	6630	Provided location and time for the 14 February 2025 meeting with the Regia team.		Noted for consultation.
1427	6630	Provided a cost estimate and fee schedule for meeting with the Regia team.		Noted for consultation.
1428	6630	Gunditjmara's obligations to Mirring (including Nyamat Mirring) are dictated by traditional lore, law and custom and apply irrespective of whether Mirring is subject to a determination under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) or not.	Appendix E1 - Section 4.6.2.1	This is described in the EP
1429	6870	Provided a link to the Offshore Petroleum: Special Prospecting Authority, Access Authority and Scientific Investigation Consents Guideline		Noted.
1430	6702	The relevant organisation provided their draft position on the agenda items for meeting with the Regia team.		Noted for consultation.
1431	6816	The relevant person had extended their model to attempt to quantify the impact of Nyctiphanes australis depletion by Regia MSS on the food source of Blue Whales in the region.		Noted for consultation. Titleholder responded to interpretation and modelling in Event ID 6815.

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1432	6676	GMTOAC and Gunditjmara consult and negotiate by way of a full group meeting, including because their rights and interests are held communally.		Noted for consultation.
1433	6879	Informed that Middle Island Penguin Project had not been able to get onto the island and it had been difficult to complete a population count.		Little Penguin are assessed in Appendix E5, with a further assessment in Appendix F3, section 3.4, that discusses population numbers.
1434	6879	Informed that Middle Island Project is funded by donations, council and dog tours.		Noted.
1435	6878	Provided information that 2024 whale season was poor.		Noted. Whale are assessed in Appendix E7 and Appendix F3.
1436	6878	Provided information that there is a small SRW population in the east and that they are highly variable with their calving cycles stretching out.	Appendix E7 - Section 4.3.6	This is described in the EP
1437	6878	Informed of a SRW migratory corridor as well as a separate breeding population.	Appendix E7 - Section 4.3.6	This is described in the EP
1438	6878	Informed that more research needed to be done about the difference in SRW calls during migration.		Noted. Whale are assessed in Appendix E7 and Appendix F3.
1439	6878	Informed that Eastern Maar people were a prescribed body corporate comprised of 13 families.		Noted for consultation.
1440	6878	Informed that the September project window was preferable due to SRW presence in the local area.		Noted.
1441	6878	Relevant person informed that they were interested in tagging whales but that it had ethical complications.		Noted.
1442	6966	Relevant person provided NatureKit link to 2022 and 2023 SRW data	Appendix E7 - Section 4.3.6	This is described in the EP
1443	6966	Relevant person informed that the best way to keep track of SRW sightings during the season is via the sightings map in WhaleFace.		Noted. Used for sighting information in Appendix E7, section 4.3.6 (SWIFFT)
1444	6893	Relevant person provided details of their responsibility as part of the Middle Island Project Committee for annual population counts of the Little Penguins on Middle Island over the summer period.		Noted for consultation.
1445	6893	Relevant person informed that they had been unable to safely cross to Middle Island for a Little Penguin population count the past 2 summers due to deep channels forming in the Merri River.		Little Penguin are assessed in Appendix E5, with a further assessment in Appendix F3, section 3.4, that discusses population numbers.

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1446	6894	Relevant person provided information that arrival counts and breeding monitoring of Little Penguins is undertaken by volunteers from Warrnambool Coastcare Landcare Network.		Noted for consultation.
1447	6894	Relevant person provided contact information for Warrnambool Coastcare Landcare Network.		Noted for consultation.
1448	6886	Relevant person informed that sightings from SRW monitoring program WhaleFace are submitted to the Victorian Biodiversity Atlas (VBA) where it is publicly available.	Appendix E7 - Section 4.3.6	This is described in the EP
1449	6886	Relevant person provided information on how to extract SRW sighting data up to 2021 via NatureKit.	Appendix E7 - Section 4.3.7	This is described in the EP
1450	6886	Relevant person informed that 2024 SRW sighting data was being processed and not yet submitted to the VBA but 2024 sightings could be viewed via Sightings Map in WhaleFace portal	Appendix E7 - Section 4.3.8	This is described in the EP
1451	6887	Relevant person confirmed that in an emergency situation to ensure safety of life at sea, while trying to minimise environmental impact, the Regia team were allowed to transit through a marine park to reach a safe location, noting that acquisition gear would be turned off and not discharging any sound source.		Noted.
1493	6752	The relevant person confirms that the text in the attachment can be included in the next e-news update to members, scheduled for February 7th, in accordance with the terms of the Engagement Agreement.		Noted for consultation
1494	6753	The relevant person expresses gratitude for the advice provided and confirms that they are the key contact for the Association moving forward.		Noted for consultation
1496	6755	The relevant person attached a slightly updated version of update which they feel is clearer.		Noted for consultation
1516	6876	Informed that catch rates were falling because fishers were not getting the recruitment.		Catch rates are shown and described in Appendix F3 section 3.5
1517	6876	Informed that fishers are targeting red crays because of markets.		Noted. Red cray or the Murray spiny freshwater crayfish is not present in the operational area.
1518	6876	Informed that fishers can hear seismic activity on their vessels.		Noted

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1520	6876	Fisher provided information that it would be good to have a website with lookaheads including telephone numbers and email addresses for the vessel.	Appendix B3 - Section 8.1	This is included in the implementation strategy.

Annex 6 – Information Requests

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2000	2686	Request for information on how the proposed activity may impact the community, marine environment, and marine species.	The titleholder responded with an explanation of how the Regia MSS team addressed potential harm to marine life by identifying potential impacts and risks and putting mitigation plans in place. They also provided detailed examples of these mitigation plans in their response, and provided information on where to find relevant documents within the EP (Event ID 1912).
2001	2686	Request for stated commitments on reducing impacts to the marine environment and species.	The titleholder responded with examples of mitigation plans and industry standard controls for seismic surveys that will be implemented to reduce potential impacts to marine life. The titleholder also provided information on where to find relevant documents within the EP (Event ID 1912).
2002	2687	Request for a map of the EMBA	The titleholder responded by providing the stakeholder with the latest map showing the current activity area and exclusion zones implemented during the stakeholder engagement process, and requested that the stakeholder share the map with communities/areas the stakeholder is active in (Event ID 1912).
2003	2687	Request for information on in-person community consultations within Tasmania.	The titleholder provided information about the upcoming presence of a Regia MSS team member's presence on King Island, and offered for the stakeholder to meet with them. The titleholder also offered to hold an online information session for the stakeholder organisation (Event ID 1918).
2004	1831	Request for approximate dates for seismic blasting.	The titleholder responded with an explanation around how the Regia MSS team were still gathering information through engagement and consultation, therefore no acquisition dates had been decided at the time of the correspondence from the stakeholder (Event ID 2910). Project updates will continue through out the activity.
2005	2708	In-person meeting to discuss publications concerning the scope and impacts of the offshore project proposed for the Victorian coastline.	The titleholder responded by thanking the stakeholder for their engagement, offered to arrange a meeting once relevant documents had been finalised, and offered to arrange a webinar tailored to the stakeholder groups needs. The titleholder also provided information on the topics covered in a recent webinar hosted by the titleholder (Event 1889).
2006	4091	Requested details on how risks of the proposed activity will be reduced and how the effects of seismic testing will be monitored.	The titleholder responded with an explanation of the information sources used to inform the Regia MSS impact and risk assessments, and explained how these information sources and resulting measures are specific to the potential impact. The titleholder also made reference to documents relevant to this claim within the environment plan (Event ID 4092).
2007	4091	Question about the compatibility of the proposed activity with international emissions goals.	The titleholder responded with information on The International Energy Association (IEA) World Energy Outlook (WEO) 2021, Net Zero Scenario, the AEMO prediction of shortfalls of gas, and the current government policy. It was also noted that matters of national energy policy are not within the purview of CGG or the Regia MSS. (Event ID 4092).
2008	4091	Question about whether NOPSEMAs decisions will be consistent with the federal governments Threatened Species Recovery Plan.	The titleholder confirmed consistency with the Threatened Species Recovery Plan and provided a relevant extraction from NOPSEMAs Environment Plan decision making guideline document. (Event ID 4092)

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2009	4091	Question about consultation with BirdLife Australia.	The titleholder responded with a statement that they will contact the mentioned stakeholder (Org 333), and included the email address they would use to make this contact (Event ID 4092)
2010	2953	Requested notes from missed event.	The titleholder provided a document containing the requested meeting notes (Event ID 1441).
2011	1281	Requested the minutes from the Warrnambool meeting.	The titleholder provided a document containing the requested meeting notes (Event ID 1441).
2012	4571	Enquired about the next opportunity for in-person small group consultations and there was a plan for more open community sessions in Warrnambool	The titleholder responded with details about the next occurrence of a Regia MSS team member being in the relevant area. The titleholder also offered the option of arranging alternative forms of communication prior to this in-person meeting (Event ID 1729).
2013	2956	Requested the minutes from the Warrnambool Session held at the Surf Club.	The titleholder provided a document containing the requested meeting notes (Event ID 2392).
2014	2958	Enquired about the next date in August for in-person small group consultations in Warrnambool.	The titleholder responded with the relevant dates that a Regia MSS team member would be at the mentioned location for in-person consultation (Event ID 1970 & 2392).
2015	1327	Requested in person meeting to understand more about Regia MSS' processes, environmental considerations and legislative requirements.	The titleholder responded with a proposed date and time to meet the stakeholder (Event ID 1353).
2016	4208	A rationale for choosing the 5 km buffer zone was requested.	The titleholder responded stating that the Regia MSS team undertook a series of risk and impact assessments for the activity. The titleholder then explained how they considered the Twelve Apostles Marine National Park and the Arches Marine Sanctuary Management plan, with relevant highlights shown in a table, providing the rationale for the 5 km buffer. (Event ID 4220).
2017	1893	EPA Victoria would like to be kept informed of activities and progress with the Regia EP.	EPA were placed on the campaign email list, to receive project updates.
2018	2192	Stakeholder requested a meeting between available dates and times outlined within the email.	Titleholder contacted Stakeholder to confirm alternate date and time for the requested meeting. (Event ID 2243)
2019	2244	Stakeholder requested alternate meeting date and time.	Titleholder contacted Stakeholder to confirm alternate date and time for the requested meeting. (Event ID 2243)
2020	3697	Requested single map of the TGS survey and the Regia MSS.	Map provided (Event ID: 3890, Document ID 3086)
2021	4106	Asked whether he'd be eligible for compensation.	Stated that the protocol would allow for commercial fishers to make a CPUE claim if they had a catch history in the area. (Event ID 4106)
2022	740	Why seismic again, there has been a lot in the region before?	Clarified that we're surveying mostly where there has been no seismic before. Clarified where the activity planning area is (Event ID 740).
2023	740	Stated the time of year we survey is important to know.	Explained that this isn't set yet as we'd like input from fishers and the community about when the best time to survey might be (Event ID 740).
2024	917	Details about the timing, duration, and exclusion zones of seismic testing.	Responded (Event ID 1018) with information and requesting a meeting to discuss further (Event ID 2011)

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2025	2179	Details about the timing, duration, and exclusion zones of seismic testing.	Responded (Event ID 1018) with information and requesting a meeting to discuss further (Event ID 2011)
2026	2179	Information on the impact of seismic testing on marine species.	Responded (Event ID 1018) with information and requesting a meeting to discuss further (Event ID 2011)
2027	2259	The stakeholder requested further information regarding the impact of the proposed activity on the Warrmambool community and marine environment.	The titleholder responded identifying potential impacts and risks and putting mitigations in place, such as conducting survey during time of year marine mammals are less likely to be in area, reducing sound source to lowest setting and reducing number of times activated, implementing marine mammal and fish monitoring programs, exclusion zones, and following strict NOPSEMA guidelines. Also provided information on how activity should not affect recreational activities. Provided link to PEIRA. (Event ID 783)
2028	834	Request for information on the activity, environmental considerations, consultation process and regulations.	The titleholder responded with the requested information. (Event ID 833)
2029	839	Request for information on the activity, environmental considerations, consultation process and regulations.	The titleholder responded with the requested information. (Event ID 838)
2030	1258	Request for information on the activity, environmental considerations, consultation process and regulations.	The titleholder responded with the requested information. (Event ID 1257)
2031	1747	Asking who the Federal Minister is who has given permission for this activity	The titleholder responded with information on the regulations and authorisation process (Event ID 2787)
2032	3450	The stakeholder requested information regarding how the safety of the marine ecosystem would be ensured in the Bonney Upwelling zone.	The titleholder responded with information on assessment of, and mitigations for, the ecosystem and the Bonney Upwelling Key Ecological Feature. (Event ID 3450)
2033	3450	The stakeholder asked if any cultural heritage sites had been identified across the operational area.	The titleholder responded with information on assessment of, and mitigations for, cultural heritage. (Event ID 3450)
2034	3450	the stakeholder asked if there was traditional owner consent to impact their whale songline and sea country.	The titleholder explained that consultation with relevant persons which is not a consent seeking activity, rather a mechanism designed to be able to information share, allowing titleholders to consider, and put appropriate measures in place to address, potential impacts on functions, interests, or activities. (Event ID 3450)
2035	168	Further information required includes proposed activity location/s, proximity to Australian Marine Parks, Impacts to marine park values, and risk mitigations.	The titleholder responded with the relevant documents and shape files for both the proposed activity and environmental planning. The titleholder confirmed that they were refining the project they engaged with stakeholders therefore changes/refinements to the areas or plans may occur. (Event ID: 559, Document ID: 333)

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2036	1446	Stakeholder requested an attached data request form be completed and advised approx. 6 week data request timeframes.	The titleholder responded with a completed form and a request for data on a number of fisheries. (Event ID: 1728, Document ID: 924)
2037	3400	Stakeholder responded to meeting information request to advise the points of interest they wanted clarified and gave options for convenient meeting times. Points for clarity were regarding research done on impact to marine life, mitigation measures, and impacts on state marine national parks.	The Titleholder provided the information requested (Event ID 3411) for discussion in meeting (Event ID 3783)
2038	3752	Stakeholder responded to correspondence to advise they weren't able to locate a specific document and request it be sent to them via email.	Titleholder responded explaning the information they are looking for in within the provided documents (Event ID 3753)
2039	421	Stakeholder took part in an online survey and advised they would like to receive further information regarding the project risks, impacts and processes.	The titleholder responded with the requested information. (Event ID 690)
2040	4381	Stakeholder queried the duration of the comment period for the EP as they couldn't find it on NOPSEMA website.	The titleholder responded with the requested information. (Event ID 4448)
2041	1655	Stakeholder requested confirmation of receipt of the email and recording of their vote and strong objection to Regia MSS's proposal. Requested a transcript of the Apollo Bay information session.	Titleholder responded in explaining no official vote, the purpose of the information session and consultation plans and NOPSEMA brochure. Requesting information for engagement. (Event ID 2806)
2042	1659	Stakeholder requested confirmation of receipt of the email and recording of their vote and strong objection to Regia MSS's proposal. Requested a transcript of the Apollo Bay information session.	Titleholder responded in explaining no official vote, the purpose of the information session and consultation plans and NOPSEMA brochure. Requesting information for engagement. (Event ID 2688)
2043	1661	Stakeholder requested confirmation of receipt of the email and recording of their vote and strong objection to Regia MSS's proposal. Requested a transcript of the Apollo Bay information session.	Titleholder responded in explaining no official vote, the purpose of the information session and consultation plans and NOPSEMA brochure. Requesting information for engagement. (Event ID 2817)

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2044	1662	Stakeholder requested confirmation of receipt of the email and recording of their vote and strong objection to Regia MSS's proposal. Requested a transcript of the Apollo Bay information session.	Titleholder responded in explaining no official vote, the purpose of the information session and consultation plans and NOPSEMA brochure. Requesting information for engagement. (Event ID 2780)
2045	1663	Stakeholder requested confirmation of receipt of the email and recording of their vote and strong objection to Regia MSS's proposal. Requested a transcript of the Apollo Bay information session.	Titleholder responded in explaining no official vote, the purpose of the information session and consultation plans and NOPSEMA brochure. Requesting information for engagement. (Event ID 2785)
2046	1665	Stakeholder requested confirmation of receipt of the email and recording of their vote and strong objection to Regia MSS's proposal. Requested a transcript of the Apollo Bay information session.	Titleholder responded in explaining no official vote, the purpose of the information session and consultation plans and NOPSEMA brochure. Requesting information for engagement. (Event ID 2809)
2047	1668	Stakeholder requested confirmation of receipt of the email and recording of their vote and strong objection to Regia MSS's proposal. Requested a transcript of the Apollo Bay information session.	Titleholder responded in explaining no official vote, the purpose of the information session and consultation plans and NOPSEMA brochure. Requesting information for engagement. (Event ID 2771)
2048	1672	Stakeholder requested confirmation of receipt of the email and recording of their vote and strong objection to Regia MSS's proposal. Requested a transcript of the Apollo Bay information session.	Titleholder responded in explaining no official vote, the purpose of the information session and consultation plans and NOPSEMA brochure. Requesting information for engagement. (Event ID 2772)
2049	1670	Stakeholder requested confirmation of receipt of the email and recording of their vote and strong objection to Regia MSS's proposal. Requested a transcript of the Apollo Bay information session.	Titleholder responded in explaining no official vote, the purpose of the information session and consultation plans and NOPSEMA brochure. Requesting information for engagement. (Event ID 3190)
2050	2586	Stakeholder requested confirmation of receipt of the email and recording of their vote and strong objection to Regia MSS's proposal. Requested a transcript of the Apollo Bay information session.	Titleholder responded in explaining no official vote, the purpose of the information session and consultation plans and NOPSEMA brochure. Requesting information for engagement. (Event ID 2812)
2054	4476	Stakeholder requested a timeline update regarding the EP and dates required for feedback.	The titleholder responded with the requested information. (Event ID 4499)

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2055	4483	Stakeholder Enquired if there is an anticipated date for EP submission and noted they haven't received feedback on the information sheet.	The titleholder responded with the requested information. (Event ID 4499)
2056	4552	Stakeholder requested information on whether previously discussed survey research and analysis has taken place and if so, requested the findings to be shared.	The titleholder responded with the requested findings. (Event ID 4542)
2057	4600	Stakeholder queried if a similar analysis to those previously reported could also be done for King George Whiting catch in Corner Inlet also to address more queries they are receiving.	Titleholder responded confirming this is something they were exploring, if it is possible to gain access to data. (Event ID 4599)
2058	1653	Stakeholder requested confirmation of receipt of the email and recording of their vote and strong objection to Regia MSS's proposal. Requested a transcript of the Apollo Bay information session.	Titleholder responded in explaining no official vote, the purpose of the information session and consultation plans and NOPSEMA brochure. Requesting information for engagement. (Event ID 2936)
2059	2702	Why does the operational area include a large area in waters less than 50m deep off the Warrnambool - Portland area when you advise that you will no longer to acquire data in these areas.	The Titleholder responded explaining that the operational area is where the vessel may be present, the active source area (in pink) is where the sound source may be discharged at full-power and data acquired. Data won't be acquired in water shallower than 50m. (Event ID 2558)
2060	3209	The Stakeholder requested to know the qualifications of the Regia Team.	The Titleholder responded explaining that the team is comprised of specialists in several areas, including Environmental Science, along with contracted companies and scientists to complete project reports. Examples provided. (Event ID 2410)
2061	4184	Stakeholder requested information on mitigation methodology	Titleholder responded explaining the assessment and mitigation process. Provided links to PEIRA documents (Event ID 1764)

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2062	4389	The Stakeholder quoted from project information on the NOPSEMA website, namely “The Regia 3D MSS will take a maximum of 90 days to acquire, and may be undertaken in any month except January, February, and March. The precise timing of the survey is subject to vessel availability, weather conditions and other operational considerations, and will consider the seasonality of environmental sensitivities, where practicable.” Stakeholder then asked "Does this mean CGG is willing to conduct seismic surveying over southern right whale calving grounds, including the Logan’s beach exclusion zone, during calving season?"	The Titleholder responded by email confirming that there will not be seismic surveying over the Southern Right Whale (SRW) calving grounds, during calving season. (Event ID 4390)
2063	4450	Stakeholder thanked representative for helping her understand CGG’s proposed Regia 3D Marine Seismic Survey and asked a couple of clarifying questions. "Looking at the map... link: Industry environment plans (nopsema.gov.au) it looks like the active source area and the operational area run parallel to Logan’s Beach Whale Nursery. Would it be correct to say that the active source area runs parallel to Logan’s Beach Whale Nursery, but does not overlap it? And what about the operational area?	The Titleholder responded in an email exchange, confirming parallel to the coast, but more than 16 km offshore at the closest point to Warrnambool. (Event ID 4451)
2064	3356	Stakeholder requested confirmation of the meeting start time and location.	Titleholder provided this information in Event ID 3073
2065	1259	Stakeholder queried the Environmental impact of the process on the community.	Titleholder responded confirming individual had been added to Regia MSS records as an interested community member and requested the individual outline their functions, interests and activities in the area and any specific concerns they may have regarding the activity. Titleholder provided links to the PEIRA and consultation website and attached the NOPSEMA brochure. (Event ID 1260)

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2066	3035	The sender requests to remain informed about the proposed Otway Seismic Survey.	Titleholder responded requesting the individuals outline their functions, interests and activities in the area and any specific concerns they may have regarding the activity. Titleholder provided links to the activity description and consultation website and attached the NOPSEMA brochure.
2067	722	Request for independent research results on the harm caused by seismic blasting and asked for a document defining "adequate community consultation".	Titleholder responded providing a link to the PEIRA and advised that individual would be able to view the reference list of research used. Titleholder provided context on the difference between relevant person consultation and community consultation and went on to provide outline what information has been available for members of the community and approaches used for engagement. (Event ID 2819)
2068	2926	Clarification on phasing the activity.	Titleholder responded providing clarity on the phasing of the activity, specifically the protection of whales by providing the Protection of Marine Mammals document (Event ID 387) and shared that the full Marine Mammal Adaptive Management Plan would be available via the consultation website one completed.
2069	2926	Process for sending out pre-survey notifications and community awareness.	Titleholder responded providing general approach for communicating with relevant persons and interested members of the public for the project. Titleholder advised that SMS notifications would be used when the activity occurred to provide vessel location information to ocean users that may be affected and queried if the individual had a preferred notification method or any additional recommendations for notifications (Event ID 387)
2070	2926	Request for a detailed map with a legend including the permit zone.	Titleholder responded providing map that included a legend and an outline of the permit. (Event ID 387)
2071	2926	Request for a list of stakeholders/contracted and subcontracted companies involved, specifically marine fauna observations.	Titleholder advised that MFOs had not been contracted as yet and provided the name of two companies that frequently provided these services. (Event ID 387)
2072	2926	Inquiry about MFO training procedures.	Titleholder responded advising that the companies providing the service provide training materials for MFOs and that CGG did not have access to this training material and that it was not publicly available. Titleholder sought to clarify if the individual had a specific concern or wish to know what was included in the training and key documentation. Titleholder went on to provide and overview on how contracted MFOs met the requirements under the EPBC Act Policy Statement 2.1 and that the EP would detail competency requirements for MFOs and ongoing awareness. Also provided a link to the Regia MSS Implementation Strategy (Event ID 387)
2073	2926	Question about testing Modular Buoys for PAM and the study schedule.	Titleholder responded outlining plans to test tethered buoys with passive acoustic monitoring technology and committed to providing results of test when complete. (Event ID 387)

