



EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE AND CONTINENTAL SHELF (ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS) ACT 2012 (the Act)

Tamarind applications for marine discharge consent and marine consent (EEZ1000016)

Record of consideration and decision on time extension – 12 February 2019

1. On 23 April 2018, the EPA decided the Tamarind applications for marine consent and marine discharge consent are related applications under section 44 of the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (Environmental Effects) Act 2012 (EEZ Act). This decision allows the applications to be heard and decided together by the Tamarind Board of Inquiry.
2. The timeframes for the marine discharge consent and marine consent processes are not the same. Therefore, the marine discharge consent timeframe to make a decision needs to be extended by the EPA to align it with the nine month timeframe imposed on the Board of Inquiry by Schedule 4 cl 13 of the EEZ Act.
3. Section 44(2) of the EEZ Act enables the EPA to extend a time period that applies to the processing of the related applications to ensure that they are heard at the same time and place, and decisions on the related applications are made on the same date.
4. The time period for a decision to be made on the marine discharge consent is extended under s 44(2) of the EEZ Act, to 26 February 2019, being the nine month timeframe within which the Board of Inquiry must make its decision on the marine consent.
5. The alignment of the marine discharge consent and the marine consent decision dates will enable the Board of Inquiry to determine the marine consent and marine discharge consent applications on the same date. This is important as the activities applied for are both associated with the same drilling rig. The drilling activity and the discharge activity are inter-related. It will also lead to cost and time efficiencies as the Board will only need to produce one decision report. In making this decision.
6. The EPA considers that no-one is unreasonably prejudiced by this extension as the Board of Inquiry has already published its intention to make its decision by 26 February 2019.

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Allan Freeth
Chief Executive
12 February 2018