



Ruling

Pursuant to Section 162(2) of the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (Environmental Effects) Act 2012 (EEZ Act)

Company Name	OMV New Zealand Limited
Date of Request	14 September 2017
Title of Request	Wave rider buoy mooring replacement
Reference for Request	EEZ500023
Existing structure or submarine pipeline	Wave rider buoy authorised under ruling EEZ0111OMV
Petroleum mining permit or existing privilege	PMP 38160

The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) hereby provides a ruling to the effect that the adverse effects on the environment or existing interests of the following activities, identified in the request EEZ500023, are likely to be minor or less than minor:

The placement and removal of the following structures under ss 20(2)(a), 20(2)(e), 20(2)(f), 20(2)(g), 20(4)(a), 162(3)(a) and 162(3)(c) of the EEZ Act:

The placement of a new mooring array associated with the existing wave rider buoy, 1km southwest of the Maari Wellhead Platform, where:

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- a. The placement will occur no more than 5 times per year prior to the expiration of PMP38160 on 1 December 2027.
 - b. The weight of gravity anchor will be no greater than 3 tonnes
 - c. The footprint of the anchor will be no greater than 4m²
 - d. The mooring array will be placed within 50m of the existing gravity anchor (or as close as reasonably practicable).
 - e. The placement is performed using suitably certified lifting equipment
 - f. The new mooring and wave rider buoy are identified in the Notice to Mariners.

The removal of the following structures under ss 20(2)(a), 20(2)(e), 20(2)(g), 20(4)(a), 162(3)(a) and 162(3)(c) of the EEZ Act:

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The removal of a new mooring array associated with the existing wave rider buoy, 1km southwest of the Maari Wellhead Platform, where:

- a. The removal of the mooring array and existing wave rider buoy will occur no more than 5 times per year prior to the expiration of PMP38160 on 1 December 2027.
- b. The removal is performed using suitably certified lifting equipment

The long term placement of the following structures under ss 20(4)(a), 162(3)(b) and 162(3)(c).

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The long term placement of the existing gravity anchor and mooring line authorised under Ruling EEZ0111OMV, for a term that expires on the expiration of PMP38160 on 1 December 2027, that are placed 1km southwest of the Maari Wellhead Platform, where:

- a. The existing anchor will remain within 50m (or as close as reasonably practicable) to the new mooring and wave rider buoy.
- b. The existing anchor location will be described in the Notice to Mariners.

Provided Under Delegated Authority:

Siobhan Quayle

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Environmental Protection Authority

 
Signature Date