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2074	1395	Stakeholder requested clarification on being classified as a 'relevant person'.	Titleholder responded outlying requirements of titleholders to respond to concerns raised about the Regia MSS, including evaluation, mitigation and response requirements. Titleholder advised the individual that they had a duty to consult but that the consultee was not obligated to participate in consultation. Titleholder provided the Consultation Framework flyer and Engagement Plan (Event ID 3022).
2075	2089	Request for clarification on the exploration part that people are most worried about.	Titleholder responded to online comment via email asking if the individual would like to opt-in to ongoing correspondence on the Regia MSS. The titleholder also requested more information from the individual including interest/activities in the area and any specific concerns they might have about the proposed activity.(Event ID 1338)
2076	2089	Inquiry about the impact of seismic blasting on the Bonney upwelling and marine mammals.	Titleholder responded to online comment via email asking if the individual would like to opt-in to ongoing correspondence on the Regia MSS. The titleholder also requested more information from the individual including interest/activities in the area and any specific concerns they might have about the proposed activity.(Event ID 1338)
2077	2089	Inquiry about whether comments are still allowed on the map.	Titleholder responded to online comment via email asking if the individual would like to opt-in to ongoing correspondence on the Regia MSS. The titleholder also requested more information from the individual including interest/activities in the area and any specific concerns they might have about the proposed activity.(Event ID 1338)
2078	1452	Request for information on whether the beaches will be shut off during testing.	Titleholder responded via email confirming the individual had been added to Regia MSS records as an interested community member. The titleholder also requested more information from the individual including interest/activities in the area and any specific concerns they might have about the proposed activity and provided the NOPSEMA brochure. Titleholder advised that the summaries on sound and marine mammals would be provided when finalised. (Event ID 1492, 1745)
2079	1453	Request for information on how the activity will affect the community and environment	Titleholder responded via email confirming the individual had been added to Regia MSS records as an interested community member. The titleholder also requested more information from the individual including interest/activities in the area and any specific concerns they might have about the proposed activity and provided the NOPSEMA brochure and consultation framework flyer. Titleholder provided overview of the activity, the environmental assessment process, the consultation process, and regulations and regulatory process. Links to the PEIRA, Community Consultation and Engagement Plan, and document library were also provided (Event 1454)
2080	3229	Stakeholder advising that any anomalies found that may be a potential heritage site must be reported to Heritage Victoria and noted that the Minister is also to be notified.	Titleholder responded acknowledging information provided regarding reports and enquired as to whether individual would like to receive updates about the proposed activity (Event ID 558)

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2081	1455	Requested more information and consultation on the effects of this activity on Warrnambool, Port Fairy and its surrounds.	Titleholder responded via email confirming the individual had been added to Regia MSS records as an interested community member. The titleholder also requested more information from the individual including interest/activities in the area and any specific concerns they might have about the proposed activity and provided the NOPSEMA brochure and Activity Description flyer. (Event 1456)
2082	1656	Stakeholder requested confirmation of receipt of the email and recording of their vote and strong objection to Regia MSS's proposal. Requested a transcript of the Apollo Bay information session.	Titleholder responded in explaining no official vote, the purpose of the information session and consultation plans and NOPSEMA brochure. Requesting information for engagement.
2083	1669	Stakeholder requested confirmation of receipt of the email and recording of their vote and strong objection to Regia MSS's proposal. Requested a transcript of the Apollo Bay information session.	Titleholder responded in explaining no official vote, the purpose of the information session and consultation plans and NOPSEMA brochure. Requesting information for engagement.
2084	1673	Stakeholder requested confirmation of receipt of the email and recording of their vote and strong objection to Regia MSS's proposal. Requested a transcript of the Apollo Bay information session.	Titleholder responded in explaining no official vote, the purpose of the information session and consultation plans and NOPSEMA brochure. Requesting information for engagement.
2085	2766	Request for clarification on how concerns about environmental risks will be mitigated.	Titleholder responded providing overview on environmental risk management that included scientific data on marine surveys, protection of the marine environment and links to five large scale studies on MSS in Australia. (Event ID 1862)
2086	2766	Request for information on how the seismic testing proposal aligns with the push for renewable resources and consideration of marine environment vulnerability.	Titleholder responded providing a perspective on the role of gas in the Australian and global energy mix. (Event ID 1862)
2087	2677	Request for further information on direct primary research into the safety of activities in the Port Fairy area.	Titleholder responded outlining how environmental information not specifically related to the location of the activity can be used to inform the description of the existing environment in an EP. Titleholder also provided insight that research and data from the Otway and other applicable regions had been used to inform the Regia MSS assessments and measures and provided a link to an example. (Event ID 1907)
2088	2773	Request for the recipient to listen to a recording regarding concerns raised by the community and scientists prior to the seismic survey.	Titleholder responded clarifying the Regia MSS activity and sharing link to consultation opportunities for other drilling activity the individual referred to. Titleholder provided information on the marine environment including links to the PEIRA, environmental impact and risk treatments and links to five large scale studies on MSS in Australia. (Event ID 2281)

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2089	2773	Request for comparison of the damage done to one species with the potential impact of the recipient's activities.	Titleholder responded providing outlines on rock lobster, whales, oil spill and the marine environment. (Event ID 2281)
2090	2383	Role-Modelling: Request for Regia MSS to reflect on their ethical responsibilities and consider the positive qualities they demonstrate to society.	Titleholder responded providing CGG perspective on need for gas in Australian energy mix and role in energy transition. Provided clarification on range of terms and names and advised that the claims related to the ongoing need for gas whilst not relevant to the adverse effects of the activity, would be provided to NOPSEMA. (Event ID 2815)
2091	2383	Request for clarification on how concerns regarding environmental risks and indigenous heritage will be mitigated.	Titleholder responded providing outline on current activity limitations put in place because of consultation around First Nations considerations. Provided outlying on approach to marine mammal protection, requirements of titleholders under EPBC Act Policy Statement 2.1 and other controls being considered for the activity. (Event ID 2815)
2092	2383	Request for an explanation on the rationale behind taking significant risks with the marine environment amidst the push for renewable resources.	Titleholder responded providing overview on environmental risk, specifically scientific data on marine seismic surveys. This included the assessment that impacts to displaced marine fauna are typically short term with no impact to ecosystem function, providing an overview on the legislations and providing links to five large scale studies undertaken in Australia on MSS. (Event ID 2915)
2093	115	Request for details of the proposed seismic activity in the Otway Basin. Request for more information or previous environmental plans related to the seismic blasting.	Titleholder responded by sending newsletter (Event ID 1182), a summary document for a SIMOPS plan for comment and review (Event ID 1752) and providing the Activity Overview and Consultation Framework information sheets and the NOPSEMA brochure (Event ID 1757)
2094	3203	The stakeholder requests clarification on the purpose of the documents and outlines for discussion with the Managing Director.	Titleholder responded clarifying that intent of contact was to establish if the organisation was a stakeholder or interested party for the Regia MSS, provided additional links on how to engage and where to find more information about the activity. (Event ID 621)
2095	353	The activity	Titleholder responded providing Activity Overview Flyer and NOPSEMA Brochure (Event ID 1755)
2096	353	The environmental assessment process	Titleholder responded providing link to the PEIRA (Event ID 1755)
2097	353	Environmental aspects (i.e. the ways the activity interacts with the marine environment)	Titleholder responded providing link to the PEIRA (Event ID 1755)
2098	353	Predicted levels of environmental impact	Titleholder responded providing link to the PEIRA (Event ID 1755)
2099	353	Predicted levels of environmental risk	Titleholder responded providing link to the PEIRA (Event ID 1755)
2100	353	The environmental management of the activity	Titleholder responded providing link to the PEIRA (Event ID 1755)
2101	353	The consultation processes	Titleholder responded providing Consultation Framework Flyer (Event ID 1755)
2102	353	The regulations or the regulatory processes	Titleholder responded providing overview of regulatory process, including NOPSEMA's role in assessment. (Event ID 1755)

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2103	649	The stakeholder requests information on the estimated size of the Environmental Planning Area and the Activity Planning Area.	Titleholder provided the estimated size of the Environmental Planning Area and the Activity Planning Area in Event ID 3154.
2104	3173	Request for a briefing with a focus on what is proposed, approval process and timelines along with any impact assessment/environmental assessment that you able to share.	Titleholder provided in person briefing, presenting the requested information and responding to questions (Event ID 2322)
2105	3178	A request for Matt's surname is made by the stakeholder.	Titleholder provided this information in Event ID 899.
2106	3182	The stakeholder requests a written response to the paper "McCauley et al. 'Widely used marine seismic survey air gun operations negatively impact zooplankton' 2017."	Titleholder provided written response to the paper (Event ID 2356)
2107	626	Request for the coordinates of the EP boundary in Excel format.	Titleholder provided the requested coordinates (Event ID 724)
2108	4370	Forward reports for baseline surveys, plankton, fish, and whales, and observations/sightings from ongoing aerial surveillance for marine mammals.	Titleholder will provide all information post-survey.
2109	4370	Reports of sound source verification, particularly at a distance seaward of the survey area.	Titleholder will provide all information post-survey.
2110	4370	Updates on survey progress and daily/weekly look-ahead.	Titleholder will provide look ahead and project updates
2111	2762	The stakeholder requests information on the survey's location to assess if potential impacts on fishing operations.	Titleholder provided latest map in Event ID 1788, offered stakeholder co-ords if they would prefer. Event ID 2642 followed up following area refinement with updated map.
2112	2742	The stakeholder requested the recipient to send through any specific information about the potential impacts of their work on Bunurong Country.	Titleholder responded in Event ID 2386, with information on how Regia may have potential impact. Providing map showing overlap, stating potential impact oil spill, explaining that concerns can be outside of RAP area.
2113	832	Request for waste management plan.	Titleholder provided information on garbage management plan and commitments. Offered to share the specific garbage management plan once vessel has been contracted. (Event ID 831)
2114	832	Request for any plan for disposal of crude oil balls.	Titleholder clarified to stakeholder that the vessels only carry marine diesel, which does not result in oil balls. (Event ID 831)
2115	1831	The stakeholder requests the approximate dates of the seismic blasting.	We are currently still gathering information through engagement and consultation, so as yet we don't have acquisition dates.

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2116	4133	Tuna Australia requests a map from proponents to determine potential impacts on member interests.	Map provided
2117	1181	Tuna Australia wishes to be contacted when any proposed activity has the potential to impact vessel navigation, fishing activities, and/or the conservation of fish resources consistent with the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006.	Titleholder responded acknowledging Tuna Australia's position on consultation on offshore activities and requested the services agreement be provided for consideration. Titleholder requested how under a services agreement, Tuna Australia could provide evidence that they had authority to represent Tuna Fishers in consultation with titleholders and requested a full list of members they represented to ensure Regia MSS did not duplicate consultation efforts. (Event ID 1177)
2118	3383	Consultation not conducted through Tuna Australia's fee for service is likely to be incomplete.	Titleholder responded advising they would like to engage Tuna Australia per the provided proposal and noted that they would also need to contact fishers per the AFMA data base and outlined reasons for this. (Event ID 3796)
2119	604	The stakeholder requests an email from March 10th to be resent.	The email in question is resent to the stakeholder. Event 605.
2120	969	The stakeholder requested a phone number to discuss a meeting.	Phone number provided, Event 3166.
2121	3167	The stakeholder requested maps of the proposed Regia seismic area.	Map provided, Event 1176.
2122	5261	Request to be kept informed on any timing of offshore works.	Replied to stakeholder informing them that their details had been forwarded to Regia Environment Manager who would keep them updated as part of the ongoing consultation process
2123	3917	Request for proposals to mitigate the impact on the squid fishery during the survey period and on squid reproduction in the long term.	Titleholder responded requesting confirmation that the individual was referring to the Regia MSS and confirmed previous registration and historic communications and information provision, including a map. Titleholder advised of reduced activity and operational areas and active source areas. Titleholder confirmed the Southern Squid Jig Fishery had been identified and assess in impact assessments and provided outline on current proposed mitigations and effectiveness. Provided overview on adjustment protocol and outlined future consultation. (Event ID 4464)
2124	5189	There was not any information requested within this event.	Titleholder responded providing overview of OMICC, the adjustment protocol
2125	5190	Request for details on how compensation will be provided	Titleholder responded providing overview of OMICC, principles of compensation approach and basic application process. (Event ID 5241)
2126	1051	Information needs related to the activity, environmental assessment process, environmental aspects, predicted levels of environmental impact and risk, environmental management, consultation processes, and regulations or regulatory processes.	Titleholder responded confirming individual had been added to records as an interested community member and provided overview of activity, the legislative framework, and the consultation process. Titleholder also provided links to the consultation website and PEIRA. (Event ID 1052)

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2127	2830	Enquired about the investigation into underwater noise capture methods.	Titleholder responded confirming approach to consultation and consultation requirements. Titleholder provided clarification on the use and attributes of an acoustic blanket in an MSS and provided anecdotal information received through consultation regarding the marine environment in the operational area. Titleholder provided links to five large scale studies on MSS in Australia and advised that no causal links had been found between whale strandings and MSS. (Event ID 2381)
2128	1653	Stakeholder requested confirmation of receipt of the email and recording of their vote and strong objection to Regia MSS's proposal. Requested a transcript of the Apollo Bay information session.	Titleholder responded in explaining no official vote, the purpose of the information session and consultation plans and NOPSEMA brochure. Requesting information for engagement. (Event ID 2936). Stakeholder had previously been contacted and invited to engage (Event ID 2936) following their attendance at an information session (Event ID 762).
2129	3043	Stakeholder requested to register as a Relevant Person and requested a meeting to discuss their questions regarding damage caused by seismic blasting, awareness of future litigation for environmental harm and what the ESG is in regard to continuing prospecting for fossil fuels?	Titleholder responded in Event ID 1820, providing information regarding their enquiry, and offering engagement in a format of their choosing.
2130	1832	Stakeholder thanked the team for the response to their questions and raised a concern that the team was signing off correspondence and not a real full name.	The Titleholder responded explaining that the dedicated activity email was a shared inbox, and why a team's/activities details not individuals are in the signature. Provided full names and roles of individuals involved in the project, and how enquiries are managed by the team. (Event ID 3044)
2131	1181	Tuna Australia requests a map from proponents of the proposed activity to determine if member interests may be affected on a case-by-case basis. Where potential effects exist, there is a need for a service agreement.	The titleholder requested Tuna Australia provide evidence of the Board resolution and evidence that all members agree to the position statement (Event ID 1177)
2132	879	Enquired whether the seismic blasting project falls under the category of a Special Prospectors Authority (SPA).	The titleholder responded that the title referenced by the stakeholder expires after 183 days so it is quite normal to apply for these after the Environment Plan is submitted and not before. Questions about the purpose and use of titles are best answered by the National Offshore Petroleum Titles Administrator (NOPTA) (Event ID 879).
2133	879	Stakeholder asked why the Regia MSS project was not on the NOPTA application tracking system.	The titleholder responded that questions about the purpose and use of titles are best answered by the National Offshore Petroleum Titles Administrator (NOPTA) (Event ID 879).
2134	923	Cray fisherman's concern about the proximity of seismic activities to Port Fairy and inquiries about when these activities will take place throughout the year.	The titleholder responded that they were in the process of refining the survey area and timing as consultation with stakeholders continued (Event ID 922).

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2135	1038	Raises concerns about the potential impacts of proposed activities on endangered species, specifically asking if the effects on hooded plovers and shearwaters, which nest in the area, have been considered.	The titleholder responded that these species will be considered in the impact and risk assessments. The effect to birds is from artificial light from our survey during nighttime and made a commitment to using the minimum lighting needed for navigation and safe operations. The titleholder also stated they will have a porthole shroud to minimise light impacts to all birds (Event ID 1038).
2136	1529	A request was made to clarify whether the studies being used are from the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation (FRDC) and if the fishing industry can submit their studies.	In the in-person meeting the Titleholder discussed the review of the EP chapter and scientific papers supporting it (Event ID 1529) and forwarded the papers (Event ID 2996).
2137	1529	A participant inquired whether fishing data is obtained from the Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA), seeking clarity on the sources of fishing data used.	In the in-person meeting the Titleholder responded and described how commercial fishing and underwater sound is assessed in the EP (Event ID 1529)
2138	1529	A stakeholder enquired whether new research is required or if there is a commitment to research as part of the Regia MSS.	In the in-person meeting the Titleholder described how the EP has assessed potential impacts on commercial fishing and fish species (Event ID 1529)
2139	1782	Asking for clarification about the vessel's allocated zone on the map, noting it has not been extended due to the exclusion around Deen Maar. They want the map updated to show this change accurately.	The titleholder provided the requested map (Event ID 2387).
2140	1782	Questioning why the vessel could not turn within the originally proposed zone. They wonder if this decision is intended to maximise the area covered during the surveying process.	The titleholder responded that the extended area is for vessel turning only and not acquisition. (Event ID 2387)
2141	1782	Asking for confirmation that the extension being discussed is still within the boundaries of the licensed zone.	The titleholder responded that the extended area is included in the Environmental Planning Area (Event ID 2387).
2142	1782	Inquiring whether the proposed operational zone is not considered final until the Environmental Plan (EP) is submitted.	The titleholder responded that the extended area is included in the Environmental Planning Area (Event ID 2387).
2143	1846	The feedback requests a link to the reference document used for determining safe distances for seismic in relation to different life forms.	The titleholder responded that the Sound Modelling report could be located on the Regia website and that they could not provide a link directly to it via an interactive map comment (Event ID 1846).

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2144	1891	The stakeholder requested for clarification on the specific activities and provided a titleholder's map.	The titleholder responded with which titleholder activities were which and clarified activity areas. Also explained why they were hosting a joint meeting - to collaborate in consultation and reduce fatigue (Event ID 1891).
2145	1892	Fishers asked if there could be opportunities for local vessels to be contracted as support vessels for project-related activities.	In the in-person meeting the titleholder discussed that support vessels would be used and opportunity to offer that service (Event ID 1892)
2146	2010	The stakeholder requested to be kept informed of the consultation activities.	VFA were placed on the campaign email list, to receive project updates.
2147	2075	The statement expresses a request for clarification on what the organisation considers unacceptable impacts on marine life, acknowledging that NOPSEMA holds the final authority on such matters. The person seeks to understand the organisations stance on environmental concerns related to their operations.	The titleholder responded that they believe it would be unacceptable to have long-term, regional scale, or irreversible effects on the marine environment. This would also be inconsistent with the principles of ecologically sustainable development that the Regia MSS must be consistent with. You can comment on our Decision-Making Criteria recently published on the Regia website (Event ID 2075).
2148	2084	The stakeholder requested details on how the current seismic survey efforts differ from previous ones that resulted in significant mortality among molluscs, indicating a concern about the potential environmental impacts of seismic activities on marine life.	The titleholder responded that through our extensive research, they had not found any evidence of causation between seismic survey and mortal effects on molluscs. In fact, the evidence found (which would be published), suggested seismic and fishing can happily co-exist. The titleholder requested references, evidence, or testimonials for the stakeholder's claims so that they could be taken into consideration in the proper process (Event ID 2084).
2149	2091	The comment seeks clarification on how seismic blasting will be managed to prevent impacts on the Bonney Upwelling, emphasising the unpredictable nature of its location and the need for assurances that blasting will not occur nearby.	The titleholder responded that they were still working through the impact assessment and would publish the predictions of impact on the Bonney Upwelling as soon as possible (Event ID 2091).
2150	2091	The comment questions how the organisation can ensure that seismic blasting will not affect whales and larger marine creatures, given that the impact zone extends thousands of kilometres. It expresses concern over the potential for significant adverse effects on these species.	The titleholder responded that the preliminary results for the impact zone for marine mammals is 10.3 kilometres (single pulse) and 13.2 km (over time). There will be effects to whales, and it is only acceptable if those effects are behavioural i.e. not injurious (Event ID 2091).

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2151	2093	This feedback seeks clarification on whether the organisation is responsible for past ecological damage to the scallop industry and what measures are being implemented to prevent a similar disaster in the future. It emphasises the importance of accountability and the need for transparency regarding the company's environmental practices.	The titleholder responded that it would be unacceptable to have mortal effects on any marine species from our or any marine seismic survey and that they do not predict mortal effects to molluscs (including scallops, abalone, oysters, clams, mussels, limpets, squids, octopus, and cuttlefish etc.). The titleholder stated that their full assessment of predicted impacts on molluscs would be made publicly available as soon as it is completed (Event ID 2093).
2152	2099	The stakeholder sought clarification on the decision-making process regarding acceptable risks to whales associated with seismic activities, indicating the need for more information about regulatory bodies and their criteria.	The titleholder responded that the Federal Department of Environment, through the EBPC Act, protect matters of national environmental significance. Whale species have specific levels of protected enacted through legal instruments such as Conservation Management Plans. These plans often contain information about the levels of impact that is unacceptable, and we must adopt them to comply with the law (Event ID 2099).
2153	2102	The stakeholder seeks clarification on the adequacy of a 52-meter depth exclusion zone for protecting abalone in regions where they might be impacted by seismic activities within the REGIA MSS area.	The titleholder responded that sound propagation is considered in both the vertical and horizontal directions. The 52m referenced here is the horizontal distance. Even with the 40m depth exclusion zone there may be abalone exposed above threshold levels, and we will contend that the residual impacts will be of an acceptable level at a population/ecosystem level (Event ID 2102).
2154	2322	The stakeholder attended a briefing with a conservation group earlier in the month, in relation to the impact of MSS on zooplankton. The stakeholder requested the titleholder create a submission in response to this.	The titleholder requested a written response to the paper McCauley et al. 'Widely used marine seismic survey air gun operations negatively impact zooplankton' 2017 (Event ID 3182) and provided formal written response to the paper with supporting documentation (Event ID 2356).
2155	3228	Request on information about the types of compensation that would be paid via NERA protocol.	Discussions are underway with fishing associations to provide an opportunity for all commercial fishers in the region to review and input into the final content of the adjustment protocol. Outlined that fishers would also be able to nominate suitably qualified competent assessors for compensation claims (Event ID 3228).
2156	3228	Request from fishers to get the active source area and the operational area data for themselves.	The titleholder agreed to provide the lat/longs of the areas in WGS84 format prior to the survey and as soon as they are finalised (Event IDs 3228; 4107).
2157	3350	The stakeholder requested that consultation services be paid on a fee for service basis.	Agreed to engage SETFIA/SSIA for fee-for-service consultation with members to raise awareness about the activity and encourage individual fishers' participation in the consultation process. (Events 2930, 3350, 3856, 4039)

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2158	3367	It was recommended to reach out to the Victorian Scuba Divers Federation to facilitate contact with recreational divers who may be impacted.	The titleholder responded that they had contacted Victorian Scuba Divers Federation and that notice on popular boat ramps would be place prior to the survey starting to notify recreational divers of the risks and the SIMOPS plan (Event ID 3367).
2159	3697	The stakeholder requested a single map of the respective titleholder survey area maps.	The titleholder provided a map of the TGS survey and Regia MSS areas (Event ID 3890).
2160	3678	Requested for a summary to be put together of the differences between the TGS seismic survey and the Regia MSS.	The titleholder provided a document with a summary of the summary of the differences between the TGS Seismic Survey and the Regia Seismic Survey (Event ID 3887).
2161	3678	Request for a map to be provided of the TGS activity area and the Regia MSS area.	The titleholder provided a map of the TGS survey area and the relevant Regia MSS areas (Event ID 3887).
2162	3678	Request for the draft Sea Country Protection Plan.	The titleholder provided the draft Sea Country Protection Plan (Event ID 3887).
2163	4076	The stakeholder requested coordinates of the acquisition area.	The titleholder provided a document with the requested coordinates of the active source area (Event ID 4101).
2164	4106	Expressed interest in eligibility for compensation.	The titleholder responded that the NERA protocol did allow for any fisher to make a CPUE claim if they had a catch history in the area (Event ID 4106)
2165	4106	Advised occasionally fish for squid in the summer.	The titleholder advised that the activity had no overlap with summer months (Event ID 4106).
2166	4108	The operator of a growing fresh fish market at the port expressed a desire to ensure that their business would be included in the compensation protocols established by CGG for the seismic survey.	The titleholder responded that the NERA protocol did not explicitly cater for a calculation method for fishing co-ops or markets. However, agreed that the co-op could be commercially affected and that a claim put forward to CGG would be considered for compensation. Outlined that evidence would be required to support such a claim. (Event ID 4108)
2167	4433	the stakeholder requested a 12-month monitoring program of recruitment prior to the survey commencing to determine the effects that should be compensated.	The titleholder replied that work had been completed to determine effects on spawning of commercial fish species and promised to provide information on assessment. Stated that effects from seismic on recruitment to fisheries were not found (Event ID 4433).
2168	5051	The stakeholder asked how the changes to the National Recovery Plan for the Southern Right Whale would be considered within the EP.	The titleholder replied that they had considered and referred to the draft recovery plan and now the final had been published, they would follow the processes in place to handle changes such as these. The titleholder stated they plan to send out a project update to relevant persons to notify them of changes (Event ID 5051).
2169	5051	The stakeholder asked how the changes to the Cultural Heritage Act would be considered within the EP.	The titleholder responded that Regia MSS is proposed to be undertaken in Commonwealth waters and therefore there is no obligation to comply. However, state heritage had been considered and this is reflected in cultural heritage notifications and reporting implementations (Event ID 5051).

