REGIA
Marine Seismic Survey

July 2024

Summary of public comment feedback

CGG is continuing to plan and prepare for the Regia 3D Marine Seismic Survey in the Otway Basin, with the objective to geophysically image the subsurface in order to identify commercially viable oil and gas reserves to help meet Australia's energy needs and enable the global energy transition.

The importance of the public comment period

Prior to the Regia 3D MSS being approved by the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environment Management Authority (NOPSEMA), CGG must demonstrate how the survey aligns with Australia's environmental regulations through the submission of an Environmental Plan (EP).

Once completed, the EP is open for Public Comment allowing community members to have a valuable opportunity to review the technical information and provide feedback. Community insight plays an important role in contributing to robust environmental management practices.

32 Days
(25th Jan - 26th Feb)
EP available for formal public comment

14,879
Public Comment submissions received via NOPSEMA

14,828
Submissions received through petitions

51
Individual submissions received

13
Each theme containing their own key matters

46
Updates & amendments made to EP and Appendices

What we heard from Public Comment

The public comment period, which ran from 25th January to the 26th February, provided an opportunity for community members to review the EP and technical supporting reports and have their say on environmental management and other aspects of the proposed activity.

CGG would like to take this opportunity to thank the submitters for their participation and feedback.

14,879 public comment submissions were received via NOPSEMA, and each of these have been carefully considered and assessed, and where appropriate, the EP and its appendices have been updated.

This information is captured in our Titleholder Report, which is available on both the Regia and NOPSEMA websites:

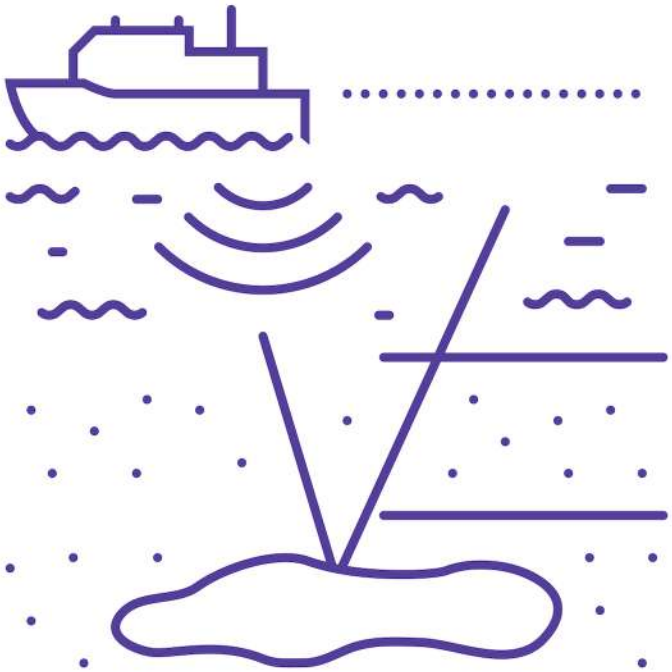
NOPSEMA: Regia Titleholder Report
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Key themes about the concerns that we heard through Public Comment

- 28% Marine Mammals
- 13% Impact/Risk Assessment and Mitigations
- 12% Out of Scope
- 12% Fish, Sharks, Invertebrates and Fisheries
- 10% Environmental/Ecological Information and Effects
- 8% Productivity
- 5% Consultation
- 4% Birds
- 3% First Nations, Indigenous Peoples Cultures
- 2% Tourism, Recreation and Communities
- 2% Oil Spills
- 0.5% Climate Change
- 0.5% Other

What's new?

CGG commissioned an additional sound modelling report aimed at understanding and predicting the sound exposures to various marine fauna from additional areas of geophysical interest. This was in response to consultation with local divers who wanted to understand the sound exposure regime at popular recreational and commercial dive sites and accounted for changes made to the activity design. The report is available in the document library on the activity website, as well as in the latest published EP on NOPSEMA's website.



What's next?

Following Public Comment, the EP was updated and resubmitted to NOPSEMA to commence assessment, following a completeness check. This assessment period is expected to run to the end of August 2024, when NOPSEMA will make one of three decisions; to approve the EP, to reject the EP, or to issue a Request for Further Written Information (RFWI).

The updated EP, appendices and public comment Titleholders Report has been published on both NOPSEMA and Regia's websites:

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Ongoing consultation will continue with relevant persons, organisations and authorities, and updates provided of any changes or new information as it becomes available.

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