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2170	5051	The stakeholder asked for information regarding the timeframe on the project's start date and decisions on the EP.	The titleholder responded that NOPSEMA had extended their assessment timeline and that they have made a commitment to publish every decision letter we receive, for full transparency. The titleholder stated that the re-submission timeline will depend on the decision made by NOPSEMA, and that the overall timeline is tied to this. However, during consultation with community and their concerns over increased summer biodiversity, it was agreed that they would not acquire in the summer months, January to March and that the earliest start time would be 1 April 2025 (Event ID 5051).
2171	5051	The stakeholder asked what the titleholder did with data collected.	The titleholder responded that multi-client data is acquired, processed by CGG and can then be sold to multiple clients. (Event ID 5051)
2172	5051	The stakeholder asked if there would be another public comment period.	The titleholder responded that there would not be a further Public Comment process, but there would be ongoing consultation with relevant persons (Event ID 5051).
2173	5051	The stakeholder asked if track lines are part of the EP and if there were any plans to do further work on them.	The titleholder responded that more work is being done and that a map with the latest refinement of lines would be published in due course (Event ID 5051).
2174	5211	This feedback seeks clarification on the measures that will be implemented to protect whales during nighttime operations, expressing concern for their safety in low-visibility conditions.	The titleholder responded that they are assessing a range of measures to detect whales at night, or during poor visibility. These include the measures outlined in Policy Statement 2.1 (Part B), which is the standard set by the Federal Government for management of interactions between whales and seismic surveys. The titleholder stated they would publish our marine mammal adaptive management plan as soon as it is complete (Event ID 5211).
2175	4107	This feedback raises a concern about how intangible losses related to relocation will be addressed, such as time spent away from family and the need to fish in Gippsland instead of the preferred Otway region.	The titleholder responded that the NERA protocol did not have such provisions, and they would be difficult to calculate. Reiterated that this type of feedback could be provided and CGG would consider it (Event ID 4107).
2176	4107	Feedback requesting more information on what compensation would be paid to fishers.	The titleholder outlined that discussions are underway with fishing associations to provide an opportunity for all commercial fishers in the region to review and input into the final content of the adjustment protocol. Outlined that fishers would be able to nominate suitably qualified competent assessors for compensation claims (Event ID 4107).
2177	4107	Request from fishers to get the active source area and the operational area data for themselves.	The titleholder agreed to provide the lat/longs of the areas in WGS84 format prior to the survey and as soon as they are finalised (Event ID 4107).
2178	5203	The stakeholder inquired about the timeline for the Environment Plan (EP) resubmission to NOPSEMA, specifically seeking information on when the next version of the EP will be available for assessment.	The titleholder provided details about the timeline for resubmission of the Regia MSS EP to NOPSEMA and stated that CGG would update relevant persons when there is information to share (Event ID 5204).

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2179	5181	The stakeholder requested clarification regarding CGG's recent name change and why it was changed.	The titleholder responded to confirm CGG's recent rebrand and explained that the CGG business name was being retained for consultation. The titleholder provided a link to a press release about the name change (Event ID 5187).
2180	5183	The stakeholder requested a link to the latest Environment Plan (EP) as they were uncertain where to find it.	The titleholder responded that the latest EP is the version submitted to NOPSEMA following Public Comment and provided a link to its location on the NOPSEMA webpage and Regia consultation hub (Event ID 5182).
2181	5183	The stakeholder asked whether the Environment Plan includes the newly updated, reduced Active Source Area map, indicating a desire to review this specific aspect carefully.	The titleholder responded that the EP was being updated to ensure it is updated with relevant new information, such as the latest active source area (Event ID 5182).
2182	5186	Seeks clarity on when the survey will take place including the time of year.	The titleholder provided an update that the Regia MSS survey timings would be between April-June or September-November, with the survey occurring once for 90 days and that the precise timing is subject to EP approval, vessel availability, weather approval and other operational considerations (Event ID 5191).
2183	5230	Stakeholder re-forwarded previous correspondence regarding OMICC adjustment protocol. Requested confirmation that Regia team had received their correspondence.	OMICC team responded confirming receipt of email.
2184	740	Stakeholder queried why there was seismic activity again as the region has already experience numerous events in the past.	The titleholder clarified that the survey is primarily being conducted in areas with no prior seismic activity and provided details about the activity planning area (Event ID 740)
2185	1183	Stakeholder asked what measures would Regia implement to minimise the impact on their ocean activities.	The titleholder responded requesting a description of the stakeholder's interests and activities in the area to supply information specific to them (Event ID(s) 1186; 3090).
2186	2967	Stakeholder requested for updates regarding the proposed activity.	The titleholder responded that the Environmental Impact Assessments were available (Event ID 2967) and re-forwarded link to the documents (Event ID 2960).
2187	3883	Stakeholder reiterated their request to be notified about the surveys to ensure they can provide the necessary safety information.	The titleholder noted the request and continued to provide the organisation with relevant project update correspondence regarding Regia MSS (Event ID(s) 4403; 4404; 4897; 5134).
2188	4359	Stakeholder requested an update on the status of the Regia MSS EP.	The titleholder responded that submission had been made to NOPSEMA and that they were waiting for confirmation that the EP was ready for public comment (Event ID 4359).
2189	4359	Stakeholder enquired if the changes made to the EP would be shared to assist their organisation in their content assessment.	The titleholder responded that each EP document contains a section which reflects feedback received on the topic and actions made in response to the feedback that are referenced in the document (Event ID 4359).

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2190	4365	The stakeholder mentioned that their organisation wished to submit to the titleholder and asked about the best way to proceed.	The titleholder explained the consultation process and advised that as a relevant person, ASBTIA could make representations to CGG at any time and submit public comment (Event ID 4365).
2191	4468	Stakeholder queried how ALARP decisions can be made without knowing the profitability of the company.	The titleholder explained the origins of ALARP from safety and that the cost of implementing a measure is to be compared against the risk reduction it achieves. If the measure is reasonably practicable the company must adopt it, and if it can't afford to do so then it shouldn't undertake the activity (Event ID 4468).
2192	4468	Stakeholder inquired about the role of ALARP under the EPBC Act.	The titleholder clarified that the ALARP construct is from OPGGSA and that it is only linked to the EPBC Act through a Part 10 approval of NOPSEMA's authorisation process (Event ID 4468).
2193	4468	Stakeholder questioned whether ALARP was linked under the principles of ESD.	The titleholder clarified that ESD have a valuation principle that is more about the value of development or pricing principles and does not reflect the ALARP principle (Event ID 4468).
2194	817	Stakeholder requested to see a project map with more features and clarity on SPA's.	The titleholder responded with an overview to the names involved in the project: Regia; CGG; EP and Klarite and attached a project overview sheet for reference. The titleholder also provided a link to the interactive map and noted that the activity area was in the process of being refined (Event ID 813).
2195	4627	The stakeholder requested that Regia avoid explicitly mentioning consultation with their organisation and instead use general terms in their letters.	The titleholder acknowledged the request and noted that consultation with the entity would have to be reported but that the content would remain confidential. The titleholder also agreed to remove the entity name from future correspondence. (Event ID 4627)
2196	4669	AFMA representative queried if consultation with a fishing organisation was proceeding.	A Regia team member outlined a request for data regarding tonnage of catch in the Regia area. CGG's experience was that this data is inaccurate and not required for previous surveys and is yet to receive information from organisation on how it can help in the management of impact and risks, so for now CGG is not inclined to undertake this work. (Event ID 4669)
2197	2331	Stakeholder requested a descriptive outline of what Regia/seismic is and what they are seeking from the organisation.	The titleholder responded with a description of Regia MSS and directed the stakeholder to the activity webpage. The titleholder explained how permitting works and how they had been contacting traditional owner groups in the region (Event ID 2331) and re-sent email correspondence stating who had been contacted as part of consultation (Event ID 2332).
2198	3224	Request for an online meeting to better understand the project and consultation process.	Held online meeting, Event ID 2009
2199	918	Requesting a visit on Country in Warrnambool to discuss the proposed activity	Met on Country, Event ID 3678
2200	930	Requested name of Regia representative to address correspondence to.	Responded in Event ID 4225 with Regia team names and roles, also clarified other names (survey name, company names) related to the activity.
2201	1517	Stakeholder requesting to discuss survey before consultation period ends.	Online meeting held, Event ID 2032

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2202	1027	Stakeholder requesting clarification that the advertised community session will be CGG only information.	Confirmed session was CGG standalone, Event ID 4183
2203	3908	Enquiry if full financial position of companies project would need to be known in order to consider if something is ALARP.	Called stakeholder, Event ID 4062, to discuss concept of ALARP in detail. Agreed to prepare dedicated report on ALARP assessment (Appendix F2)
2204	4292	Clarifying understanding of PTS/TTS distances for effects to Blue Whales from webinar.	Responded in Event ID 4292 following questioning in Event ID 4280, confirming PTS and TTS may have been confused.
2205	4292	Seeking information on submission timing.	Event ID 4292 provided update on submission process and timing.
2206	4600	Run analysis on King George Whiting catch in Corner Inlet	Completed the analysis of historical seismic data and the investigation of correlation with KGW recruitment.
2207	4483	Requesting anticipated submission date of EP	Event ID 4503 provided information on submission process and timing.
2208	4152	The sender requests assistance in scheduling a Teams meeting in June with the new SIV CEO.	Online meeting held, Event ID 1815
2209	4161	Requesting signed agreement is resent.	Resent, Event ID 4163
2210	4476	Enquiring as to timeline update for Regia EP and if there is a timeline for feedback from SIV.	Information provided in Event ID 4499
2211	4552	The inquiry seeks confirmation on whether analysis discussed at meeting was completed and requests access to the relevant findings. The case study discussed was to analyse trends in fishery data related to large-scale seismic surveys along the Victorian coastline. The analysis would examine data from two years prior, one year during, and seven years after these surveys to identify any correlations with recruitment and productivity in key fisheries. The specific surveys mentioned included the Enterprise and Crowes Foot projects.	Responded in Event ID 4542, forwarded full write up of work in cumulative impact assessment re query on fishing data. Monthly data (2006-2023) was conclusive that there are no detectable long-term effects to catch rates.
2212	4607	Stakeholder explaining they received a bounceback from their email and confirming if previous email had been received.	Confirmed email received (Event ID 2532)

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2213	4180	The VRLC requests to hear back on how the points raised in their letter will be considered in determining an appropriate way forward.	As the feedback concerned the Otway adjustment protocol, these points were addressed in a response to SIV from the Otway Marine Industries Co-Existence Cooperative on 13/9/24.
2214	5234	Stakeholder requests summary of how the following receptors are addressed in the EP: Southern Rock Lobster, Octopus, and Giant Crab	Provided the relevant person with the requested information summaries on SRL, Octopus and Giant Crab assessments. (Event ID 5298)
2215	2898	Request for clarification on seismic information sharing with permit holders	Responded in Event ID 633, explaining multi-client data
2216	2898	Inquiry about times for surveys in the area and correlation to other seismic plans in the Otway's Basin.	Provided information on survey timing and cumulative effects Event ID 633
2217	2901	Provide information regarding exclusion zones and modelling informing the work in progress.	Informed stakeholder that initial sound propagation modelling was published on the Regia website that day. Explained it was initial modelling undertaken based on feedback from relevant person consultation that the areas of most concern were near to Deen Maar/Lady Julia Percy Island. Stated likely to commission further modelling (which will be published) once settled on an activity design. Stated that we have implemented three exclusions zones as a result of relevant persons objections: - No survey activities in the SRW reproductive BIA whilst they are present in the area (May-November) - No acquisition (i.e. full power discharge of the sound source) within 10.3km of Deen Maar as this is the behavioural response threshold for marine mammals. - No acquisition in water depths of less than 40m as this is protective for abalone divers, abalone, and other recreational marine users. Event ID 1231
2218	2901	Regia will include AMCS to the distribution list of data information provided to Antarctic Division and other organisations.	Regia team committed to preparing a Communications Plan for the activity and confirmed that AMCS will be added to the distribution list of data provided to AAD. Agreed to add AMCS to the distribution list of shut-down notifications for sightings of marine mammals. Stated if they would like other information during the survey, to let us know and they can be added to those distribution lists also. Event ID 1231
2219	2901	AMCS to be provided information on shutdown occurrences due to sightings of marine mammals.	Regia team committed to preparing a Communications Plan for the activity and confirmed that AMCS will be added to the distribution list of data provided to AAD. Agreed to add AMCS to the distribution list of shut-down notifications for sightings of marine mammals. Stated if they would like other information during the survey, to let us know and they can be added to those distribution lists also. Event ID 1231
2220	2901	Stakeholder asking if daily survey reports of marine life spotted in the areas will be shared.	Explained CGG are happy to share our reports of marine life spotted from our survey, but they will not be from within or near the Apollo Reserve, as the Vic-P70 title is approx. 100km from the reserve. Event 1231

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2221	2901	Stakeholder asking to be provided with biodiversity and critical habitat BIA data being used for the EP	Stated we use data from primary research of peer reviewed literature and data from the DEECCW websites (SPRAT Database, PMST reports, conservation advice, management plans etc.), information published by State agencies, and information received during consultation. Asked if AMCS have any biodiversity data or critical habitat BIA data, as we would welcome the opportunity to input that into our impact assessments. We are aware of the draft conservation management plan for Southern Right Whales and have taken this latest information into account in our activity plan, despite it not being the legal instrument yet. Explained we are also aware that the South-east Commonwealth Marine Reserves Network Management Plan is due to expire in June 2023, and we are not aware of any published draft or updated plan. Asked if AMCS have any information on the update to either of these plans, as we would happily take that information into consideration in our EP. Event ID 1231
2222	2901	Stakeholder asking for identified impacts of seismic operations on the values of the Apollo marine park	Explained the Vic-P79 title is approximately 100km from the Apollo Commonwealth Marine Reserve. As such, the Regia MSS will come no closer than approximately 35km from the Reserve. Regarding the impact of seismic operations, given the distances of the Regia MSS to the Apollo Commonwealth Marine Reserve, no predicted change to the conservation values or conservation pressures within the Reserve. Event 1231
2223	2901	Requesting specific measures being taken to ensure operations are not ongoing during migration times for federally listed species in VP79	Explained the Regia MSS is not just limited to the Vic-P79 title. Seismic surveys are allowed to be conducted during migration times provided that appropriate control measures are in place to mitigate effects. We will adopt Policy Statement 2.1 management measures to protect whales, and we will increase shutdown distances for all whales to 2000m from the vessel. Event ID 1231
2224	2901	Which species are their measures to monitor and mitigate for	Stated additional assessment of mitigation measures for Southern Right Whales and Blue Whales had been undertaken and have implemented an exclusion for SRWs in their new reproductive BIA. For Blue Whales we are investigating new technologies that will help us detect whales beyond our visual capabilities including running tethered passive acoustic monitoring buoys deployed before, and during the survey with real-time reporting of SRW/BW presence in the area. We are also looking into the feasibility of Autonomous Underwater Vehicles to assist in marine mammal detections. Event ID 1231
2225	2901	The inquiry is about how the seismic plans are being modified in light of ongoing criminal investigations related to Schlumberger's breaches during seismic operations that affected the Bonney Upwelling.	Requested AMCS to provide a reference to the proceedings they'd like us to consider, so we can properly respond. Event ID 1231
2226	2901	Requested history of seismic over the proposed area in the last 15 years	Agreed to produce this, with underlying titles also shown. This was provided in Event ID 2802

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2227	2901	Request for information on cumulative impact of operations on marine values and threatened species	Agreed to produce the cumulative impact assessment. This was provided in Event ID 1830
2228	2901	Asked how data from CGG's noted citizen science projects on the Victorian coast has shaped our operations	Explained CGG haven't surveyed in this area before but are looking into how we can utilise the citizen science projects as they relate to marine mammal observations. Explained we are consulting with the relevant State agencies to access their data on citizen science observations Event ID 1231
2229	2901	Where will vessels be brought in from, and what biosecurity risks and mitigation measures are involved?	Explained that do not have a vessel specified for the survey yet. It may be a vessel already operating in Australia or a vessel coming from international waters. Stated we have just published our risk assessment of introducing invasive marine species which is available on our website. Event ID 1231
2230	2901	How is the Regia data different to already available seismic in the area?	Explained the Regia MSS is targeting areas of geology that have not been previously surveyed although there will be some overlaps with previous surveys to tie the data together. We will provide the map previously mentioned that will show where previous surveys have taken place. Event ID 1231
2231	2901	Was the title obtained through an SPA	Explained that due to being a multi-client project, an SPA would be applied for over areas of open acreage and access authorities over award petroleum titles. Event ID 1231
2232	2680	AMCS seeking clarification on the title under which the seismic exploration is being conducted, following feedback from community consultation sessions.	Event ID 2799 reiterates that combination of SPA and AA will be applied for. Supplied map of recently confirmed active source area and the overlap with existing titles.
2233	2680	Information on timeframes	Event ID 2799 provides the latest timelines, including the intention to pause consultation on October 20th.
2234	2535	Sought clarification on the submission dates and the start of the Public Comment phase.	Provides expected dates and timelines in response Event ID 2536
2235	2798	Stakeholder asking if AA and SPA permits will still be used for the activity.	Event ID 2799, reiterates that combination of SPA and AA will be applied for. Supplied map of recently confirmed active source area and the overlap with existing titles.
2236	2798	Requesting clarification on consultation and public comment timelines, stating community groups are confused.	Event ID 2799 provides the latest timelines, including the intention to pause consultation on October 20th.
2237	4380	AMCS representative requesting clarification on timeframes. Latest project update sent out by CGG is different to what they've heard from relevant person community members.	Event ID 4447 explains that we currently do not have date for public comment yet. When the date is known a project update will be sent out, with updates on website and social media. As per regulations also print media advertisements will be produced.
2238	4357	AMCS representative (different representative to Event ID 4380) requesting clarification on timeframes. Latest project update sent out by CGG is different to what they've heard from relevant person community members.	Event 4358 explained communications with their colleague and confirmed, as per Event ID 4403, that the EP was available for Public Comment.

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2239	5040	AMCS requests information on the steps being taken to update the EP and the public consultation processes for the necessary revision.	Confirmed that the Environment plan adhered to the draft National Recovery Plan for Southern Right Whales and noted that now the final recovery plan has been released, the team is working to identify changes and additions and will make necessary updates to the Regia MSS Environment Plan after the next decision. Provided information that the Regia MSS EP outlines how CGG have committed to handling new information. This is provided in Section 4 of Appendix B3 - Implementation Strategy. Noted that an information sheet will be compiled for distribution to inform on the update to conservation plan and how it relates to the Regia MSS EP. Event ID 5034
2240	5076	AMCS requests to know when relevant persons will be given opportunity to consult on the changes to EP, what this means for expected approval timelines from NOPSEMA.	Event ID 5125 reaffirms there are no changes to management measures affecting relevant persons, and if changes occur, feedback will be requested.
2241	5076	AMCS requests information on how First nations and community groups along coast of Victoria with interest in southern right whale are being consulted.	Event ID 5125 provides direction to specific sections of the EP for details on First Nations consultation.
2242	5076	Requesting information on how recent GHG permit announcements by federal government may impact the EP currently with NOPSEMA and what GHG/CCS exploration utility this seismic project may have.	Event ID 5125 clarifies that greenhouse gas release is not relevant due to uncertainty about hydrocarbons in the area.
2243	5121	Requests clarification on why the Environmental Plan (EP) was sent back to the titleholder, CGG, and asks whether NOPSEMA issued a Request for Further Written Information or an Opportunity to Modify and Resubmit	Event ID 5124 informs stakeholder that the RFWI letter has been published on the consultation hub.
2244	5121	AMCS requests a copy of the letter NOPSEMA provided to CGG stating the reasons for returning the EP	Event ID 5124 informs stakeholder that the RFWI letter has been published on the consultation hub.
2245	5203	Inquired when the Environmental Plan (EP) for the CGG Regia MSS project will be resubmitted to NOPSEMA, expressing an understanding that it is imminent and seeking insights on when the next version can be expected for assessment.	Stakeholder informed that CGG has 90 days from August 29 to resubmit the Regia MSS EP, with a deadline of November 27, though the submission may occur earlier or potentially be delayed. Clarified that the resubmission is not imminent, and CGG will keep relevant persons updated. Event ID 5124

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2246	2713	Confirming they would like a meeting when Regia team is in the area, flexible on times, query on whether it would be a one-on-one meeting or venue?	Event ID 2723 offers meeting size of their choosing, requested feedback from stakeholder on preference. Followed up with phone call, Event ID 2967. Offered online options if in person was not convenient for stakeholder.
2247	2713	Query on if project is an SPA or AA?	Event ID 2723 confirmed that as per previous meetings, it remains the case that the Regia MSS is likely to be acquired under AAs and SPAs.
2248	1246	Requested phone call to discuss information session	Attempted to call multiple times (Event ID's 4569, 1288, 1290, 1291). Managed to make contact via phone Event ID1309
2249	5039	Requested information on how Regia had adjusted the EP since the implementation of the new Southern Right Whale Recovery Plan and details on how the changes came into effect.	Replied to stakeholder's query regarding the implementation of the new Southern Right Whale Recovery Plan, stating Regia team are identifying changes and additions to EP and will make the necessary updates. Explained the EP outlined how CGG committed to handling new information in section 4 of Appendix B3. Stated Regia Team were compiling an information sheet. Event ID 5046. Provided follow up email to confirm the information sheet (Event ID 5134) had been received. Event ID 5238
2250	5235	Stakeholder asks for details on how to revise the environment plan and the project to prevent any negative effects on Little penguins. It seeks specific strategies or measures that will be implemented to protect this species.	The titleholder responded in Event ID 5299, defining what a BIA is and how they are identified. Also described is the assessment of Little Penguins in the Regia EP. Appendix F3, 'Further Assessment of Key Environmental Values and Sensitivities', was provided, directing the stakeholder to Section 4.4 that summarises the work undertaken on Little Penguins, including the mitigation effectiveness summary.
2251	5235	The request asks for clarification on why there are no specific receivers identified at Deen Maar, despite it being a sensitive location and falling within the foraging Biologically Important Area (BIA) for Little penguins. It seeks an explanation of the reasoning or criteria used to determine that no specific receivers were deemed necessary in this context.	The titleholder responded in Event ID 5299, defining what a BIA is and how they are identified. Also described is the assessment of Little Penguins in the Regia EP. Appendix F3, 'Further Assessment of Key Environmental Values and Sensitivities', was provided, directing the stakeholder to Section 4.4 that summarises the work undertaken on Little Penguins, including the mitigation effectiveness summary.
2252	5235	The inquiry seeks clarification on how the declared Little penguin Biologically Important Areas (BIAs) are considered to be outside of the noise Emission Management Buffer Area (EMBA), given that the project area overlaps with three BIAs. It highlights concerns about the potential for vessels to come close to foraging Little penguins, and asks for an explanation of the criteria or assessments that led to this determination.	The titleholder responded in Event ID 5299, defining what a BIA is and how they are identified. Also described is the assessment of Little Penguins in the Regia EP. Appendix F3, 'Further Assessment of Key Environmental Values and Sensitivities', was provided, directing the stakeholder to Section 4.4 that summarises the work undertaken on Little Penguins, including the mitigation effectiveness summary.

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2253	4543	Requesting details for invoicing	Provided in Event ID 4538
2254	4368	Stakeholder asking for Regia presenters' name	Provided in Event ID 4498
2255	4405	Requested CGG's presentation at the consultation day covers the following: What your project(s) are, what stage it/they are up to, are there likely to be and/or is Gunditjmara Sea country being impact by the project(s)? If so, how? What plans are in place to protect the Gunditjmara cultural values? What do you see as good consultation/engagement with Gunditjmara?	These topics were covered in the presentation given, Event 4469.
2256	4936	Requesting to know the revenue overlap	CGG responded to this request many times, including Event ID 2894, explaining that after further discussion, it was concluded that information about the value of previous catch is not necessary or useful for several reasons. First, historical catch data does not help understand how individual commercial fishers or fishing associations may be affected in the future. Second, this information is irrelevant to assessing the impact of underwater sound on fish and fishing activities, as monetary values do not contribute to the cause-effect pathways in impact assessments. Additionally, aggregated data does not provide the appropriate level of analysis needed for individual fishers, nor is it needed for an effective compensation protocol. The data would likely overestimate the economic impact, as fishers must fish to qualify for compensation and would still receive remuneration regardless. Lastly, historical data only indicates that some unspecified fishers may have been affected in the past under hypothetical scenarios that could not have coincided with actual surveys. Overall, no improvements to predictive accuracy in impact assessments are expected from obtaining or sharing this information. Event ID 4969 requested from the stakeholder the reasoning behind purchasing this report, and how it would help avoid interference, and provide information for mitigations.

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2257	4787	Requesting CTS tonnage of the catch taken in proposed survey area.	CGG responded to this request many times, including Event ID 2894, explaining that after further discussion, it was concluded that information about the value of previous catch is not necessary or useful for several reasons. First, historical catch data does not help understand how individual commercial fishers or fishing associations may be affected in the future. Second, this information is irrelevant to assessing the impact of underwater sound on fish and fishing activities, as monetary values do not contribute to the cause-effect pathways in impact assessments. Additionally, aggregated data does not provide the appropriate level of analysis needed for individual fishers, nor is it needed for an effective compensation protocol. The data would likely overestimate the economic impact, as fishers must fish to qualify for compensation and would still receive remuneration regardless. Lastly, historical data only indicates that some unspecified fishers may have been affected in the past under hypothetical scenarios that could not have coincided with actual surveys. Overall, no improvements to predictive accuracy in impact assessments are expected from obtaining or sharing this information. Event ID 4969 requested from the stakeholder the reasoning behind purchasing this report, and how it would help avoid interference, and provide information for mitigations.
2258	4553	Stakeholder queried what Titleholder's position on understanding the materiality of trawl fishing in the MSS area.	CGG responded to this request many times, including Event ID 2894, explaining that after further discussion, it was concluded that information about the value of previous catch is not necessary or useful for several reasons. First, historical catch data does not help understand how individual commercial fishers or fishing associations may be affected in the future. Second, this information is irrelevant to assessing the impact of underwater sound on fish and fishing activities, as monetary values do not contribute to the cause-effect pathways in impact assessments. Additionally, aggregated data does not provide the appropriate level of analysis needed for individual fishers, nor is it needed for an effective compensation protocol. The data would likely overestimate the economic impact, as fishers must fish to qualify for compensation and would still receive remuneration regardless. Lastly, historical data only indicates that some unspecified fishers may have been affected in the past under hypothetical scenarios that could not have coincided with actual surveys. Overall, no improvements to predictive accuracy in impact assessments are expected from obtaining or sharing this information. Event ID 4969 requested from the stakeholder the reasoning behind purchasing this report, and how it would help avoid interference, and provide information for mitigations.

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2259	4128	Stakeholder questioned if there was any work being done on trying to understand the volume of fishing occurring in the proposed area.	CGG responded to this request many times, including Event ID 2894, explaining that after further discussion, it was concluded that information about the value of previous catch is not necessary or useful for several reasons. First, historical catch data does not help understand how individual commercial fishers or fishing associations may be affected in the future. Second, this information is irrelevant to assessing the impact of underwater sound on fish and fishing activities, as monetary values do not contribute to the cause-effect pathways in impact assessments. Additionally, aggregated data does not provide the appropriate level of analysis needed for individual fishers, nor is it needed for an effective compensation protocol. The data would overestimate the economic impact, as fishers must fish to qualify for compensation and would still receive remuneration regardless. Lastly, historical data only indicates that some unspecified fishers may have been affected in the past under hypothetical scenarios that could not have coincided with actual surveys. Overall, no improvements to predictive accuracy in impact assessments are expected from obtaining or sharing this information. Event ID 4969 requested from the stakeholder the reasoning behind purchasing this report, and how it would help avoid interference, and provide information for mitigations.
2260	4046	Stakeholder emailed with regards to understanding how much fishing overlaps the proposed area, and expressed it remains critical for them.	CGG responded to this request many times, including Event ID 2894, explaining that after further discussion, it was concluded that information about the value of previous catch is not necessary or useful for several reasons. First, historical catch data does not help understand how individual commercial fishers or fishing associations may be affected in the future. Second, this information is irrelevant to assessing the impact of underwater sound on fish and fishing activities, as monetary values do not contribute to the cause-effect pathways in impact assessments. Additionally, aggregated data does not provide the appropriate level of analysis needed for individual fishers, nor is it needed for an effective compensation protocol. The data would overestimate the economic impact, as fishers must fish to qualify for compensation and would still receive remuneration regardless. Lastly, historical data only indicates that some unspecified fishers may have been affected in the past under hypothetical scenarios that could not have coincided with actual surveys. Overall, no improvements to predictive accuracy in impact assessments are expected from obtaining or sharing this information. Event ID 4969 requested from the stakeholder the reasoning behind purchasing this report, and how it would help avoid interference, and provide information for mitigations.
2261	3857	Brief email from stakeholder to Regia, requesting additional items to be added to purchase order. Request for materiality of trawl impacts as per letter previously supplied (Event ID 3747).	Responded and agreed (Event ID 4039)

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2262	3746	Fishing associations request the need to understand the financial overlap of the survey with historical fishing activities.	Challenged the utility of such information that fails to consider behavioural movements for target species, cooperative measures the fishing industry could take, and the adoption of a compensation protocol for affected fishers. In CGGs experience such information provided no basis for protection measure nor a reasonable estimation of the compensation that was due.
2263	3746	Request review of AFMA data and report back to us on the extent of average annual overlap with each fishery in terms of tonnes or monetary value.	Provided information that we have confirmed the accuracy of ABARES data with AFMA and that we have provided information on the worst-case overlap with associations fisheries, just not to the fidelity requested. CGG sees no utility in gaining more accurate figures on the overlap between the survey and the fishery for reasons shared in response to Feedback ID 172.
2264	3382	Fishing associations request the need to understand the financial overlap of the survey with historical fishing activities.	Challenged the utility of such information that fails to consider behavioural movements for target species, cooperative measures the fishing industry could take, and the adoption of a compensation protocol for affected fishers. In CGGs experience such information provided no basis for protection measure nor a reasonable estimation of the compensation that was due.
2265	3351	Titleholder stating, they need to know the tonnage/financial displacement totals.	CGG responded to this request many times, including Event ID 2894, explaining that after further discussion, it was concluded that information about the value of previous catch is not necessary or useful for several reasons. First, historical catch data does not help understand how individual commercial fishers or fishing associations may be affected in the future. Second, this information is irrelevant to assessing the impact of underwater sound on fish and fishing activities, as monetary values do not contribute to the cause-effect pathways in impact assessments. Additionally, aggregated data does not provide the appropriate level of analysis needed for individual fishers, nor is it needed for an effective compensation protocol. The data would overestimate the economic impact, as fishers must fish to qualify for compensation and would still receive remuneration regardless. Lastly, historical data only indicates that some unspecified fishers may have been affected in the past under hypothetical scenarios that could not have coincided with actual surveys. Overall, no improvements to predictive accuracy in impact assessments are expected from obtaining or sharing this information. Event ID 4969 requested from the stakeholder the reasoning behind purchasing this report, and how it would help avoid interference, and provide information for mitigations.

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2266	4237	Requesting data relating to the catch (tonnes) and materiality in each fishery, specifically trawl and shark. The titleholder stated catches in the area are not deemed to be confidential when 5 or more fishers are present in the survey area and requested the titleholder to go back to the data team for updated information.	Initially responded in Event ID 2655, Regia team seeks to understand why SETFIA/SSIA are focused on the aggregate tonnes of fish potentially affected by the survey, especially since higher-resolution catch data may not be relevant for a whole fishery analysis. Following this, Event ID 2894, explaining that after further discussion, it was concluded that information about the value of previous catch is not necessary or useful for several reasons. First, historical catch data does not help understand how individual commercial fishers or fishing associations may be affected in the future. Second, this information is irrelevant to assessing the impact of underwater sound on fish and fishing activities, as monetary values do not contribute to the cause-effect pathways in impact assessments. Additionally, aggregated data does not provide the appropriate level of analysis needed for individual fishers, nor is it needed for an effective compensation protocol. The data would overestimate the economic impact, as fishers must fish to qualify for compensation and would still receive remuneration regardless. Lastly, historical data only indicates that some unspecified fishers may have been affected in the past under hypothetical scenarios that could not have coincided with actual surveys. Overall, no improvements to predictive accuracy in impact assessments are expected from obtaining or sharing this information.
2267	2557	The titleholder stated the report lacks comprehensive data and has asked for further clarification around volume and value of the catch (trawl and shark gillnet) in the area for compensation purposes.	CGG responded to this request many times, including Event ID 2894, explaining that after further discussion, it was concluded that information about the value of previous catch is not necessary or useful for several reasons. First, historical catch data does not help understand how individual commercial fishers or fishing associations may be affected in the future. Second, this information is irrelevant to assessing the impact of underwater sound on fish and fishing activities, as monetary values do not contribute to the cause-effect pathways in impact assessments. Additionally, aggregated data does not provide the appropriate level of analysis needed for individual fishers, nor is it needed for an effective compensation protocol. The data would overestimate the economic impact, as fishers must fish to qualify for compensation and would still receive remuneration regardless. Lastly, historical data only indicates that some unspecified fishers may have been affected in the past under hypothetical scenarios that could not have coincided with actual surveys. Overall, no improvements to predictive accuracy in impact assessments are expected from obtaining or sharing this information.
2268	2002	Stakeholder requests to know how they can provide input into compensation protocol	Event ID 4700 provides information on, and invitation to engage with, the Otway Marine Industries Co-Existence Cooperative (OMICC) on the Otway Adjustment Protocol
2269	2002	Request for fisheries and survey overlap data	This Commercial Fisheries review was compiled via a fisheries consultant who was engaged to analyse the publicly available ABARES data and produced a comprehensive report which demonstrated the overlap of each fishery. See Appendix B6
2270	2003	Requests single point of contact	This was provided (Event ID 1974) and a meeting held (Event ID 3350)

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2271	4601	Stakeholder requested the months of the active seismic surveys conducted previously and to be shown that they do not align with the downturns in recruitment.	Event ID 4635 describes the assessment process and provides a linear regression graph, that tests for any correlations between the past 22 years of annual recruitment of KGW to PPB and the annual count of seismic surveys across Victorian waters, which was then lagged by 1,2 and 3 years. The figure shows there is no significant relationship between frequency of seismic events in the region and the levels of recruitment.
2272	4637	Stakeholder requested copies of the references	Copies of the 44 papers referenced were provided in Event ID 4636
2273	4637	Required further information on assessment of potential impacts on KGW recruitment.	In Event ID 4635, the Regia team outlines their investigation into potential effects of marine seismic surveys on King George Whiting (KGW) and their recruitment. They reference extensive scientific citations in their impact assessments, including a specific evaluation of literature provided by the other party, and encourage feedback supported by validated sources. To assess any correlation between seismic activities and KGW recruitment, they analysed long-term datasets from Port Philip Bay (PPB) and the National Offshore Petroleum Information Management System (NOPIMS). They noted that if seismic testing significantly impacted fish populations, increased seismic frequency should correlate with declines in recruitment. However, their analysis revealed no significant relationship between the frequency of seismic events and KGW recruitment levels over the past 22 years, indicating that recruitment can vary independently of seismic activity. They emphasized that while proving direct cause and effect is challenging due to various confounding factors, their data did not support the claims of adverse effects on KGW stocks. They conclude that extensive research shows no measurable impact from seismic surveys and assert that the concerns raised are not substantiated by evidence
2274	4048	Stakeholder requested overlap in value or at least tonnes to provide meaningful feedback from the stakeholder, expressed that this was the first time a proponent has refused to consider the provided fishing data.	CGG responded to this request many times, including Event ID 2894, explaining that after further discussion, it was concluded that information about the value of previous catch is not necessary or useful for several reasons. First, historical catch data does not help understand how individual commercial fishers or fishing associations may be affected in the future. Second, this information is irrelevant to assessing the impact of underwater sound on fish and fishing activities, as monetary values do not contribute to the cause-effect pathways in impact assessments. Additionally, aggregated data does not provide the appropriate level of analysis needed for individual fishers, nor is it needed for an effective compensation protocol. The data would likely overestimate the economic impact, as fishers must fish to qualify for compensation and would still receive remuneration regardless. Lastly, historical data only indicates that some unspecified fishers may have been affected in the past under hypothetical scenarios that could not have coincided with actual surveys. Overall, no improvements to predictive accuracy in impact assessments are expected from obtaining or sharing this information.
2275	2020	Look into how compensation could apply to a co-op market retailer.	In the in-person meeting the Titleholder agreed to table this with OMICC (Event ID 2020)

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2276	917	Questions about the benefits for Port Fairy and local employment opportunities.	Individual attended community information session where title holder addresses this issues (event ID 1501)
2277	2092	Feedback seeks clarification the organisations view on what people are concerned about regarding the activity. Suggests organisation is implying that seismic surveys are not the primary element people are concerned about.	Titleholder responded clarifying that they have received many concerns about varying aspects of the activity and the underlying merits of proceeding. Stated they are openly consulting to learn about the environment from the local community to protect their values and sensitivities. Stated they will register objection to gas developments. (Event ID 2092).
2278	2179	Questions about benefits for Port Fairy, local employment opportunities, and visibility of rigs from shore.	Individual attended community information session where titleholder addresses these issues (event ID 1501)
2279	2830	Questioned the coordination between public consultation activities and the Environment Plan preparation, and the relevance of public concerns.	Titleholder responded addressing the questions in Event ID 2381.
2280	2821	The stakeholder requested video footage showing the impact at the sea floor, and other potentially impacted areas.	The titleholder provided video footage as requested (Event ID 1077).
2281	4208	The stakeholder requested the rationale for the 5 km buffer limit and any environmental risk assessment or other methods that were used to determine that the 5km buffer zone provides significant protection from the seismic surveys.	The titleholder provided the link to the Regia MSS website and directed the stakeholder to the risk and impact assessments within the Document Library (Event ID 4220).
2282	4966	Are the documents provided in this email the sum total of new information Regia will be providing to NOPSEMA in their updated EP?	The titleholder responded in Event ID 4931, stating the new information in the EP.
2283	3783	The stakeholder also made a specific request for the EP to have regard to the marine and coastal policy and act for Victoria	The titleholder agreed and the policy is referenced in the EP (Event ID 3783)
2284	806	The sender requests contact via phone number provided.	Called stakeholder, Event ID 817.

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2285	3855	The stakeholder requested confirmation on acceptance of price and invoicing. Nominated a fee structure for all work ongoing related to the MSS and will cover all businesses involved.	Agreed to engage SETFIA/SSIA for fee-for-service consultation with members to raise awareness about the activity and encourage individual fishers' participation in the consultation process. (Events 2930, 3350, 3856, 4039)
2286	3355	Requested the titleholder provide additional financial data on survey/fisher activity overlap to allow reduction of impact from activities in the area.	As detailed in Event ID's 4129 & 3989, knowing a value or tonnes of historical fishing averages in an area does not add to the solutions already in place for this proposed activity.
2287	3746	Request for confirmation of ongoing engagement by responding to their October 4 email regarding a proposed commercial arrangement.	Agreed to engage SETFIA/SSIA for fee-for-service consultation with members to raise awareness about the activity and encourage individual fishers' participation in the consultation process. (Events 2930, 3350, 3856, 4039)
2288	994	Stakeholder requests in-person consultation to address concerns outlined in the relevant person survey submission.	In-person meetings held: Event ID's 2024, 3413, 4062
2289	5242	Request from EMAC employee to be added to the project list for Regia MSS.	Added their details to project list.
2290	994	Stakeholder requests separate public information sessions for projects presented by ConocoPhillips and CGG.	Separate community information sessions held, Event ID's 4112, 1731
2520	4469	Query about the assessment of 'no measurable effect' on the world heritage values of Budj Bim	Outlined the reasons for the statement and noted that the information of our assessment had been available to GMTOAC since Sept 2023. Produced and provided an information sheet on the Regia assessment of the Outstanding Universal Values of Budj Bim (Event ID 4634).
2521	4469	Request for information on the impact assessment on Kooyang (short-finned eels) and on Kontapool (SRW).	Agreed to provide the detailed assessments. Produced and provided information sheets on Kooyang and Kontapool (Event ID 4634).
2522	4469	Query about whether seismic surveys were the same as 'fracking'.	Outlined the differences between fracking and seismic mapping.
2523	4469	Query about the timing of the activities being limited to exclude January, February and March and whether any other months are excluded	Explained that the July and August weather made surveying impossible and unlikely to occur in those months. Also outlined the current position to carry two separate windows through the assessment at this time. Notified that the survey area and the timing may narrow as the assessment and our planning progress.

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2524	5220	Request for names and qualifications for members of the Whale Expert Panel to be publicly available, along will all meeting minutes and discussions between the panel and CGG.	Acknowledged their interest in the composition and activities of the Whale Expert Panel, which plays a critical role in advising on the implementation of the Fauna Management Plan (FMP). Explained that whilst unable to share individual panel members' names or qualifications publicly, nor make meeting minutes available, this information will be accessible to NOPSEMA, the regulatory body responsible for overseeing compliance with the EP. NOPSEMA's oversight provides the necessary accountability for the commitments made in the EP. Explained that in this instance, public involvement, particularly from organisations with clear objectives to end oil and gas activities, is not appropriate in the operations of the Whale Expert Panel. This independent panel is designed to function objectively within the regulated framework, aligning with best practices to ensure marine environmental protection of sensitive marine fauna. Event ID 5302
2291	6323	request for confirmation on distribution of information sheet	Responded in Event ID 6322, providing PDF for distribution to members
2292	6324	Requested information on next steps in the process and if any further concerns should be sent straight to NOPSEMA	Event ID 6318 - Titleholder informed relevant person that it would be best to send straight through to project however anything sent to NOPSEMA would be given to CGG to have an opportunity to provide a response
2293	6326	The relevant person requested confirmation of the date of the resubmission of the Regia MSS project.	Event ID 6314 - The Regia team responded that the Regia MSS EP remained under assessment and that CGG would issue an update to all relevant persons on the status of the submission in due course.
2294	6326	The relevant person requested the most recent version of the EP that has been resubmitted to NOPSEMA for assessment.	Event ID 6314 - The Regia team responded that there was no requirement for the titleholder to publish the updated EP throughout the assessment. However, they had proactively and voluntarily decided to do so on the Regia Consultation Hub. They confirmed that when it is available, the relevant person would be notified in the same manner as everyone else.
2295	6327	The relevant person asked for confirmation about the intended timing of the seismic blasting project	Event ID 6320 - stated the window of April/May/June had been chosen as offers most minimal impacts, following assessment and identification of cause-effect pathways
2296	6327	The relevant person sought clarification about what the recipient means by avoiding the "prime" egg laying or chick raising time.	Event ID 6320 - Explained that the timing of lifecycle events like nesting and chick rearing can vary due to numerous factors and differs between colonies and years. Long-term studies and their averages are the best way to understand reproductive timing. Scheduling the MSS in April/May/June avoids the core egg-laying and chick-rearing periods, making it the most effective mitigation strategy tool.
2297	6327	The relevant person asked if the Regia team would consider starting the seismic free time in May to be on the safe side, or if they would communicate with various organizations and researchers to find out when the penguins' egg laying season begins.	Event ID 6320 - Team highlighted their assessment of the minimal predicted overlap with the outer limits of the core foraging area, which was based on a review of all available literature.

2298	6328	The relevant person requested information about when the public will have access to CGG's EP Rev 3 and if there are any obligations regarding this and the 30 day assessment period.	Event ID 6319 - The Regia team responded that there is no obligation for CGG (nor NOPSEMA) to publish the latest version of the EP. However, they stated they had made commitment to publish the resubmitted EP as soon as possible on the Regia MSS website. The relevant person would receive notice of the EP being published along with everyone else as part of the project update.
2299	6329	The relevant person requested a discussion on how the Regia EP deals with potential impacts to plankton.	Event ID 6321 - The Regia team provided a summary of their assessment of zooplankton and measures adopted to assuage concerns of stakeholders. They extended an offer to discuss their work with the relevant person further if required.
2300	6329	The relevant person asked if the Regia Marine Seismic Survey presents an opportunity for the organisation to further their undersanding on the potential impacts of seismic on plankton.	Event ID 6321 - The Regia team responded that whilst further research is something they had considered, the already significant analysis of the effect of sound on krill, additional assessment work completed by Regia marine scientists on the significance of the Bonney Upwelling, and the measures put into place, means that the Regia team did not see the case for any additional research on this topic.
2301	6330	The relevant person asked if Regia team would like to provide a summary document to be distributed as part of Engagement Agreement.	Event ID 6322 - The Regia team provided the information sheet in PDF for distribution to members.
2302	6333	The relevant person requested confirmation about the assessment period.	Event ID 6626 - The Regia team responded that they were yet to receive a decision from NOPSEMA.
2303	6334	The relevant person requested a meeting with the Regia MSS team.	Event ID 6321 - The Regia team provided a summary of their assessment of zooplankton and measures adopted to assuage concerns of stakeholders. They extended an offer to discuss their work with the relevant person further if required.
2306	6338	The relevant person asked for the date the status of the EP changed from Under assessment (with Titleholder), to Under assessment (with NOPSEMA).	Event ID 6316 - The Regia team responded that CGG resubmitted the EP on Tuesday 12th November 2024 and that they did not know when NOPSEMA updated their website.
2307	6338	The relevant person was seeking clarification if the EP has been resubmitted to NOPSEMA for assessment and when.	Event ID 6316 - The Regia team responded that CGG resubmitted the EP on Tuesday 12th November 2024.
2308	6338	The relevant person requested a timeline on when the updated EP will be available.	Event ID 6316 - The Regia team responded that they were working on the Regia Consultation Hub updates and the associated project update for all relevant persons. They stated that they would provide the information as soon as possible with a webinar to follow.
2309	6341	Requested information on whether the recipient can meet with GMTOAC and Gunditjmara native title holders to discuss the Consultation Plan.	Event ID 6430 - The Regia team confirmed that CGG would make themselves available to meet with the organisation in February 2025 and requested the exact dates for meeting.

2310	6341	Requested information of impacts and risks associated with greenhouse has emissions and climate change impacts, sensitive ecosystems, protected areas, sites of national envrionmental significance, culturally important animal and plant species, noise and light pollution, unplanned activity events and cumulative impacts of the activities.	Event ID 6430 - The Regia team responded that CGG had already provided this information to GMTOAC as outlined in previous correspondence to the organisation. They stated that the information remained available in the Document Library on the Consultation Hub at www.regiamss.com.au. This included the presentation provided at the February 2024 Information Session, summarised information about impacts and risks of the activity, detail assessments of impacts and risks, the proposed management and mitigation measures to protect the environment, and other relevant information.
2311	6410	The sender is looking forward to receiving clarification on what the proposed timeframes for surveys are	Event ID 6529 - Following the stakeholders statement that timelines were inconsistent, referring to comments on the interactive map, the Regia team confirmed that the proposed timelines can be found in Appendix A2.
2312	6411	Request for response to the concerns raised about the potential impacts of the proposed survey on Southern Rock Lobster, Pale Octopus, and Giant Crab.	Event ID 6820 - The Regia team provided the requested information: For Southern Rock Lobster, the Regia team stated that while larvae may be present in the survey area, the species is highly resilient due to its well-connected, genetically homogenous stock. They asserted that any impacts on individual larvae would be negligible relative to natural mortality rates and broader population dynamics. Regarding Pale Octopus, the Regia team acknowledged findings from the Day et al. (2023) study indicating potential neurological impacts from seismic activity but emphasized that the study found no significant long-term damage or impairment at the population level. They maintained that while some effects were observed in individual octopuses, they were not of a scale likely to influence population health. For Giant Crab, the Regia team referred to their environmental assessment, which concluded that seismic effects on crustaceans, particularly adults, are minimal and that any mortality observed in studies occurred only at very close proximity to the sound source. They reiterated that climate change and fishing pressure remain the primary threats to Giant Crab populations, not seismic activity.
2313	6416	The relevant person requested for KMZ files instead of shapefiles.	Event ID 6423 - The Regia team responded that the requested format is now in the file location to which they provided a link.
2314	6416	The relevant person requested for all data sets from the project	Event ID 6423 - The Regia team responded that they had included the Marine Park files but they are not property of, created, or maintained by the Regia team and therefore they could not take responsibility. They stated that it is the Federal Governmnets responsibility to maintain the datasets and they may change from time to time.
2315	6419	The relevant person requested an information sheet to include in their organisation member update communication.	Event ID 6425 - The Regia team attached correspondence for distribution to the organisation members as requested.

2316	6420	The relevant person requested to look at specific assumptions around both theirs the Regia team's position on krill.	Event ID 6414 - Regia Team member agreed with stakeholder to hold meeting (Event ID 6890) with the Regia marine science team to discuss matters further. Also attached: Skartaesterhagen et al 2024 Ecosystem effects of underwater noise in the Nordic seas, and provided a link: https://www.waterquality.gov.au/anz-guidelines/your-location/australia-marine-IMCRA.
2317	6421	Request for GIS data related to CGG's Otway Basin, environments that might be affected, and regulated areas.	Event ID 6428 - The Regia team provided link to the requested shapefiles for CGG's petrolem title areas, project areas, operational areas, environments that might be affected, including all biologically important areas for threatened and endangered species. The Regia team outlined that information relating to IPA's, Commonwealth and/or State marine parks, and any other regulated areas are better accessed directly from the owners/creators' websites.
2318	6432	requests that active current monitoring be independently evaluated for reasonableness and implemented if the benefit outweighs the costs or efforts involved.	Event ID 6874 - Regia team discussed relevant persons existing concerns on zooplankton and agreed to follow up with email and meeting with experts. Event ID 6414 - The Regia team thanked the relevant person for their time on a recent call and suggested that a meeting with their marine research scientists would be the best way to further discuss concerns. They noted that since the Regia MSS Environmental Plan (EP) would remain under assessment well into the New Year, there was no urgency to schedule the discussion before Christmas. Event ID 6890 - Online meeting to discuss stakeholders submission; a model of the effect of ocean currents on impacts to krill from seismic. The meeting focused on discussing the stakeholders modelling work regarding the potential impacts of seismic surveys on krill and how this would impact the blue whale's food source. The discussion involved reviewing figures in the EP Appendix E2, and the scientific literature where the stakeholder argued that the current evidence was insufficient to rule out potential impacts on the whale's food source. Regia's marine scientists challenged the assumptions, stating that the natural variation in the ecosystem was much larger than the potential impacts their model suggested. They also pointed out that the literature did not support the stakeholder's model and that there was no evidence of a population collapse or catastrophic effects on krill from seismic activity. The stakeholder was encouraged to refine his work, particularly regarding the historical effects of seismic surveys, and consider the scale and natural variability of the ecosystem. The Regia team agreed to review their figures in Appendix E2 and provide comprehensive written feedback on the stakeholder's work.

2319	6432	requests that the recipient consider the references included in this response as evidence that relevant peer-reviewed papers have been considered when developing the current model and this response.	Event ID 6874 - Regia team discussed relevant persons existing concerns on zooplankton and agreed to follow up with email and meeting with experts. Event ID 6414 - The Regia team thanked the relevant person for their time on a recent call and suggested that a meeting with their marine research scientists would be the best way to further discuss concerns. They noted that since the Regia MSS Environmental Plan (EP) would remain under assessment well into the New Year, there was no urgency to schedule the discussion before Christmas. Event ID 6890 - Online meeting to discuss stakeholders submission; a model of the effect of ocean currents on impacts to krill from seismic. The meeting focused on discussing the stakeholders modelling work regarding the potential impacts of seismic surveys on krill and how this would impact the blue whale's food source. The discussion involved reviewing figures in the EP Appendix E2, and the scientific literature where the stakeholder argued that the current evidence was insufficient to rule out potential impacts on the whale's food source. Regia's marine scientists challenged the assumptions, stating that the natural variation in the ecosystem was much larger than the potential impacts their model suggested. They also pointed out that the literature did not support the stakeholder's model and that there was no evidence of a population collapse or catastrophic effects on krill from seismic activity. The stakeholder was encouraged to refine his work, particularly regarding the historical effects of seismic surveys, and consider the scale and natural variability of the ecosystem. The Regia team agreed to review their figures in Appendix E2 and provide comprehensive written feedback on the stakeholder's work.

2320	6432	requests that CGG should also attempt to detect and avoid concentrations of adult krill and develop strategies around achieving this.	Event ID 6874 - Regia team discussed relevant persons existing concerns on zooplankton and agreed to follow up with email and meeting with experts. Event ID 6414 - The Regia team thanked the relevant person for their time on a recent call and suggested that a meeting with their marine research scientists would be the best way to further discuss concerns. They noted that since the Regia MSS Environmental Plan (EP) would remain under assessment well into the New Year, there was no urgency to schedule the discussion before Christmas. Event ID 6890 - Online meeting to discuss stakeholders submission; a model of the effect of ocean currents on impacts to krill from seismic. The meeting focused on discussing the stakeholders modelling work regarding the potential impacts of seismic surveys on krill and how this would impact the blue whale's food source. The discussion involved reviewing figures in the EP Appendix E2, and the scientific literature where the stakeholder argued that the current evidence was insufficient to rule out potential impacts on the whale's food source. Regia's marine scientists challenged the assumptions, stating that the natural variation in the ecosystem was much larger than the potential impacts their model suggested. They also pointed out that the literature did not support the stakeholder's model and that there was no evidence of a population collapse or catastrophic effects on krill from seismic activity. The stakeholder was encouraged to refine his work, particularly regarding the historical effects of seismic surveys, and consider the scale and natural variability of the ecosystem. The Regia team agreed to review their figures in Appendix E2 and provide comprehensive written feedback on the stakeholder's work.

2321	6432	requests that the months of November to April should be excluded from consideration by CGG to conduct seismic acquisition.	Event ID 6874 - Regia team discussed relevant persons existing concerns on zooplankton and agreed to follow up with email and meeting with experts. Event ID 6414 - The Regia team thanked the relevant person for their time on a recent call and suggested that a meeting with their marine research scientists would be the best way to further discuss concerns. They noted that since the Regia MSS Environmental Plan (EP) would remain under assessment well into the New Year, there was no urgency to schedule the discussion before Christmas. Event ID 6890 - Online meeting to discuss stakeholders submission; a model of the effect of ocean currents on impacts to krill from seismic. The meeting focused on discussing the stakeholders modelling work regarding the potential impacts of seismic surveys on krill and how this would impact the blue whale's food source. The discussion involved reviewing figures in the EP Appendix E2, and the scientific literature where the stakeholder argued that the current evidence was insufficient to rule out potential impacts on the whale's food source. Regia's marine scientists challenged the assumptions, stating that the natural variation in the ecosystem was much larger than the potential impacts their model suggested. They also pointed out that the literature did not support the stakeholder's model and that there was no evidence of a population collapse or catastrophic effects on krill from seismic activity. The stakeholder was encouraged to refine his work, particularly regarding the historical effects of seismic surveys, and consider the scale and natural variability of the ecosystem. The Regia team agreed to review their figures in Appendix E2 and provide comprehensive written feedback on the stakeholder's work.

2322	6432	requests that krill swarm detection mechanisms should be assessed by the proponent.	Event ID 6874 - Regia team discussed relevant persons existing concerns on zooplankton and agreed to follow up with email and meeting with experts. Event ID 6414 - The Regia team thanked the relevant person for their time on a recent call and suggested that a meeting with their marine research scientists would be the best way to further discuss concerns. They noted that since the Regia MSS Environmental Plan (EP) would remain under assessment well into the New Year, there was no urgency to schedule the discussion before Christmas. Event ID 6890 - Online meeting to discuss stakeholders submission; a model of the effect of ocean currents on impacts to krill from seismic. The meeting focused on discussing the stakeholders modelling work regarding the potential impacts of seismic surveys on krill and how this would impact the blue whale's food source. The discussion involved reviewing figures in the EP Appendix E2, and the scientific literature where the stakeholder argued that the current evidence was insufficient to rule out potential impacts on the whale's food source. Regia's marine scientists challenged the assumptions, stating that the natural variation in the ecosystem was much larger than the potential impacts their model suggested. They also pointed out that the literature did not support the stakeholder's model and that there was no evidence of a population collapse or catastrophic effects on krill from seismic activity. The stakeholder was encouraged to refine his work, particularly regarding the historical effects of seismic surveys, and consider the scale and natural variability of the ecosystem. The Regia team agreed to review their figures in Appendix E2 and provide comprehensive written feedback on the stakeholder's work.
2323	6505	The relevant person asked what the action items were following their meeting with the Regia team.	Event ID 6815 - The Regia team responding to a document submitted regarding the potential impact of the Regia Marine Seismic Survey (MSS) on the Bonney Upwelling system and its marine ecosystem. The document in question claimed that the MSS would cause significant krill mortality and critiqued the Regia Environmental Plan (EP) as scientifically flawed. They strongly rejects these claims, asserting that the EP is a robust scientific assessment, developed with peer-reviewed literature and extensive expert experience. In contrast, the submitted model is criticized for lacking transparency, validation, and alignment with real-world conditions.

2324	6505	The relevant person asked the Regia team to explain their reasoning about why any level of krill mortality as a consequence of Regia MSS will have no serious impact on Blue Whale food source	Event ID 6815 - The Regia team responding to a document submitted regarding the potential impact of the Regia Marine Seismic Survey (MSS) on the Bonney Upwelling system and its marine ecosystem. The document in question claimed that the MSS would cause significant krill mortality and critiqued the Regia Environmental Plan (EP) as scientifically flawed. They strongly rejects these claims, asserting that the EP is a robust scientific assessment, developed with peer-reviewed literature and extensive expert experience. In contrast, the submitted model is criticized for lacking transparency, validation, and alignment with real-world conditions.
2325	6505	The relevant person asked the Regia team to let them know if they are wrong about not referencing Teng et al (2014).	Event ID 6815 - The Regia team responding to a document submitted regarding the potential impact of the Regia Marine Seismic Survey (MSS) on the Bonney Upwelling system and its marine ecosystem. The document in question claimed that the MSS would cause significant krill mortality and critiqued the Regia Environmental Plan (EP) as scientifically flawed. They strongly rejects these claims, asserting that the EP is a robust scientific assessment, developed with peer-reviewed literature and extensive expert experience. In contrast, the submitted model is criticized for lacking transparency, validation, and alignment with real-world conditions.
2326	6506	The relevant organisation asked for confirmation by close of business Monday 20 January whether the proposed date change suits CGG.	Event ID 6522 - The Regia team responded that CGG welcomed the change in meeting date and confirmed that it is a suitable date and time.
2327	6506	The relevant organisation requested notification if there were any issues with providing a response to the proposed meeting change by Monday.	Event ID 6522 - The Regia team responded that CGG welcomed the change in meeting date and confirmed that it is a suitable date and time.
2328	6507	The relevant person requested confirmation on their interpretation: that no level of harm to krill within the ASA warrants mitigation, as the EP concludes that regional impacts are insufficient to trigger mitigation measures.	Event ID 6414 - In the email following a phone call (Event ID 6874) the Regia Team member states the best spatial scale for considering the impacts on krill larvae populations, as discussed on the call, and the IMRCA bioregions have been chosen as the appropriate scale for assessing such impacts on plankton populations, including krill. The Regia team member agreed to hold a meeting with the Regia marine science team to discuss matters further and provided a relevant paper and link to the IMCRA: Skartaesterhagen et al 2024 Ecosystem effects of underwater noise in the Nordic seas.
2329	6507	The relevant person requested a short monthly Zoom meeting with their core group of NGOs.	This was a request directed at NOPSEMA
2330	6508	The relevant organisation requested dedicated slides for the agreed agenda items, including: previous information provided about consultation, the Sea	Event ID 6618 - The Regia team responded that as agenda items, they had assumed these were topics for discussion and not things they would be expected to present on. The Regia team requested further instruction on this matter.

		Country Protection Program and views on the other agenda items.	
2331	6508	The relevant organisation requested that the Regia team reduce the amount of text per slide.	Event ID 6618 - The Regia team responded that they understoof the request to reduce the text on the slides and would undertake this task.
2332	6511	The relevant person requested clarification on how they are wrong if the Regia team did not agree with their suggestions regarding plankton/krill.	Event ID 6516 - The Regia team responded that the relevant person had not understood CGG's position correctly. They provided an outline of their reasoning that the relevant person's modelling is insufficient to understand its utility and plausibility due to its failure to consider a borad basis of literature to support the model, failure to provide assumptions or the method used to generate the modelled result, and a failure to provide the underlying data for the model.
2333	6519	The relevant organisation made a request for information about the missing documents in the folder that was supposed to be sent.	Event ID 6522 - The Regia team apologised and confirmed that they had re-uploaded the documents. The Regia team provided a screenshot of the uploaded files and requested to know if the relevant person had any issues accessing the files.
2334	6524	Requests core logic as discussed - the cumulative % impacts that lead t othe negligible conclusion with regard to krill impacts.	Event ID 6514 - The Regia team responded that they were trying to demonstrate that even if they were to use the logic from the relevant person's paper i.e. that there were 100% mortality to all exposed plankton (which is not supported by the literature), the effects would be immeasurably small. The Regia team confirmed that they had not used this logic in their demonstration of why there are acceptable levels of impact from their sound emissions. The Regia team outlined their case for acceptability: that it is not based on calculated levels of mortality and recoverability. The case is that given the enormity of the ecosystem and the dynamics at play, that the effects are such that they are totally subsumed by natural variation and dynamics and as such are immeasurable (i.e. that there is no calculation that could even be made). This case is supported in the context that the survey avoids peak upwelling times which are when population levels are expected to be at their most productive. This is also the justification when considering cumulative impacts, i.e. that despite any additional mortality suffered, the natural variation and ecosystem dynamics in this region are such that the effects are completely subsumed, likely within days after the survey.

2335	6525	The relevant person requested an outline of the chain of % calculation which results in no measurable impact of seismic activity on N. australis.	Event ID 6514 - The Regia team responded that they were trying to demonstrate that even if they were to use the logic from the relevant person's paper i.e. that there were 100% mortality to all exposed plankton (which is not supported by the literature), the effects would be immeasurably small. The Regia team confirmed that they had not used this logic in their demonstration of why there are acceptable levels of impact from their sound emissions. The Regia team outlined their case for acceptability: that it is not based on calculated levels of mortality and recoverability. The case is that given the enormity of the ecosystem and the dynamics at play, that the effects are such that they are totally subsumed by natural variation and dynamics and as such are immeasurable (i.e. that there is no calculation that could even be made). This case is supported in the context that the survey avoids peak upwelling times which are when population levels are expected to be at their most productive. This is also the justification when considering cumulative impacts, i.e. that despite any additional mortality suffered, the natural variation and ecosystem dynamics in this region are such that the effects are completely subsumed, likely within days after the survey.
2336	6526	Request for PowerPoint presentation covering previously identified topics to include images and visual aids that clearly convey information requested alongside limited text per slide.	Event ID 6521 - The Regia team confirmed that they had provided the requested material via a share folder link. They clarified that this information had been previously provided to the organisation or had been available online since September 2023. They also stated that CGG had repeatedly offered tailored and bespoke communications, including numerous requests to meet with the organisation to discuss their needs. The requested material was re-uploaded in Event 6522.
2337	6526	Requested plain English information sheets on various matters related to the project.	Event ID 6521 - The Regia team confirmed that they had provided the requested material via a share folder link. They clarified that this information had been previously provided to the organisation or had been available online since September 2023. They also stated that CGG had repeatedly offered tailored and bespoke communications, including numerous requests to meet with the organisation to discuss their needs. The requested material was re-uploaded in Event 6522.
2338	6526	Requested amendments to the proposed meeting agenda for 15 February 2024.	Event ID 6528 - The Regia team responded that they accept the proposed additions to the agenda for the meeting to be held on 15 February 2024.
2339	6526	Requested the recently updated EP including identification of changes made in response to NOPSEMA's RFWI's and copy correspondence from NOPSEMA to CGG.	Event ID 6521 - The Regia team provided the requested EP via a share folder link. The material was re-uploaded in Event 6522.
2340	6526	Asked how is the Regia MSS EP consistent with r 4 of the Regulations, that is, to ensure that any petroleum activity or greenhouse gas	Event ID 6521 - The Regia team provided a tailored information sheet to the relevant person about greenhouse gas emissions and climate change impacts.

		activity carried out in an offshore area is carried out in a manner consistent with the principles of ecologically sustainable development set out in section 3A of the EPBC Act.	
2341	6526	Asked how is the Regia MSS EP consistent with r 4 of the Regulations, that is, to ensure that any petroleum activity or greenhouse gas activity carried out in an offshore area is carried out in a manner by which the environmental impacts and risks of the activity will be reduced to as low as reasonably practicable.	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team provided Annexure A in addition to correspondence and outlined the three stages of the Environmental Assessment Process as well as clarifying the difference between potential and predicted impacts.
2342	6526	Asked how is the Regia MSS EP consistent with r 4 of the Regulations, that is, to ensure that any petroleum activity or greenhouse gas activity carried out in an offshore area is carried out in a manner by which the environmental impacts and risks of the activity will be of an acceptable level.	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team provided Annexure A in addition to correspondence and advised that assessments were undertaken in three stages to identify cause-effect pathways and ensure these were appropriately managed, stepping through the process and providing examples held within the EP.
2343	6526	Asked in what ways and by what measures does the Regia MSS EP respond to and address the principles of ecologically sustainable development under section 3A of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth), including that decision-making processes should effectively integrate both long-term and short-term economic, environmental, social and equitable considerations.	Event ID 6521 - The Regia team provided a tailored information sheet to the relevant person about greenhouse gas emissions and climate change impacts.
2344	6526	Asked in what ways and by what measures does the Regia MSS EP respond to and address the principles of ecologically sustainable development under section 3A of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth)	The ways in which the titleholder adheres to the principles of ESD were discussed in the in-person meeting (Event ID 6880). Materials were provided prior to the meeting, and again post meeting in Event 6859.
2345	6526	Asked further to s 3A of the EPBC Act and the Gunditjmara Nyamat Mirring Plan 2023-2033, how are the proposed activities within the Regia MSS EP (and the consequences of same) consistent with the best available scientific data and internationally agreed goal of a safe climate by	Event ID 6521 - The Regia team provided a tailored information sheet to the relevant person about greenhouse gas emissions and climate change impacts.

		reducing greenhouse gas emissions?	
2346	6526	Asked how and in what manner have the threats identified in the Gunditjmara Nyamat Mirring Plan, including but not limited to Table 1, page 22 "Existing or future threats to Nyamat Mirring – Climate Change" been addressed and mitigated?	As per the presentation for the in person meeting (Event ID 6880), this is also addressed in Information Sheet 1, provided in Event ID 6521 and confimed received in Event ID 6508
2347	6526	Asked how and in what manner has the Regia MSS EP accounted for and described Gunditjmara rights, functions, interests and values in relation to the "environment" (as broadly defined under r 5 of the Regulations) in relation to ecosystems, natural and physical resources, qualities and characteristics of locations, heritage value of places.	Event ID 6521 - the Regia team provided a tailored information sheet to the relevant person about cultural features.
2348	6526	Asked how does CGG consider the social, economic and cultural features of ecosystems, natural and physical resources, qualities and characteristics of locations, heritage value of places, including Gunditjmara law/lore, custom and knowledge?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that assessment of species and places of cultural significance could be located in Appendix F3, Section 3.16 Cultural Features of the Environment Plan. Additionally, in event ID 6521, the Regia team provided a tailored information sheet to the relevant person about cultural features.
2349	6526	Asked what, if anything, does CGG require from the relevant person in order to more accurately describe the "environment" as defined under the Regulations?	As per the presentation for the in person meeting (Event ID 6880), this was provided in the powerpoint send in Event ID 6521 and confimed received in Event ID 6508
2350	6526	Asked how and in what manner do the proposed activities within the Regia MSS EP, including associated risks and impacts to the environment, ensure that no adverse action, interference, and/or inconsistency (to the extent permitted) arises in connection with Gunditjmara people, communities, heritage, and/or social, economic and cultural interests?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team respodned that following consultation with relevant persons, and completion of the environmental assessments, activity limitations have been adopted (see following slide). These activity limitations have been referred to throughout the environmental assessment, consultation, and public comment processes.

2351	6526	Asked where impacts are identified, on what basis does CGG justify that these impacts are of an acceptable level? Similarly, on what basis does CGG conclude that these impacts are mitigated to as low as reasonably practicable?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded an outline of the framework for defining acceptable levels for the Regia MSS can be found in Appendix F4.The acceptable levels defined by CGG for all relevant receptors including marine mammals were assembled using scientific rigor, which included the analysis of peer-reviewed and unbiased literature to predict impacts to relevant species, while also ensuring their consistency with species' recovery and conservation management plans. CGG has also engaged in extensive consultation efforts to learn and gain as much knowledge as possible around the cultural significance of marine species during this process and continues to welcome additional relevant information and knowledge that could further benefit the protection of the marine environment, including culturally significant species. Also noted : CGG's first draft of defined acceptable levels were published in May 2023 on the Consultation Hub alongside our environmental assessment process to provide an opportunity to the community and relevant persons to understand the assessment process and influence the criteria used in the assessment process. The opportunity to comment was open for 60 days.
2352	6526	Asked how has CGG demonstrated to NOPSEMA, being a relevant Commonwealth agency, that its proposed activities are not inconsistent with and/or do not contravene any recovery plans under the EPBC Act, per s 268 of that Act, including but not limited to the recovery plans for the Southern Right Whale and the Blue Whale?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that as per EP Appendix E7, CGG will ensure there are no behavioural impacts to Blue Whales, as the seismic source will be shut down within 10km of a blue whale. This is based on the underwater sound modelling commissioned by CGG where behavorial impacts to blue whales was predicted to occur within 9.83km of the sound source.
2353	6526	Asked how and in what manner do the proposed activities within the Regia MSS EP, including associated risks and impacts of same, ensure that no adverse action, interference, and/or inconsistency arises in connection with recovery actions and/or implementations of the above-mentioned SRW recovery plans?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that as per E7 Appendix 7, There are only 3 BIAs associated with whales that are relevant to the Regia MSS, the Southern Right Whales Reproductive and Migration BIA, and the Blue Whale Foraging BIA. The sound source will be operated within the Southern Right Whale Reproductive BIA at any time. CGG will ensure the seismic source will only not be operated within the pygmy blue whale foraging BIA if there are low numbers of blue whales present. CGG will use a whale expert panel to help define 'low numbers' CGG will also shut down if a blue whale is detected within 10km of the seismic source. This 10km will ensure there are no behavioural impacts which may displace whales from their foraging BIASs. CGG will shut down the sound source if a blue whale remains resident in the 23 km ensonified area for more than 12 hours, this will ensure blue whales will not experience TTS (temporary auditory injury).

2354	6526	Asked how does the Regia MSS EP propose to avoid key feeding, breeding/ calving and transits to and from biologically important areas for key whale species?	As per the presentation for the in person meeting (Event ID 6880), this was provided in the powerpoint send in Event ID 6521 and confimed received in Event ID 6508. Further information was also provided in Event ID 6859.
2355	6526	Asked what mitigation measures are proposed to avoid impacts and how are any impacts justified and on what basis are any such impacts mitigated to the legal standard required?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team provided Annexure A in addition to correspondence and advised that assessments were undertaken in three stages to identify cause-effect pathways and ensure these were appropriately managed, stepping through the process and providing examples held within the EP.
2356	6526	Asked how has CGG considered the impact on Kooyang?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that the noise modelling conducted by CGG assessed the impacts from sound to fish under three subcategories. These include fish with a swim bladder, fish without a swim bladder, and fish eggs and larvae. Fish susceptibility to injury from noise exposure varies depending on the species and the presence and possible role of a swim bladder in hearing. Thus, different thresholds were proposed for fish without a swim bladder, fish with a swim bladder not used for hearing, and fish that use their swim bladders for hearing. The latter two categories representing a further level of complexity applied to the modelling categories for fish. For context, CGG has grouped kooyang with fish containing swim bladders when assessing seismic effect studies. Therefore, CGG does not agree that the results from the noise modelling were necessarily a “broad evaluation”, but an appropriately categorised one. Standard modelling methodology models for receptors based on hearing group, not species. As this relates to fish, the presence/absence of a swim bladder remains the most suitable parameter for grouping fish in modelling for impacts from sound, therefore justifying CGGs reasoning behind not conducting species-specific modelling for kooyang, nor any other fish, bird, marine mammal, or turtle species.
2357	6526	Asked to what extent has the Regia MSS EP considered potential impacts to the Outstanding International Values of the Budj Bim Cultural Landscape, including the integrity of threatened Kooyang populations (and Kooyang husbandry and associated native title rights and interests concerning aquaculture)?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team provided Annexure A in additiona to correspondence that outlined that Biosis Pty Ltd (Biosis) was commissioned by ConocoPhillips to undertake a cultural heritage desktop assessment (Appendix B10) for proposed resource exploration in Bass Strait. ConocoPhillips and Biosis gave permission for CGG to utilise this report given the overlap of the study area with the Regia MSS. The report supported the foundation of knowledge for the cultural heritage parts of the overall assessment. Cultural values are included in the impact assessments, for example, in Appendix E3 Impact Assessment Underwater Sound: Fish, Section 4.1.6 Eels, there is a section entitled ‘First Nations Connection to Eels’. Appendix F3 Further Assessment of Key Values and Sensitivities, Section 3.16 further assesses environmental values and sensitivities that were identified as culturally important features of the environment that may be affected by the Regia MSS. Included in this are Karntubul, Kooyang, and the Bonney Upwelling.

2358	6526	Asked how will any identified impacts to Kooyang be mitigated to the legal standard required?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that the modelling methodology (explained and justified above) is an industry-standard practise that applies the most appropriate and up-to-date scientific and peer-reviewed literature to best-assess the potential impacts from sound to fish, including kooyang.
2359	6526	Asked what is CGG's response to relevant actions, including in respect of Kooyang, within the Budj Bim Indigenous Protected Area Plan of Management 2022-2027 (for example only, see sections 5.5.2-5.5.7, Actions 29-31, 43)?	Event ID 6859 - The regia team provided Annexure A in addition to correspondence and advised that the noise modelling conducted by CGG assessed the impacts from sound to fish under three subcategories. These include fish with a swim bladder, fish without a swim bladder, and fish eggs and larvae. Fish susceptibility to injury from noise exposure varies depending on the species and the presence and possible role of a swim bladder in hearing. Thus, different thresholds were proposed for fish without a swim bladder, fish with a swim bladder not used for hearing, and fish that use their swim bladders for hearing. The latter two categories representing a further level of complexity applied to the modelling categories for fish. For context, CGG has grouped kooyang with fish containing swim bladders when assessing seismic effect studies. Therefore, CGG does not agree that the results from the noise modelling were necessarily a "broad evaluation", but an appropriately categorised one. Standard modelling methodology models for receptors based on hearing group, not species. As this relates to fish, the presence/absence of a swim bladder remains the most suitable parameter for grouping fish in modelling for impacts from sound, therefore justifying CGGs reasoning behind not conducting species-specific modelling for kooyang, nor any other fish, bird, marine mammal, or turtle species.
2360	6526	Asked what research has been commissioned or conducted in relation to the lifecycle of the Kooyang and its migration through the EMBA and/or Operational Area for the proposed activities?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team provided Annexure A in addition to correspondence and advised that no life-cycle stages of kooyang that occur in the Budj Bim Cultural Landscape are predicted to be impacted from the Regia MSS, nor are any population-level impacts predicted for kooyang that would potentially impact the landscape. As a World Heritage Listed environmental value it was important for CGG to thoroughly assess the Outstanding Universal Value of the Budj Bim site. The assessment of the Budj Bim Cultural Landscape (available to view in Appendix F3) has found no threat to the values of the site from the proposed activity.

2361	6526	Asked what steps has CGG taken to avoid impacts from the proposed activities on the Bonney Coast Upwelling and to address key receptors, including the critical cultural heritage values associated with this Upwelling?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team provided Annexure A in addition to correspondence and advised that the Precautionary Principle is utilised when there is uncertainty. Further assessment of Plankton Communities and the Bonney Upwelling System, in Section 3.13 in Appendix F3 Further Assessment of Key Values and Sensitivities, assesses potential impacts on plankton in further detail. Multiple studies on the effects of seismic activity on plankton, especially fish larvae, show harmful impacts, but the extent of these effects varies by species and proximity to seismic sources. Impacts to zooplankton and the Bonney Coast Upwelling and the role they both play in ecosystem function and productivity, are not predicted as: • Impacts to phytoplankton are not predicted. • Mortality or injury effects to zooplankton will be well within natural mortality rates. Upwelling systems in the region are highly dynamic with large variations in biomass a normal process. Zooplankton communities demonstrate high rates of turnover and will be constantly replenishing even as the seismic survey occurs. • Mortality or mortal injury effects to zooplankton, including krill, do not impact on marine fauna being able to feed on them as they will still be available within the water column.
2362	6526	Asked how and in what ways do measures within the Regia MSS EP address and respond to cumulative risks and impacts (both direct and indirect) reasonably associated with the proposed activities, in light of the other activities, be that past, current (both temporally and spatially) or anticipated, in the Otway Basin.	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that as summarised in EP Section 10.1, Cumulative impacts were inherently considered in Stage 2 of the environmental assessments by virtue of considering the existing environment as a dynamic place inclusive of other natural and anthropogenic pressures. Specifically, the effects of past projects and activities, and currently operating projects, are captured when describing the existing condition of environmental values and sensitivities, inclusive of any pressure or threats affecting that value or sensitivity. Reasonably foreseeable further projects and activities within the spatial and temporal extent of the assessment includes the proposed Calico seismic survey. Additionally, in Event ID 6521, the Regia team provided a tailored information sheet to the relevant person about cumulative impacts.
2363	6526	Asked how and in what ways do measures within the Regia MSS EP address and respond to cumulative risks and impacts (both direct and indirect) reasonably associated with the proposed activities, in light of the best available scientific literature and practice in the design of cumulative impact assessments?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that as summarised in EP Section 10.1, Cumulative impacts were inherently considered in Stage 2 of the environmental assessments by virtue of considering the existing environment as a dynamic place inclusive of other natural and anthropogenic pressures. Specifically, the effects of past projects and activities, and currently operating projects, are captured when describing the existing condition of environmental values and sensitivities, inclusive of any pressure or threats affecting that value or sensitivity. Reasonably foreseeable further projects and activities within the spatial and temporal extent of the assessment includes the proposed Calico seismic survey. Additionally, in Event ID 6521, the Regia team provided a tailored information sheet to the relevant person about cumulative impacts.

2364	6526	Asked has CGG considered the risk of hydrocarbon or other vessel spills and/or collisions in their proposed activities, including from routine vessel traffic and/or rig operations, particularly in the overlapping areas with ConocoPhillips proposed activities? If so, how have any such environmental impacts been assessed and mitigated?	Event ID 6521 - The Regia team provided a tailored information sheet to the relevant person on unplanned events, including the accidental release of fuel, introduction of marine pests, accidental release of materials or waste overboard and collisions with marine fauna.
2365	6526	Asked how and in what manner have all environmental factors within the environment (as defined under r 5) been considered in cumulative impact assessments?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that as summarised in EP Section 10.1, Cumulative impacts were inherently considered in Stage 2 of the environmental assessments by virtue of considering the existing environment as a dynamic place inclusive of other natural and anthropogenic pressures. Specifically, the effects of past projects and activities, and currently operating projects, are captured when describing the existing condition of environmental values and sensitivities, inclusive of any pressure or threats affecting that value or sensitivity. Reasonably foreseeable further projects and activities within the spatial and temporal extent of the assessment includes the proposed Calico seismic survey. Additionally, in Event ID 6521, the Regia team provided a tailored information sheet to the relevant person about cumulative impacts.
2366	6526	Asked how and to what extent have acoustic impacts (including, for example, potential fatalaties to zooplankton and other fish species; injury and/or serious harm to mammal species; and other impacts to the broader ecosystem) considered in cumulative impact assessments, including cumulative impact assessments of the cultural environment?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that as summarised in EP Section 10.1, Cumulative impacts were inherently considered in Stage 2 of the environmental assessments by virtue of considering the existing environment as a dynamic place inclusive of other natural and anthropogenic pressures. Specifically, the effects of past projects and activities, and currently operating projects, are captured when describing the existing condition of environmental values and sensitivities, inclusive of any pressure or threats affecting that value or sensitivity. Reasonably foreseeable further projects and activities within the spatial and temporal extent of the assessment includes the proposed Calico seismic survey. Additionally, in Event ID 6521, the Regia team provided a tailored information sheet to the relevant person about cumulative impacts.

2367	6526	Asked on what basis does CGG determine, conclude or justify that any impacts or harms from seismic activity, surveys and/or blasting have been reduced to an acceptable level and/or to as low as reasonably practicable?	Event ID 6859 - The Regian team provided Annexure A that outlined that as per EP Section 2 Environmental Assessment Process, the EP undertook the environment assessment process in three stages:Stage 1: Preliminary Environmental Impact and Risk Assessment. This first stage of the assessment focused on the activity as a whole. Information was collated on the proposed activity, including setting an initial geographical area of investigation, and gathering environmental knowledge of the area. The preliminary assessment established the cause-effect pathways between the proposed activity and the environment to determine the environmental aspects of the activity to be managed.Stage 2: Detailed Environmental Assessments. The second assessment was undertaken at the aspect level. This approach was taken because the conclusion of this stage of the assessment process was to set Environmental Performance Outcomes (EPO), which are about the management of environmental aspects of the activity. The assessments primarily focus on demonstrating that the impacts and risks of the activity are of an acceptable level. This is because CGG applies this criterion before it attempts to further reduce impacts and risks through the ALARP assessment process. This assessment built on the content and context of the first assessment and included consideration of additional content (gathered from literature reviews, modelling reports, and other expert reports etc.) before then undertaking each impact and risk assessment in respect of the environmental aspects arising from the proposed activity.Stage 3: Further Assessment and Acceptance Criteria. The third assessment was undertaken at the impact/risk level. This is because the acceptance criteria focus on the demonstration that environmental impacts and risks will be of an acceptable level and reduced to as low as reasonably practicable (ALARP).
2368	6623	Requested that CGG respond to questions provided in 28 days.	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded to questions provided by the organisation as requested.

2369	6623	Requested information on how procedures requiring observation of karntubul for 12 hours prior to shutdown of CGG's proposed activities practically provide protection for karntubul? For example, how do these procedures specifically protect karntubul, where marine mammal observation is complicated by the following non-exhaustive list of factors such as low-light, poor visibility, high seas and variable weather, the need for karntubul to be close to the water's surface to be readily detected by marine mammal observers and the impact of backgrounf noise and karntubil that are not vocalising on passive acousic monitoring.	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that as per their tailored information sheet, EP Appendix E7, and G2, CGG will use multiples lines of evidence when detecting whales. The Regia MSS will utilise a range of whale detections methods such as Marine Mammal Observers (MMOs) (and an additional MMO on board the support vessel), Aerial surveys, and Passive Acoustic Monitoring (PAM) technology. CGG has also committed to trialling an additional PAM system and if successful 3 more PAM detection buoys will be added to the suite of detection methods. During low-light and poor visibility/weather PAM technology will be the main method used for whale detection, CGG will use two different types of PAM technology to monitor whales. If whales are close to the waters surface, MMOs and aerial surveys will have the ability to monitor them. Ambient noise levels will be taken into account prior to the survey. It should be noted, it is only low frequency cetaceans (baleen whales) that if detected, need to be monitored for 12 hours. Additionally, in Event ID 6521, the Regia team provided a tailored information sheet to the relevant person about Karntubul species.
2370	6623	Asked how will CGG reasonably determine that an individual karntubul has been present within the ensonified area for more than 12 hours?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that as per their tailored information sheet, EP Appendix E7, and G2, CGG will use multiples lines of evidence when detecting whales. The Regia MSS will utilise a range of whale detections methods such as MMOs (and an additional MMO on board the support vessel), Aerial surveys, and PAM technology. CGG has also committed to trialling an additional PAM system and if successful 3 more PAM detection buoys will be added to the suite of detection methods. CGG will be relying on a suite of detection methods to enhance detections of whales. These techniques along with input and advice from a whale expert panel, will be used to monitor detections of whales for 12 hours. It should be noted, it is only low frequency cetaceans (baleen whales) that if detected, need to be monitored for 12 hours. Additionally, in Event ID 6521, the Regia team provided a tailored information sheet to the relevant person about Karntubul species.
2371	6623	Asked what training, skills and experience will the "CGG Site Representative" have in ensuring mammal observation duties are conducted to an acceptable level (when the marine mammal observer is unavailable)?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that as per EP Appendix G2, the CGG Site Representative is responsible for the implementation of the Fauna Management Plan and provides training and activity specific inductions to the Survey Environment Advisor. The CGG Site Representative does not make any decisions regarding marine mammal observations. Additionally, in Event ID 6521, the Regia team provided a tailored information sheet to the relevant person about Karntubul species and measures in place to protect marine mammals.

2372	6623	Asked if CGG could explain the conflicting shut-down measures that it proposes in the EP? For example, how does CGG conclude that a 500 m shutdown measure is sufficiently protective of low-frequency cetaceans, when a 2 km shutdown zone was considered in the impact analysis in the EP? Also, is the "moderate" conclusion reached therein still accurate in the absence of a 2 km shutdown shut down within 500measure.	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that it is not conflicting. The 2km refers to a previous version of the EP, prior to our latest submission (a version prior to November 2024). The EP is a live document, it is important to always ensure you are reading the most up to date version. The most up to date control measures whales can be found in EP Appendix E7 and G1. These include: - Shut down within 500m of sound source to ensure thresholds from PTS per pulse are not reached for any low-frequency (LF) cetacean. - Shut down the sound source for any LF cetacean observed within 5 km of the sound source for more than 12 hours to ensure PTS cumulative 24h is not reached. - Shut down the sound source if a blue whale remains resident in the 23 km ensonified area for more than 12 hours, or move away from the area, to ensure TTS cumulative 24h is not reached. - Shut down the sound source if a blue whale is observed within 10 km from the sound source or move away from the area to ensure behavioural thresholds per pulse are not reached. - Shut down the sound source if a SRW remains resident in the 15 km ensonified area for more than 12 hours or move away from the area to ensure TTS cumulative 24h is not reached. - Shut down the sound source if a SRW cow and calf pair are observed within 10 km from the sound source or move away from the area to ensure TTS cumulative 24h for SRW calf cow pair is not reached.
2373	6623	Asked how does CGG conclude that seismic activity within the foraging BIA of the karntubul species Pygmy Blue Whale is consistent with the recovery plan under the EPBC Act for that species?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that as per EP Appendix E7, CGG will ensure there are no behavioural impacts to Blue Whales, as the seismic source will be shut down within 10km of a blue whale. This is based on the underwater sound modelling commissioned by CGG where behavorial impacts to blue whales was predicted to occur within 9.83km of the sound source.
2374	6623	Asked on what basis has CGG concluded that a Pygmy Blue Whale will not be injured, disrupted from foraging, or displaced?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that as per EP Appendix E7, CGG has ensured the Regia MSS will not be taking place during the peak upwelling months associated with the Bonney . The most likely window now will be September. Along with shut downs for blue whales mentioned previously, CGG will ensure the seismic source will only not be operated within the pygmy blue whale foraging BIA if there are low numbers of blue whales present. CGG will use a whale expert panel to help define 'low numbers' CGG will also shut down if a blue whale is detected within 10km of the seismic source. This 10km will ensure there are no behavioural impacts which may displace whales from their foraging BIASs. CGG will shut down the sound source if a blue whale remains resident in the 23 km ensonified area for more than 12 hours, this will ensure blue whales will not experience TTS (temporary auditory injury).

2375	6623	Asked what are the predicted impacts when seismic survey blasting takes place inside of a BIA with karntubul present?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that as per E7 Appendix 7, There are only 3 BIAs associated with whales that are relevant to the Regia MSS, the Southern Right Whales Reproductive and Migration BIA, and the Blue Whale Foraging BIA. The sound source will be operated within the Southern Right Whale Reproductive BIA at any time. CGG will ensure the seismic source will only not be operated within the pygmy blue whale foraging BIA if there are low numbers of blue whales present. CGG will use a whale expert panel to help define 'low numbers' CGG will also shut down if a blue whale is detected within 10km of the seismic source. This 10km will ensure there are no behavioural impacts which may displace whales from their foraging BIASs. CGG will shut down the sound source if a blue whale remains resident in the 23 km ensonified area for more than 12 hours, this will ensure blue whales will not experience TTS (temporary auditory injury).
2376	6623	Asked how has CGG concluded that impacts to culturally significant marine mammals like karntubul and sea lions are “individual”, “temporary”, “recoverable” or “small scale” without meaningful engagement with Gunditjmara to determine what, if any, harms and impacts are acceptable for culturally significant species?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that an outline of the framework for defining acceptable levels for the Regia MSS can be found in Appendix F4.The acceptable levels defined by CGG for all relevant receptors including marine mammals were assembled using scientific rigor, which included the analysis of peer-reviewed and unbiased literature to predict impacts to relevant species, while also ensuring their consistency with species’ recovery and conservation management plans. CGG has also engaged in extensive consultation efforts to learn and gain as much knowledge as possible around the cultural significance of marine species during this process and continues to welcome additional relevant information and knowledge that could further benefit the protection of the marine environment, including culturally significant species. Also to noted: CGG’s first draft of defined acceptable levels were published in May 2023 on the Consultation Hub alongside our environmental assessment process to provide an opportunity to the community and relevant persons to understand the assessment process and influence the criteria used in the assessment process. The opportunity to comment was open for 60 days.
2377	6623	Asked how has CGG concluded that the Regia MSS will not result in population-level impacts given that studies have suggested impacts on individual marine mammals can aggregate into population-level disturbances?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team sought clarification if this question related to whales or marine mammals as a whole? As per E7 Appendix 7, CGG has assessed underwater sound impacts to marine mammals. The reference provided discussed impacts to beaked whales which are not baleen whales. Impacts to whales have been categorised into hearing groups. CGG considered numerous scientific studies, conservation management plans, recovery plans, and conservation advice when assessing impacts to marine mammals. CGG will be implementing shut-downs for whales to ensure impacts are minimised, therefore impacts at a population level are not expected.

2378	6623	Asked how has CGG ensured compliance with the Objects of the Regulations (and section 3A of the EPBC Act) in employing the precautionary principle in concluding the matters identified relating to Karntubul.	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that application of the precautionary principle is required when there are threats of serious or irreversible environmental damage and a lack of full scientific certainty. There are examples in CGGs analysis where a lack of full scientific uncertainty was identified, however, there were no instances where threats to environmental values and sensitivities were serious or irreversible. Despite this CGG routinely applied precaution in its assessment; selecting conservative effect thresholds for sound, adjusting the activity design to avoid sound discharge during particularly sensitive periods, to avoid overlap with sensitive species protected areas (e.g. KEFs), and implementing buffers around marine protected areas.
2379	6623	Asked if CGG could explain why it adopted a 160 dB threshold for behavioural impacts to marine mammals when a 140 dB or 120 dB threshold would appear to better reflect both scientific uncertainty and the findings presented in Appendix B8 of the EP?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that the noise criteria for the acoustic modelling study were chosen because they include standard thresholds and thresholds suggested by the best available science. The chosen marine mammal behavioural threshold is based on the current US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA 2019) criterion for marine mammals of 160 dB re 1 µPa (SPL; Lp) for impulsive sound sources. Changing this industry standard methodology to include a lower threshold (140 dB or 120 dB) would require substantial new scientific evidence to justify it that is not currently available, nor is it currently believed to be relevant based on the justifications for using the 160dB threshold.
2380	6623	Asked if CGG could explain and justify why this higher dB threshold is also being applied to endangered, vulnerable, and culturally significant species?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that the noise criteria for the acoustic modelling study were chosen because they include standard thresholds and thresholds suggested by the best available science. The chosen marine mammal behavioural threshold is based on the current US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA 2019) criterion for marine mammals of 160 dB re 1 µPa (SPL; Lp) for impulsive sound sources. Changing this industry standard methodology to include a lower threshold (140 dB or 120 dB) would require substantial new scientific evidence to justify it that is not currently available, nor is it currently believed to be relevant based on the justifications for using the 160dB threshold.
2381	6623	Asked why CGG had two different buffer zones (18km and 17km) for Deen Maar?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that the EP states 17 km. The draft presentation slides provided prior to the February 14th 2025, meeting incorrectly stated 18 km, this had been corrected prior to presentation.
2382	6623	Asked how will the Deen Maar buffer zone be enforced and why has this area not been excised from the title area?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that a petroleum title area is the geographical boundary of a petroleum title, which is defined by the government. The survey design has been updated, acquisition lines will adhere to this.

2383	6623	Asked why is the buffer zone around Deen Maar less than the area for which CGG has found elevated noise levels (20km)?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that 11.8 km is the furthest distance to sound effect criteria for pinnipeds (seals and sea lions). The increased protections afforded through the 17 km buffer are considered highly conservative to minimise disturbance of breeding seals in recognition that this is the largest Australian Fur Seal breeding colony in Australia.
2384	6623	Asked given the significant uncertainty characterising the issue of plankton mortality caused by seismic activity, particularly in the context of the culturally and biologically significant Bonney Upwelling, why has CGG not employed the precautionary principle in its assessment of impacts on plankton and other culturally significant species?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that the Precautionary Principle is utilised when there is uncertainty. Further assessment of Plankton Communities and the Bonney Upwelling System, in Section 3.13 in Appendix F3 Further Assessment of Key Values and Sensitivities, assesses potential impacts on plankton in further detail. Multiple studies on the effects of seismic activity on plankton, especially fish larvae, show harmful impacts, but the extent of these effects varies by species and proximity to seismic sources. In general, the closer the plankton are to seismic sources, the greater the impact, though some studies, like McCauley et al. (2017), challenge this distance-effect relationship. Richardson et al. (2017) called for more research into McCauley's findings, particularly regarding the lack of attenuation with distance. Experimental methods have varied widely, often not replicating real-life conditions, highlighting the need for further focused studies. McCauley's work has spurred additional research, including Norway's ZoopSeis project, which investigates seismic effects on zooplankton under realistic conditions. This work is designed to investigate effects under realistic seismic survey conditions and finished at the end of 2023. Peer-reviewed papers of the research are being completed, with the first publication now available. Mortality rates and reduced growth of copepod larvae of Acartia spp were found to be high in the vicinity of the airgun discharges however the actual rates were significantly lower than normal population mortality rates and hence would likely not be detected (Vereide et al. 2023). They did not test for the effects of distance-from-seismic in this work, but their results remain consistent with most of the other research already published in this area. A second publication from the ZoopSeis research (Vereide et al., 2024a) found that while seismic discharges caused significant damage close to the sources, mortality did not extend extensively beyond 1 km, as suggested by McCauley et al. (2017). The mortality rates were lower than natural mortality and thus difficult to distinguish from background mortality. A review (Vereide et al., 2024b) highlighted the challenge of applying experimental results to real-life scenarios. While seismic surveys can cover vast areas and last for weeks, the plankton's exposure is not continuous and typically lasts only 3-4 days in studies, which may not accurately reflect real-world conditions due to migration and advection. Zooplankton will experience varying exposure to seismic discharges depending on factors like time, sound levels, and seasonal or species-specific distribution changes. Studies like Dongen-Vogels et al. (2011) show significant local variations in plankton abundance due to physical events like upwelling or water column stratification. Additionally, a study off Florida (Robinson et al., 2021) showed that planktonic

			assemblages exhibit multi-scale patchiness. While effects of seismic will be felt by plankton assemblages at localised scales the highly dynamic nature of populations in space and time will ensure there are no population level effects hence the magnitude of any effects will be minor. Impacts to zooplankton and the Bonney Coast Upwelling and the role they both play in ecosystem function and productivity, are not predicted as: • Impacts to phytoplankton are not predicted. • Mortality or injury effects to zooplankton will be well within natural mortality rates. Upwelling systems in the region are highly dynamic with large variations in biomass a normal process. Zooplankton communities demonstrate high rates of turnover and will be constantly replenishing even as the seismic survey occurs. • Mortality or mortal injury effects to zooplankton, including krill, do not impact on marine fauna being able to feed on them as they will still be available within the water column.
2385	6623	Asked for more information on how the EP discusses modern cultural values associated with particular species or environmental features.	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that Biosis Pty Ltd (Biosis) was commissioned by ConocoPhillips to undertake a cultural heritage desktop assessment (Appendix B10) for proposed resource exploration in Bass Strait. ConocoPhillips and Biosis gave permission for CGG to utilise this report given the overlap of the study area with the Regia MSS. The report supported the foundation of knowledge for the cultural heritage parts of the overall assessment. Cultural values are included in the impact assessments, for example, in Appendix E3 Impact Assessment Underwater Sound: Fish, Section 4.1.6 Eels, there is a section entitled 'First Nations Connection to Eels'. Appendix F3 Further Assessment of Key Values and Sensitivities, Section 3.16 further assesses environmental values and sensitivities that were identified as culturally important features of the environment that may be affected by the Regia MSS. Included in this are Karntubul, Kooyang, and the Bonney Upwelling.

2386	6623	Asked how was the Biosis desktop review used to inform CGG's analysis of impacts?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that Appendix B10, the Cultural Heritage Review, is a report that supported the foundation of knowledge for the cultural heritage parts of the overall assessment. It informed the description of the environment that may be affected, which could be found in the relevant impact/risk assessment.
2387	6623	Asked if CGG considered or conducted an analysis of modern cultural values and if so, where has it gathered information on those modern cultural values?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that they used information provided through consultation, relevant literature, case law and desktop research.
2388	6623	Asked how does CGG ensure that the harms are fully considered and mitigated for culturally significant features?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that following consultation with relevant persons, and completion of the environmental assessments, activity limitations had been adopted. The Regia team provided a list of the activity limitations relevant to protecting environmental values and sensitivities, relevant to protected area, relevant to cultural sensitivities, relevant to compliance and relevant to protecting other marine users. They explained that these activity limitations had been referred to throughout the environmental assessment, consultation, and public comment processes.
2389	6623	Asked how and where does the November EP assess species and places of cultural significance holistically?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that assessment of species and places of cultural significance could be located in Appendix F3, Section 3.16 Cultural Features of the Environment Plan.

2390	6623	The Acceptable Levels Assessment (Appendix F4) concludes that "impacts to cultural features are not predicted" for invertebrates, turtles, and marine mammals, and birds. However, the November EP describes numerous impacts to these animal groups, many of which hold cultural importance to Gunditjmara. Notwithstanding this, the EP reaches the conclusion, culturally, that the species will not be impacted by underwater noise. What is CGG's response?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that there seems to have been a misreading of the EP, with confusion around 'potential' (cause-effect pathways) and 'predicted' (impacts given the measures in place). As per EP Section 2 Environmental Assessment Process, the EP undertook the environment assessment process in three stages: Stage 1: Preliminary Environmental Impact and Risk Assessment. This first stage of the assessment focused on the activity as a whole. Information was collated on the proposed activity, including setting an initial geographical area of investigation, and gathering environmental knowledge of the area. The preliminary assessment established the cause-effect pathways between the proposed activity and the environment to determine the environmental aspects of the activity to be managed. Stage 2: Detailed Environmental Assessments. The second assessment was undertaken at the aspect level. This approach was taken because the conclusion of this stage of the assessment process was to set Environmental Performance Outcomes (EPO), which are about the management of environmental aspects of the activity. The assessments primarily focus on demonstrating that the impacts and risks of the activity are of an acceptable level. This is because CGG applies this criterion before it attempts to further reduce impacts and risks through the ALARP assessment process. This assessment built on the content and context of the first assessment and included consideration of additional content (gathered from literature reviews, modelling reports, and other expert reports etc.) before then undertaking each impact and risk assessment in respect of the environmental aspects arising from the proposed activity. Stage 3: Further Assessment and Acceptance Criteria. The third assessment was undertaken at the impact/risk level. This is because the acceptance criteria focus on the demonstration that environmental impacts and risks will be of an acceptable level and reduced to as low as reasonably practicable (ALARP).
2391	6623	Asked why does the November EP evaluate cultural impacts differently?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that following feedback from NOPSEMA, the presentation and organisation of the EP and Appendices were changed, rather than underlying methodology. Appendix A3, B1, B9, F1, and G5 were removed from the November submission, with relevant content moved into other parts of the EP. The original Appendix F1 has been replaced with an EP Summary document. The Cumulative Impact Assessment (previously Appendix E10 has been updated and renamed F1 to better reflect its place in the assessment process.
2392	6623	How and where does CGG assess impacts on species and places of cultural significance holistically, at	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that both direct and indirect cause-effect pathways were identified and assessed. Appendix F3, Section 3.16 Cultural Features of the Environment

		the individual, population and ecosystem level?	
2393	6623	Asked how is CGG able to confidently conclude that there are no long term, serious or irreversible threats from the Regia MSS?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that in Appendix F4, CGG has put forward its case that the environmental impacts and risks of the activity are of an acceptable level because: 1. All environmental impacts and risks have been identified and assessed. 2. Lower order impacts and risks have been screened and eliminated or managed. 3. Higher order impacts and risks have been assessed by: a. Gathering knowledge about relevant environmental values and sensitivities, including through extensive consultation. b. Defining acceptable levels for the activity and, more specifically, for environmental values and sensitivities. c. Predicting the levels of impact and risk. d. Evaluating the effectiveness of measures that protect the environment. 4. Predicted impacts and risks of the activity have been compared to acceptable levels of impact. 5. The titleholder has considered predictive uncertainty in the environmental assessments. 6. The environmental assessments are appropriate to the nature and scale of the activity. 7. Once managed, no pathways to unacceptable impacts were identified. 8. The proposed activity will comply with the requirements of the EPBC Act. 9. The proposed activity is consistent with the principles of ecologically sustainable development. Each of these reasons is explained, in detail, in Appendix F4. They demonstrate that environmental impacts and risks arising from the activity are of an acceptable level.
2394	6623	Asked if CGG could clarify whether it plans to acquire the seismic survey in a single phase or in multiple phases over the estimated four-year duration of the activity?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that the activity is a single phase of a maximum of 90 days of operations, with a maximum of 60 of those days being acquisition, during which the sound is emitted.
2395	6623	Asked if the 60 days of survey activity be spread out over the 5-year acquisition period or will CGG be surveying 60 days per year? Is a different proposed phase of acquisition contemplated by CGG?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that if the EP gains acceptance, the activity would occur once, anytime (excluding January, February or March) between acceptance and 2028.
2396	6623	Asked what is the maximum number of days that seismic surveying	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that there would be 90 days of operations, with 60 of those days being acquisition.

		could occur over the project's duration?	
2397	6623	Asked if CGG could confirm that the sound source will not be active (even at low levels or for testing) outside of the active source area?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that the survey is designed with progressively smaller areas within the activity planning area, these areas have designated activities assigned to them: Operation Area (OA): an area within the Activity Planning Area in which survey vessel activities occur including equipment maintenance and deployment/recovery, crew change and resupply. The sound source cannot be active in the operational area, outside of the active source area. Active Source Area (ASA): an area within the Operational Area in which the sound source can be active. Line runouts and run-ins occur within this area and outside of the survey acquisition area. The sound source cannot be discharged at full power within the activity source area and outside of the survey acquisition area. Survey Acquisition Area (SAA): the primary target area for the survey and the area in which seismic data will be recorded, and the sound source can be discharged at full power.
2398	6623	Asked if CGG could confirm whether underwater acoustic modelling limited itself to the active source area or source acquisition area?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that Two sound modelling reports were undertaken: - Appendix B7a - Modelling Report on Sound Emissions: Regia Marine Seismic Survey by JASCO Applied Sciences - Appendix B7b - Regia Marine Seismic Survey: Acoustic and Animat Modelling for Assessing Marine Fauna Sound Exposures (Document 03301, Version 2.0) CGG commissioned the initial underwater sound modelling prior to the decision regarding the location of the operational area and active source area. This was to ensure CGG could make an informed decision regarding sound levels within the area of interest. This is why the modelling does not include an Operational Area and an Active Source Area. Provided sound modelling map images and clarified that they were produced to demonstrate the relevance of the modelling in relation to the proposed survey acquisition area. They stated that a further description of the Appendices can be found in the EP, Section 7.3.1.
2399	6623	Can CGG provide a single map including the boundaries of all three areas of the operational	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team provided the requested map.

		area, the active source area, and acquisition area?	
2400	6623	Asked why are vessel activities outside the operational area not included as "petroleum activities" within the scope of the EP? How would they contribute to noise emissions, ship strikes, and other impacts and risks (including cumulative impacts) if they were included?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that the scope of the EP does not include the periods when the seismic vessel or support vessels are not within the OA, such as during maintenance activities outside of the OA, port calls, crew changes, inclement weather avoidance, or vessel mobilisation/demobilisation to/from the OA. During these periods the project vessels are deemed to be operating under the Commonwealth Navigation Act 2012 and are not managed within this EP.
2401	6623	Asked how has CGG ensured that the best available information was incorporated into the EP's assessment of environmental impacts, given it seems underlying searches and reports have not been updated since May 2024?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that multiple searches and reports, such as the Protected Matters Search Tool (PMST), were undertaken in the preparation of the EP, including in May 2024 prior to submission to ensure any changes to species or listings were identified to cater for the passage of time. These searches will be re-run prior to the activity commencing to help determine any changes to environmental knowledge underpinning this EP.
2402	6623	Asked how did CGG ensure that the November EP did not ignore or downplay environmental harms, as it focused its analysis on why the project is acceptable?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that assessments were undertaken in three stages to identify cause-effect pathways and ensure these were appropriately managed. Within these documents potential direct and indirect cause-effect pathways, impacts and risks, along with the predicted level of risk are identified and comprehensively described. The stage two assessments primarily focus on demonstrating that the impacts and risks of the activity are of an acceptable level. This is because CGG applies this criterion before it attempts to further reduce impacts and risks through the ALARP assessment process. This assessment built on the content and context of the first assessment and included consideration of additional content (gathered from literature reviews, modelling reports, and other expert reports etc.) before then undertaking each impact and risk assessment in respect of the environmental aspects arising from the proposed activity.
2403	6623	Asked why did CGG choose not to revise its underwater noise models despite the flaws found by NOPSEMA in its Request for Further Information, dated 28 August 2024?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that the issue raised by NOPSEMA in the Request for Further Written Information (RFFWI) were concerning how CGG had demonstrated that the sound modelling reports are commensurate with the nature and scale of the activity and the severity of individual impacts and risks. CGG addressed this by updating the EP to provide clarification to the queries raised. This included new maps, explanation of the two modelling reports and their utility in the impact assessments. Further description of the Appendices can be found in the EP, Section 7.3.1, and Appendix B7a and B7b.

2404	6623	Asked how can CGG ensure that the oil spill model, based on a literature review, is realistic and relatable to this project?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that CGG commissioned a detail analysis of all the oil spill models completed in the Otway region since the integration of environmental functions into NOPSEMA. For a spill model to be considered relevant to the activity it had to meet the following requirements: • Surface release of marine diesel oil. • Modelling thresholds align with those in the NOPSEMA Oil Spill Modelling Environment Bulletin April 2019. • Modelling was used in an environment plan available on the NOSPEMA website. • Modelled location is within the Regia MSS Activity Planning Area or > 20 km of the Regia MSS Activity Planning Area where the metocean conditions would be similar. Twelve suitable models were analysed with all but one having a greater spill volume than is applicable to the proposed Regia MSS. The review found that the EPA set for the activity was suitable for the consideration of the extent of the risk (consequence) that may arise from the activity. The full report has been included in the EP as Appendix B11.
2405	6623	Asked is it contemplated by CGG that multiple seismic surveys may proceed in the Otway Basin at the same time or in near succession? If this is the case, how has impact for concurrent and consecutive seismic surveys on species and ecosystems been accounted for in the EP?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that as summarised in EP Section 10.1, Cumulative impacts were inherently considered in Stage 2 of the environmental assessments by virtue of considering the existing environment as a dynamic place inclusive of other natural and anthropogenic pressures. Specifically, the effects of past projects and activities, and currently operating projects, are captured when describing the existing condition of environmental values and sensitivities, inclusive of any pressure or threats affecting that value or sensitivity. Reasonably foreseeable further projects and activities within the spatial and temporal extent of the assessment includes the proposed Calico seismic survey.
2406	6623	Asked how will CGG address cumulative impacts from anthropogenic noise generally and specifically from consecutive and concurrent seismic surveys?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that cumulative impacts were considered in the environmental assessments.

2407	6623	Asked why CGG's EP does not consider how elevated noise levels over long durations and distances can affect marine mammal behaviour and physiology, particularly beyond a 24 hour period.	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that information provided in this statement is unweighted and lacking scientific evidence to support this claim about how sound will propagate through the water in the region of the proposed Regia MSS. The 24-hour duration applied to the cumulative noise exposure is an industry-standard method based on the unlikelihood that a highly mobile animal such as a marine mammal would remain static in an area for long enough to be exposed to cumulative noise exposure. Particularly due to the behavioural response threshold criteria being below those associated with TTS and PTS. Therefore a 24 hour duration is likely a conservative approach when being applied to cumulative noise exposure relating to marine mammals. CGG acknowledges that an assessment of the ambient noise in the proposed region of the Regia MSS may be required to provide sufficient context that informs the impact assessment of underwater sound on relevant receptors. CGG will be providing additional information in the EP on ambient noise in the Otway region.
2408	6623	Asked why CGG does not appear to evaluate the impacts of noise on kooyang specifically, instead relying on a broad evaluation of noise impacts to fish, generally.	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that noise modelling conducted by CGG assessed the impacts from sound to fish under three subcategories. These include fish with a swim bladder, fish without a swim bladder, and fish eggs and larvae. Fish susceptibility to injury from noise exposure varies depending on the species and the presence and possible role of a swim bladder in hearing. Thus, different thresholds were proposed for fish without a swim bladder, fish with a swim bladder not used for hearing, and fish that use their swim bladders for hearing. The latter two categories representing a further level of complexity applied to the modelling categories for fish. For context, CGG has grouped kooyang with fish containing swim bladders when assessing seismic effect studies. Therefore, CGG does not agree that the results from the noise modelling were necessarily a “broad evaluation”, but an appropriately categorised one. Standard modelling methodology models for receptors based on hearing group, not species. As this relates to fish, the presence/absence of a swim bladder remains the most suitable parameter for grouping fish in modelling for impacts from sound, therefore justifying CGGs reasoning behind not conducting species-specific modelling for kooyang, nor any other fish, bird, marine mammal, or turtle species.
2409	6623	Asked if CGG did not model noise impacts on kooyang specifically, how can it then make conclusions required under the Regulations (including those in relation to reducing impacts to ALARP and an acceptable level) about the impact of the seismic survey on this species?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that the modelling methodology (explained and justified above) is an industry-standard practise that applies the most appropriate and up-to-date scientific and peer-reviewed literature to best-assess the potential impacts from sound to fish, including kooyang

2410	6623	Asked how were conclusions drawn that prospective effects on kooyang would not effect the Budj Bim Cultural Landscape, which depends on the life cycle of kooyang for its Outstanding Universal Value and World Heritage Property listing?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that no life-cycle stages of kooyang that occur in the Budj Bim Cultural Landscape are predicted to be impacted from the Regia MSS, nor are any population-level impacts predicted for kooyang that would potentially impact the landscape. As a World Heritage Listed environmental value it was important for CGG to thoroughly assess the Outstanding Universal Value of the Budj Bim site. The assessment of the Budj Bim Cultural Landscape (available to view in Appendix F3) has found no threat to the values of the site from the proposed activity.
2411	6623	Asked how has CGG specifically considered the relevant cultural environment, including: Gunditjmara views, concerns, and objections in relation to potential harm to kooyang, and Potential impacts from the proposed activities on Gunditjmara's native title rights and interests in relation to the aquaculture systems of the Budj Bim Cultural Landscape?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that CGG acknowledges Gunditjmara views, concerns, and objections in relation to potential harm of kooyang, and believes that the information provided by CGG can assist in the understanding of CGG's predicted impacts on these species, which have been rigorously and thoroughly assessed to the best of their ability using industry-standard practices, and robust scientific methods. CGG acknowledges that the integrity and authenticity of the site are maintained through the intact and operational nature of the aquaculture systems, the ongoing connection of the Gunditjmara to their land, and the continuation of cultural practices. The landscape is managed to respect the rights and obligations of the Gunditjmara Traditional Owners, ensuring the preservation of its cultural and natural values, by the Ngootyoong Gunditj Ngootyoong Mara South West Management Plan (2015). Whilst there are no direct effects, and immeasurable indirect effects, from the Regia MSS on the World Heritage Values of Budj Bim, CGG recognises that there may be other indirect effects to spiritual values held by the Gunditjmara people and that this information may be sensitive such that it cannot be shared. In acknowledgement of the ongoing sovereignty of the Gunditjmara people, and CGG's willingness to find ways to protect cultural heritage, a Sea Country Protection Program will be implemented that aims to facilitate the co-design and co-implementation of initiatives to mitigate indirect effects from the Regia MSS if they are evident.

2412	6623	Asked why did CGG not model noise impacts on kooyang, specifically? Requested that CGG add this specific analysis to its noise and seismic studies reports in the EP and provide it to them for further consideration at a consultation meeting.	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that the noise modelling conducted by CGG assessed the impacts from sound to fish under three subcategories. These include fish with a swim bladder, fish without a swim bladder, and fish eggs and larvae. Fish susceptibility to injury from noise exposure varies depending on the species and the presence and possible role of a swim bladder in hearing. Thus, different thresholds were proposed for fish without a swim bladder, fish with a swim bladder not used for hearing, and fish that use their swim bladders for hearing. The latter two categories representing a further level of complexity applied to the modelling categories for fish. For context, CGG has grouped kooyang with fish containing swim bladders when assessing seismic effect studies. Therefore, CGG does not agree that the results from the noise modelling were necessarily a "broad evaluation", but an appropriately categorised one. Standard modelling methodology models for receptors based on hearing group, not species. As this relates to fish, the presence/absence of a swim bladder remains the most suitable parameter for grouping fish in modelling for impacts from sound, therefore justifying CGGs reasoning behind not conducting species-specific modelling for kooyang, nor any other fish, bird, marine mammal, or turtle species.
2413	6623	Asked if CGG assessed whether adult and juvenile kooyang would be able to move away from the sound of the seismic survey with sufficient speed to mitigate potential harms?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that CGG has considered a study by Koster et al. (2021). Adult Short-finned Eels tagged and released from Hopkins River Mouth, Killarney Beach and Warrnambool Harbour, locations in shore of the Operational Area showed that they migrated to access deep water via two main routes: directly east via Bass Strait or southeast around Tasmania (Koster et al 2021). While migrating through the shelf area where the Operational Area is located adult eels achieved an average speed of 30.8 ± 7.3 km/day with one eel swimming at 80 km/day so it is feasible that they can swim away from a sound source (Koster et al 2021). CGGs implementation of the Fauna Management System requires the seismic source to be slowly ramped up to full power over 30 minutes. This would allow eels to move away from the source before it is at full power, and once the source passes, animals will be free to move back into the habitat that they departed from. Thus, injury impacts that may occur if the seismic array commences at full power adjacent to migrating eels has been mitigated for.
2414	6623	Does CGG account for the difference in size and speed of adult and juvenile (for example, glass eels) kooyang in this analysis?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that this point had been addressed in Appendix E3, where the following information can be found: "Glass eels, which are between 50-60 mm in length, actively swim toward and into the embayments and estuaries of the eastern Australian continent (VFA 2017). Though they are unlikely to achieve speeds reached be adult eels they can actively swim away from the sound source."

2415	6623	Does CGG contemplate whether the sound from the seismic survey could itself affect kooyang swimming speeds (for example if the noise stuns, injures or confuses kooyang so they are unable to swim away)?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that the following predicted impact has been included in Appendix E3 by CGG: "Injury impacts may occur if the seismic array commences at full power adjacent to migrating eels. However, the implementation of the Fauna Management System requires the seismic source to be slowly ramped up to full power over 30 minutes. This would allow eels to move away from the source before it is at full power." Therefore, CGG predicts that this control measure will provide kooyang with an opportunity to actively move away from the sound source prior to exposure levels that could result in injury.
2416	6623	Does CGG assess the individual and population level impacts of the predicted behavioural change of kooyang swimming away from the sound source, particularly given that the sound source is proposed to occur in an area of the Otway Basin where kooyang migrate through as part of their life cycle. This includes how impacts to kooyang migration (via behavioural changes) as a result of the seismic survey could affect their reproduction and population. How does the predicted behavioural change of swimming away from the seismic survey sound mitigate harm from the seismic survey?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that the predicted level of impact to kooyang can be found in Appendix E3.The predicted effect level to these species is assessed as minor as impacts are predicted to have some effect on eels, but the effect is not considered significant or at a level to affect the population. CGG's intention to implement the Fauna Management Plan, including the slow ramp-up of the sound source, is based on CGG's prediction that this measure would result in eels moving away from the source to avoid injury. However, once the source passes, animals will be free to move back into the habitat that they departed from. Therefore, due to the temporary nature of the sound source, and the robust abilities of eels to migrate such extensive distances as part of their life cycle, neither the effects of the sound source, nor any temporary displacement of these species, have considered to be significant. Given the extended and volatile timing of migration from estuaries and the high mobility of individual animals CGG does not anticipate any critical effects to the local populations of eels from the Regia MSS. The predicted behavioural change of swimming away from the seismic survey sound is expected to mitigate potential injury to kooyang from the sound source, because increasing distance reduces exposure to more intense sound pressure levels closer to the source that are consistent with potential injury.
2417	6623	Given that CGG appears to recommend that its seismic survey should occur during the period when kooyang are returning to river systems, why has CGG not incorporated an analysis of the impacts of the seismic survey on glass eels and larvae in the EP?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that CGG has conducted a further assessment on Glass Eels in Appendix F3 – "Further Assessment of Key Values and Sensitivities" which assesses kooyang both during its larval and glass eel life cycle stages. The outcome of this further assessment concluded that CGG is satisfied through implementation of mitigation measures, impacts have been reduced to below acceptable levels and no further assessment or mitigation is recommended.

2418	6623	Asked how can the sound modelling within the EP show potential significant impacts and the Acceptable Levels Assessment show no population level impacts and otherwise reversible, small-scale, or recoverable impacts given these significantly elevated noise levels?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that the acoustic modelling study on underwater sound levels associated with the planned Regia Marine Seismic Survey (MSS) was conducted to assist in understanding the potential acoustic impacts on key regional receptors including marine mammals. The potential impacts presented in these studies do not incorporate/consider any mitigation/control measures in the methodology, therefore presenting the predicted impacts associated with behavioural response, TTS and PTS without mitigation. These acoustic modelling studies therefore served as a tool to assist CGG in designing and setting baseline parameters associated with the Regia MSS, including highlighting the most sensitive marine receptors and setting minimum shutdown distances. The results of the Acceptable Levels Assessment are as such, because of activity limitations and some additional management measures CGG has committed to implementing where required. Without mitigation, predicted impacts to some marine mammals from the Regia MSS would not be below the defined acceptable levels.
2419	6623	Asked for clarification about the discrepancy in model results between CGG and another titleholder?	Event ID 6859 - CGG does not believe it is appropriate to comment on the aspects of another titleholders EP as it relates to the Regia MSS. Input parameters other than location, such as information relating to bathymetry, sound speed profiling, and geoacoustics being some of the many required as part of the methodology associated with acoustic modelling, with levels of complexity exceeding those capable for simplification and explanation in plain language. The acoustic modelling reports were commissioned by CGG and conducted by an independent third party who CGG are confident provided industry-standard, reliable, and accurate acoustic modelling services. The TGS survey was much larger than the Regia survey and going to be undertaken in deeper waters with different bathymetry and substrate which may lead to different TTS distances, thus the TGS and Regia modelling reports are not comparable.
2420	6623	Asked in circumstances where seismic survey blasts occur every 6-20 seconds continuously, why does the EP not analyse the increase in ambient noise in the area nor the effects from chronic noise exposure?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that CGG acknowledges that an assessment of the ambient noise in the proposed region of the Regia MSS may be required to provide sufficient context that informs the impact assessment of underwater sound on relevant receptors. CGG will be providing additional information in the EP on ambient noise in the Otway region.
2421	6623	Asked if CGG estimated changes to ambient noise levels as part of its analysis? If it did, why have chronic noise impacts been ignored within the Environmental Planning Area and beyond, given the duration of the project?	Event ID 6859 - The Regia team responded that CGG would be providing additional information in the EP on ambient noise in the Otway region.

2422	6541	The relevant person asked if the Regia team had access to the articles/reports related to Middle Island little penguins populations.	Event ID 6538 - The Regia team responded that they had accessed the latest reports from the Middle Island project and contacted various organisations involved with the Victorian colonies.
2423	6880	The relevant person asked what the consultation process was after the 14/02/25 meeting with the Regia team.	Event ID 6880 - The Regia team responded in-meeting and discussed co-design for the ongoing consultation process and stated they were happy to be guided on the relevant person's preferred method of consultation.
2424	6880	The relevant person asked what are the improved outcomes regarding blue whales and southern right whales.	Event ID 6880 -The Regia team responded in-meeting that they were looking at technology advancements regarding detection. Explained that previously, there were plane surveys, marine fauna observers on the seismic vessel and a separate detection vessel dedicated to whales. In relation to improvements, the Regia team explained they had developed a new PAMS technology. Discussed tethered buoys and their purpose to detect whales. Explained that they were running an experiment prior to the survey with the test buoy. Explained that it detects underwater sound and can hear 24 hours a day and, if successful, they had committed to deploying more during the survey.
2425	6880	The relevant person asked who the Regia team are getting advice from regarding where to deploy PAMS technology.	Event ID 6880 -The Regia team responded in-meeting that they would seek advice from whale experts and people from university's who study SRW.
2426	6880	The relevant person requested clarification regarding the 90 days of the activity and the 2025-2028 dates.	Event ID 6880 -The Regia team responded in-meeting that once the vessel arrived, it must leave at the end of the 90 day period.
2427	6880	The relevant person asked if they could be notified when the vessel arrived to carry out the activity.	Event ID 6880 -The Regia team responded in-meeting that they were happy to notify the relevant person.
2428	6880	The relevant person asked if the Regia team would observe animals before, during and after the activity and if they would be notified about the health of the animals.	Event ID 6880 -The Regia team responded in-meeting that when they are talking about seismic, there is a 60-day limitation. It is also intermittent as there are many factors meaning that they would have to stop. In relation to observations, tje Regia team stated that they had committed to pre-start observations and would also have spotter vessels moving ahead of the seismic vessel prior to the activity. They said that if the relevant person wanted notification of the data/images, all they needed to do is ask as the Regia team were happy to share.
2429	6880	The relevant person asked who the Regia team were asking for permissions and licensing from.	Event ID 6880 -The Regia team responded in-meeting that they have to prepare the EP and send to a federal government regulator – NOPSEMA. Explained regulation process and stated they were in the middle of that process and had just received an RFWI request from NOPSEMA.
2430	6880	The relevant person asked if the Regia team would be going out on the seismic vessels and, if not, could they rely on the feedback?	Event ID 6880 - The Regia team responded that it is possible that team members would go out on a vessel. They explained that they could guarantee the on-vessel feedback and that they have several communication arrangements for operation, safety and the environment.

2431	6880	The relevant person asked if the Regia team could provide a video demonstration of seismic.	Event ID 6880 - The Regia team responded in-meeting that they would send video clips. Committed to sending a video of an experiment conducted in the North on snapper. In Event ID 6859, the Regia team provided links: - Geoscience Australia - Marine seismic surveys and the environment: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TlyzHW5x1HE&t=5s - Marine acoustic source: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s68vb0TQxK8 - Australian Insitute of Marine Science - Marine Noise - Northwest Shoals to Shore Research Program: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D0uLK_m57VY
2432	6880	The relevant person asked about impulse sound if the Regia team had a legal requirement to know what was going on inside and outside the areas.	Event ID 6880 - The Regia team explained the amount of sound created and the received levels to the species. Stated that it is how each species receives sound.
2433	6880	The relevant person asked who are CGG funding and who are the interests going to.	Event ID 6880 - The Regia team responded in-meeting with an explanation of who CGG are, what they do, and that they are in discussions with ConocoPhillips and the provisions of data. Clarified that CGG and ConocoPhillips activities are not contingent on each other. Discussed confidentiality and intellectual property requirements. Explained sensitive information requirement and our obligation to make it private. Explained we have to submit it to regulator but it will fall under the SIR. We do not know what is sensitive until we are told. Explained the EP is published and made publicly available. If the information is reasonably publicly known, that information would be made public.
2434	6880	The relevant person asked who gets the bill for consultations.	Event ID 6880 - The Regia team responded in-meeting that CGG receive the bill. Explained there was a public comment period and the NOPSEMA assessment process.
2435	6880	The relevant person asked if the Regia team could provide information to the Gunditjmara people prior to future meetings.	Event ID 6880 - The Reiga team responded that they had been working with the organisation to prepare the materials and that the request for information prior to meetings would not be a problem. Explained consultation with the organisation and explained what CGG had done to gather information on Sea Country.
2436	6880	The relevant person asked what the Sea Country Protection Plan protects against?	Event ID 6880 - The Regia team responded in-meeting that the SCPP protects against impacts and risks that arise from the proposed activity.
2437	6880	The relevant person asked about the previous surveys in the region.	Event ID 6880 - The Regia team responded in-meeting and discussed the historical surveys in the Otway Region.
2438	6880	The relevant person asked if the health of the Otway region had been researched.	Event ID 6880 - The Regia team confirmed in-meeting that the Otway region had been studied and researched.

2439	6880	The relevant person asked if the Regia team had already developed the EP.	Event ID 6880 - The Regia team responded in-meeting that they had developed the EP but that it was not a static document. They discussed getting more input into the process to improve the quality oif the document. Explained that the Regia team had previously attempted consultation with the organisation and that they were looking to improve the protections already in there with consultation.
2440	6880	The relevant person asked if the EP had been accepted by NOPSEMA.	Event ID 6880 - The Regia team responded in-meeting that the Regia team had written an EP but NOPSEMA had not accepted it yet. Explained that the EP was with NOPSEMA for assessment.
2441	6880	The relevant person asked if consultation with their organisation change the document?	Event ID 6880 - The Regia team responded in-meeting that the NOPSEMA assessment is a point in time assessment. Explained that the nature of the environment and environmental mansgement is that things always change and that this was reflected in the document.
2442	6880	The relevant person asked about data sharing, IP rights, and if CGG could profit from their information.	Event ID 6880 - The Regia team explained in-meeting that if the relevant person tells them the information they provide is sensitive, CGG and NOPSEMA are not allowed to publish it. The Regia team stated that the data licensed by CGG is only sub-surface data/scientific data from the survey.
2443	6880	The relevant person asked if CGG would pay their organisation funds to have dedicated resources devoted to consultation work.	Event ID 6880 - The Regia team responded in-meeting that they would look into it but could not make any commitments.
2444	6880	The relevant person asked if the EP had come back from NOPSEMA.	Event ID 6880 - The Regia team responded that the EP had come back from NOPSEMA with a letter to modify and re-submit. They explained that the team needed to redact the letter but that it would soon be published.
2445	6880	The relevant person asked if there would be compensations in place for the coercive and predicative conditions and if there were CGG share options abvailable.	Event ID 6880 - The Regia team responded in-meeting that this was a topic of discussion within future consultation with the organisation.
2446	6880	The relevant person asked if they could see the results from the previous surveys in the area.	Event ID 6880 - The Regia team responded in-meeting that they could. They explained a multi-climate and proprietary survey and the timeframes for data release.
2447	6880	The relevant person asked what reasonable consultation looks like for CGG.	Event ID 6880 - The Regia team responded in-meeting that they approach consultation with an open mind and that it is never assumed how somebody can be affected. They stated that they want to ensure there is a back and forth conversation and that they should er on the side of transparency.
2448	6880	The relevant person asked about the SCPP.	Event ID 6880 - The Regia team responded in-meeting with an outine of the proposed SCPP and provided key features that could be put in place i.e MFO training, pre-survey ceremony. Asked for feedback and that it is to be an initiative led by TO's and facilitate partnership. Explained that if the relevant person does not want SCPP, they can suggest something else.

2449	6580	The relevant person requested the Regia team call them to arrange a meeting time.	Event ID 6799 - The Regia team responded during an incoming telephone call. The relevant person explained that they do not think they are a relevant person anymore to the project and did not have time to meet. The Regia team explained they would like to keep in touch to develop SIMOPs with rec divers.
2450	6624	The relevant person asked if the seismic survey had been approved and, if so, whether there are any restrictions in regardings to timing that will mitigate impacts to Kontapool.	Event ID 6878 - The Regia team provided an overview of the Regia seismic survey and timings ,and that they were notional dates as there are criteria for whale detections. Explained that there were multiple lines of evidence approach in relation to fauna management. Also discussed the tethered buoy expriment and that they were taking advice for the best location to maximise results.
2451	6867	The relevant person asked the Regia team to advise on the status of the NOPSEMA decision and if they were working towards a new decision date for the project.	Event ID 6626 - The Regia team responded they they were yet to receive a decision from NOPSEMA and were expecting a letter later that day.
2452	6631	The relevant person requested that the Regia team inform them when requested documents had been added to share folder.	Event ID 6634 - The Regia team apologised for uploading issues and confirmed the requested documents had been uploaded. They provided a screenshot of the requested documents within the sharefolder.
2453	6630	Requested that materials provided to date should be updated to allow for each meeting agenda item having at least one dedicated slide.	Event ID 6625 - The Regia team proposed that CGG provide a project update before the previously agreed items to ensure that all attendees have the latest information about the project. On the assumption that the organisation would agree to this practical amendment the Regia team made the associated changes in slide order. CGG made the amendments to the presentation as requested, offered a preliminary view on certain agenda items, with the summary information provided. They stated that the brevity necessary to condense their view into text on a slide risks misinterpretation and missing nuance that a meaningful discussion might reveal.
2454	6630	Requested information on CGG's views and response to the Protocols vis-à-vis the Consultation Framework workflow/document.	Event ID 6625 - The Regia team responded that CGG had made the amendments to the presentation as requested and offered a preliminary view on certain agenda items, with the summary information provided. They stated that the brevity necessary to condense their view into text on a slide risks misinterpretation and missing nuance that a meaningful discussion might reveal.
2455	6630	Requested information on how CGG wished to co-design the consultation process, including timeframes, milestones, and views on the proposed strategic regional environmental and cultural assessment.	Event ID 6625 - The Regia team responded that CGG had made the amendments to the presentation as requested and offered a preliminary view on certain agenda items, with the summary information provided. They stated that the brevity necessary to condense their view into text on a slide risks misinterpretation and missing nuance that a meaningful discussion might reveal.

2456	6630	Requested iinformation on the SCPP.	Event ID 6625 - The Regia team responded that CGG had made the amendments to the presentation as requested and offered a preliminary view on certain agenda items, with the summary information provided. They stated that the brevity necessary to condense their view into text on a slide risks misinterpretation and missing nuance that a meaningful discussion might reveal.
2457	6630	Requested information on CGG's legal obligations in relation to intellectual property and company policy in respect of dealing with sensitive information in Environment Plans.	Event ID 6625 - The Regia team responded that CGG had prepared the PowerPoint slide deck in such a way that the slide content, when printed, would form the requested information sheet.
2458	6630	Requested that information sheets be provided as soon as possible	Event ID 6625 - The Regia team responded that CGG had made the amendments to the presentation as requested and offered a preliminary view on certain agenda items, with the summary information provided. They stated that the brevity necessary to condense their view into text on a slide risks misinterpretation and missing nuance that a meaningful discussion might reveal.
2459	6630	Requested for 50 copies of the consultation material provided for attended meeting.	Event ID 6625 - The Regia team responded that CGG would print and have available 50 copies of the documents as requested.
2460	6870	Requested information on the tethered buoy whale monistoring testing activity.	Event ID 6861 - The Regia team responded that the initial stage would be the deployment of two buoys, with attached hydrophones, in the area adjacent to VIC/P44, for a maximum of 90 days. This would hopefully be around late April to late June. They said that they hoped that the test shows that blue whale calls can be recorded and identified, meaning that we can detect blue whale before they have entered an operational area. They would then want to use them for our proposed marine seismic survey (Regia). To detect whales before they enter the operational area, the buoys would potentially need to be deployed outside of the survey area.
2461	6870	Asked what the proposed tethered buoy activity involves.	Event ID 6862 - The Regia team responded that the proposed activity involves deployment of two buoys, with attached hydrophones.
2462	6870	Asked for information about the scale of the proposed tethered buoy activity.	Event ID 6862 - The Regia team responded that there would be 2 buoys.
2463	6870	Asked what the objective of the proposed tethered buoy activity is.	Event ID 6862 - The Regia team responded that the objective of the proposed activity is to record whale calls in order to identify blue whales.
2464	6870	Asked when the tethered buoy activity is proposed to occur and its duration.	Event ID 6862 - The Regia team responded that testing would begin in late April 2025 to June 2025 for a maximum of 90 days.
2465	6870	Asked if there are existing petroleum or greenhouse gas titles over the area of the proposed tethered buoy activity.	Event ID 6862 - The Regia team responded that there are no petroleum or greenhouse gas titles over the area of the proposed activity, but it is adjacent to VIC/P44.
2466	6871	Requested answer to questions sent in previous	Event ID 6862 - The Regia team provided answers to questions previously raised by the relevant person as requested.

		correspondence about the tethered buoy activity.	
2467	6839	Requested CGG's invoicing information for its attendance at the native title meeting.	Event ID 6838 - The Regia team provided their updated invoicing information as requested.
2468	6690	Requested that the Regia team share the feedback provided by NOPSEMA regarding the proposed environment plan.	Event ID 6794 - The Regia team responded that at the start of consultation on the Regia MSS, CGG recognised the need for transparency in order to build trust with relevant persons. One aspect of this has been to publish the NOPSEMA assessment letters, which they had done on the web site and notified relevant persons via a project update. They stated that as this is not something that other titleholders do, and as the letter is essentially private correspondence meant for the addressee (CGG) only, there is a process that has to be undertaken before we publish the correspondence.Once the correspondence was ready to be published, the Regia team would notify relevant persons via a project update, as they had done previously.
2469	6879	Asked if the Regia team were looking to present to the council again?	Event ID 6879 - The Regia team responded in-meeting that they were happy to present again if the council would allow. Extended offer to present in person or onling.
2470	6879	Asked for information about plankton and their role in the activity.	Event ID 6879 - The Regia team responded in-meeting that plankton are the foundation of the food well. Discussed the Bonney Upwelling.
2471	6879	Requested to continue to receive project updates and add another council member to correspondence.	Event ID 6879 - The Regia team responded in-meeting that they would continue to receive project updates.
2472	6878	Question regarding calving interval stretching and that papers regarding reproduction rate need to be revisted.	Event ID 6878 - The Regia team responded in meeting sharing information being built from other proponents ongoing aerial surveillance programs and shared speculation about movement along Tasmania as a migration corridor.
2473	6878	Questioned the uncertainty around the SRW migratory corridor and timing of the Regia survey.	Event ID 6878 - The Regia team responded in-meeting and explained observations in previous surveys and discussed migratory routes along Tasmania. They also explained that there were multiple lines of evidence approach in relation to fauna management. Discussed that the Regia team were doing the most any titleholder had previously done for a seismic survey. Stated that there would be at least one aerial flight survey and that there would be a secondary spotter vessel. Discussed the tethered buoy experiment and that the Regia team were taking advice on what the best location would be to maximise results.
2474	6878	Question about the importance of surveying SRW's from the air.	Event ID 6878 - The Regia team responded in-meeting and explained that they were completing aerial surveys. They also stated that they had satellite mapping which could provide SRW locations.

2475	6878	Asked how the Regia team were completing whale detections. Provided example of aerial surveys?	Event ID 6878 - The Regia team explained in-meeting that there were multiple lines of evidence approach in relation to fauna management. Discussed that the Regia team were doing the most any titleholder had previously done for a seismic survey. Stated that there would be at least one aerial flight survey and that there would be a secondary spotter vessel. Discussed the tethered buoy experiment and that the Regia team were taking advice on what the best location would be to maximise results.
2476	6878	Asked if the secondary spotter vessel moved in front of the seismic vessel?	Event ID 6878 - The Regia team responded in-meeting that the secondary spotter vessel would move in front of the seismic vessel but that pre-start tasking may be different.
2477	6878	Asked how far the survey was from Warrnambool?	Event ID 6878 - The Regia team responded in-meeting that the survey was 20km from the nearest point.
2478	6878	Asked for information about noise modelling.	Event ID 6878 - The Regia team responded in-meeting with a discussion about TTS and PTS. Stated that the main issue being managed was migration. Discussed that there would be a whale expert panel and data could be made available.
2479	6890	Provide a written response to stakeholders' work	Event ID 6815 - provided comprehensive review of stakeholders work
2480	6886	Relevant person requested results of PAM system being trialled by the Regia team	Event ID 6897 - The Regia team committed to sharing some data after the PAM buoy trial when it becomes available. Explained that they were optimistic they would detect whales and that the buoy had been specificlly altered to detect blue whale and SRW calls.
2494	6748	Relevant person requested response to initial enquiry	Event 6722 - Responded to relevant person clarifying the commitment to investigate the matter and advised the work on this was still ongoing a nd requested patience. Provided brief update on search for additional research that supports the FRDC findings and requested if the relevant person was able to access/ provide any other peer reviewed literature to support the claim
2495	6875	Requested information on why fisheries would not answer questions about long-term catchability when the data is available.	Event iD 6875 - The Regia team responded in-meeting that the issue was not resolved but that they were only presenting an interpretation of the data set. The Regia team offered to re-run their analysis based on new data provided by fishers.
2496	6876	Relevant person requested information about the Regia activity maps.	Event ID 6876 - The Regia team responded in-meeting and explained that there was a buffer around Deen Maar for sea lion protection and traditional owner values.
2497	6876	Relevant person asked about operation during poor weather conditions.	Event ID 6876 - The Regia team responded in-meeting and stated that they would not be able to operate in +5m swells. Also explained that they could bring in other vessels to negotiate poor weather conditions.

2498	6876	Requested information on what the Regia team heard during consultation on the adjustment protocol.	Event ID 6876 - The Regia team responded in-meeting and discussed the main concerns raised during consultation: : long term catchability, displacement, claim process, further information and socio-economic. Discussed displacement and communications protocols in place to avoid displacement. Provided details of where to locate claims form and the updated adjustment protocol. Explained that there is currently a test claim form that fishers can use. Explained that a fisher can delegate to a titleholder representative and via a nominated claims assessor.
2499	6876	Requested details about what data was used by the Regia team in their long-term catchability analysis.	Event ID 6876 - The Regia team responded in-meeting and went through their box plot analysis. Explained that the data used was landed catch data each month from 2016 - 2023. Also went through CPUE data set and stated that the analysis showed although landed catch was lower, CPUE was still in range in 2020.
2500	6876	Relevant person asked where the Environment Plan information comes from?	Event ID 6876 - The Regia team responded in-meeting that EP information comes from peer review, scientific literature.
2501	6876	Requested information about what happens 5-7 years after a seismic activity to lobster populations.	Event ID 6876 - The Regia team responded in-meeting and discussed seagrass and adult lobster populations. Explained that there were too many variables in the marine evironment.
2502	6876	Relevant person asked why they had lost quota.	Event ID 6876 - The Regia team responded in-meeting that larvae are coming in from South Australia. Explained that egg production was probably getting sucked into the Bass Straight.
2503	6876	Relevant person asked about short-term catchability assessment on Western Rock Lobster in WA.	Event ID 6876 - The Regia team responded in-meeting that the assessment showed a short-term effect over 30 days in the study. Explained that fishers can make a CPUE claim 30 days after the survey.
2504	6876	Asked about the level of damage of a seismic survey on rock lobsters.	Event ID 6876 - The Regia team responded in-meeting that seismic activity can cause a delayed righting reflex.
2505	6876	Asked for information about the effect of the proposed seismic survey on crab.	Event ID 6876 - The Regia team responded in-meeting that seismic can cause a physiological reaction in crab - delayed righting. Discussed that they will only go to 200m.
2506	6876	Asked about the number of blasts during the activity.	Event ID 6876 - The Regia team responded in-meeting that there will be 1 every 18 seconds. Explained that they had made allowance for 60 days of activity.
2507	6876	Asked what would happen if they went out, dropped a pot and did not catch any lobster.	Event ID 6876 - The Regia team responded in-meeting that the fisher could apply for a CPUE adjustment and explained that they will be paid compensation based on gaps in their fishing data under normal fishing operations.
2508	6876	Asked how the Regia team landed on the compensation protocol?	Event ID 6786 - The Regia team responded in-meeting and stated they had spoken with SIV and explained why retirement of quota is not the right way to pay compensation. Explained that the quota holder is not always the fisher and that it was the Regia team's position that the person on the water should be compensated. The Regia team also discussed anti-rivalry laws.

2509	6876	Relevant person requested their copy consultation records.	This was supplied to the stakeholder in Event ID 7025
2510	6876	Fisher requested information about fishers who are displaced by the drilling activity and the indirect impact this displacement has on other fishers operating in the same area.	Event ID 6786 - The Regia team responded in-meeting that compensation can be claimed via the OMICC Adjustment Protocol for the displacement of the displaced fisher and, if a indirectly affected fisher believes they have a CPUE claim, their claim can be affected on a case-by case basis. It was stated that the OMICC Adjustment Protocol will be updated to reflect this feedback
2511	6876	Fisher asked what happens if someone without a history of fishing offshore? Would they receive the same compensation as other fishers? How do they demonstrate a loss of catch?	Event ID 6786 - The Regia team responded in-meeting that the OMICC protocol has a case-by-case provision.
2512	6876	Fisher asked about the potential of oil spills.	Event ID 6786 - The Regia team responded in-meeting that CGG had commissioned a detail analysis of all the oil spill models completed in the Otway region and and stated that an oil spill was unlikely.
2514	6970	Asked how to make a claim for King George Whiting impacts?	Event ID 6989 - Titleholder responded that they had produced a presentation which showed how to make a claim and provided a link to the OMICC website (https://www.klarite.online/omicc/otway-adjustment-protocol). Also stated that they could offer support in submitting a claim as captured in the protocol.
2515	6988	Requested help with online test claim form.	Event ID 6990 - Titleholder responded with a copy adjustment protocol which had hard copy claim forms attached. The Titleholder also provided the stakeholder with login details to access the online test claim form and supplied a step-by-step screenshot guide for how to log in.
2516	6966	Requested a response to matters raised in their letter within 21 day time frame provided by relevant person.	Titleholder responded within timeframe (Event ID 7022)
2517	6966	Requested that materials provided by CGG are translated into plain non-technical language and that text is condenced without losing key messaging.	CGG requested further clarity from GMTOAC regarding the format and expectations for future responses, particularly when technical questions are involved. CGG also noted its efforts to balance brevity and substance in the information sheets, aiming to be respectful while avoiding oversimplification that could appear dismissive. CGG asked for confirmation on the intended audience and purpose of the materials to tailor future content accordingly (Event ID 7022)

2518	6966	Requested that responses to requests for information prepared by CGG are turned into a PowerPoint presentation or transferred to information sheets.	CGG clarified that Annexure A contained direct responses, with references provided due to the technical nature of the queries. CGG requested further clarity from GMTOAC regarding the format and expectations for future responses, particularly when technical questions are involved. CGG also noted its efforts to balance brevity and substance in the information sheets, aiming to be respectful while avoiding oversimplification that could appear dismissive. CGG asked for confirmation on the intended audience and purpose of the materials to tailor future content accordingly (Event ID 7022)
2519	6892	Regia team to provide additional written information on the tethered buoy activities and dataset usage, along with their position considering section 19.	In Event ID 7029, CGG clarified the spatial scope of the Regia Marine Seismic Survey (MSS), stating the defined petroleum activity area aligns with the petroleum title and the seismic source discharge zone, encompassing all operations under existing and future titles. Two supporting operations outside this boundary—a marine fauna spotter vessel and acoustic monitoring buoys—are included in the Environment Plan (EP) as essential control measures to mitigate environmental impact. These do not require separate titles and are not for exploration purposes, so they fall outside the extended meaning of “explore” under the OPGGS Act. Additionally, a separate technology trial will occur independently of the Regia MSS. It is unrelated to any petroleum title or the MSS and is not exploration-related. Therefore, it is not considered a petroleum activity and is being managed separately from the EP.

Annex 7 - Information available on the Regia MSS website up to Public Comment

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Documents Published	EP Ref	Date First Published	Description
Preparatory Information			
CGG Environmental Policy	A1	1 February 2023	This policy applies to CGG in all its operations as well as contractors and site visitors within CGG's prevailing influence.
Description of Activity	A2	31 March 2023	This document outlines the proposed activity and was updated over time.
Community Consultation and Engagement Plan	A3	1 February 2023	This document explains how we intend on seeking community input into our environmental assessments.
Establishing Context			
Decision-Making Criteria	B1	31 March 2023	This document proposes the acceptable levels of impact and risk for consultation.
Requirements that Apply	B2	31 March 2023	This document captures the legislative and other requirements that will apply to the activity.
Implementation Strategy	B3	6 April 2023	This document describes our management systems along with our monitoring and review processes.
Preliminary Environmental Impact and Risk Assessment	B4	31 March 2023	This document provides an overview of the types of environmental impacts and risks CGG have to manage.
Commercial Fisheries Analysis Report	B6	9 August 2023	This Environmental Impact Assessment focusses on Commercial Fisheries Analysis Report.
Modelling Report – Sound Emissions	B7	6 June 2023	This Environmental Impact Assessment focusses on Sound Emissions.
Seismic Sound Studies Report	B8	6 June 2023	Comprehensive description of the effects from seismic on marine flora and fauna.
Environmental Assessment Method	B9	4 April 2023	This document explains how we will assess the predicted levels of impact and risk.
Risk Assessments			
Accidental Release of Waste Overboard	D1	11 September 2023	This Environmental Risk Assessments focuses on the accidental release of waste overboard.
Fauna Interactions	D2	11 September 2023	This Environmental Risk Assessments focus on fauna interactions.
Invasive Marine Species	D3	11 September 2023	This Environmental Risk Assessments focuses on invasive marine species.
Oil Pollution	D4	11 September 2023	This Environmental Risk Assessments focuses on oil spill risks.

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Impact Analyses			
Physical Presence	E1	22 September 2023	This Environmental Impact Assessment focusses on Vessel Physical Presence.
Underwater Sound - Plankton	E2	22 September 2023	This Environmental Impact Assessment focusses on the effects of underwater sound on Plankton.