

## Decommissioning in the Bass Strait – Pipeline Network – Project Update

### Stakeholder consultation

Good afternoon,

After delivering energy to Australia for over 50 years, many of the Bass Strait fields are now reaching the end of their productive life. As a result, Esso Australia Resources Pty Ltd (Esso), together with its co-venturer, Woodside Energy (Bass Strait) Pty Ltd, is planning for the decommissioning of these assets, including those within the Bass Strait Pipeline Network.

Following on from previous information distributed in August 2023, this bulletin provides an update on the decision process that we are working through for pipeline decommissioning.

Further details, including information on the removal methods being considered, are available in the attached **Bass Strait Pipeline Network Information Bulletin (January 2025)**. Further information about decommissioning activities in Bass Strait is available [here](#).

Esso has identified that you may be a relevant stakeholder because you or your organisation have functions, interests, or activities that may be affected by one or more of our proposed activities. This [link](#) provides more information on who may be a relevant stakeholder for Esso's activities<sup>1</sup>.

If you would like to be further consulted on any of these activities, please reply to this email or contact us through the [Esso Consultation Hub](#). Our Consultation Hub allows you to easily access information on our activities and review them more closely, including the impacts and risks of each activity. The Hub also provides access to the [Esso Consultation Questionnaire](#), which will help us to better understand what activities you are interested in, how you want to be consulted and any questions or feedback you may have.

We also regularly host [community consultation sessions](#) at locations near our sites, and welcome you to attend if you would like to learn more about our operations.

### Current offshore activities

Proposed list of activities [The Esso Consultation Team](#) is consulting on:

Activity	Submission date
Decommissioning Pipelines <a href="#">Bass Strait Pipeline Network</a> Esso is progressing detailed planning activities and environmental studies to identify and assess end states for its Bass Strait Pipeline Network. Plans are being progressed to remove some pipelines, including shallow buried umbilicals and flexible flowlines in Commonwealth waters. You can find our information bulletin on pipelines <a href="#">here</a> .	~1Q2026
<a href="#">Platforms</a>	1Q2025

Decommissioning  
Platforms  
Campaign #1

We are currently managing the decline in Bass Strait oil and gas production by streamlining our operations, including decommissioning our non-producing offshore facilities. You can find our information bulletin on platforms [here](#).

#### Onshore Reception Centre

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Esso is undertaking detailed planning activities and environmental studies to assess the potential environmental impacts and risks associated with Early Works (site readiness) activities planned for the Onshore Reception Centre at Barry Beach Marine Terminal. You can find our information bulletin on the Onshore Reception Centre [here](#).

Bass Strait State  
Waters Environment  
Plan

Esso is planning to undertake a five yearly variation of our Bass Strait State Waters Environment Plan for the operations of pipelines in State waters (3 nautical miles seaward of Victorian shoreline) as required under the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Regulations 2021 (Vic) (Environment Regulations). You can find our Victorian State Waters – Pipeline Operations [here](#).

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Turrum Phase 3  
Drilling

Esso is planning to undertake a drilling campaign from the Marlin Complex (Marlin A and Marlin B) location in the Gippsland Basin off the Victorian coastline. This campaign will be completed during 2025 along with other jack-up rig activities. You can also find our information bulletin on Turrum Phase 3 Drilling [here](#).

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Gippsland Basin  
Geophysical and  
Geotechnical  
Investigations

Esso is planning to continue to undertake geophysical and geotechnical activities across multiple license areas located within Commonwealth waters in Bass Strait. You can also find our information bulletin on Gippsland Basin Geophysical and Geotechnical Investigations [here](#).

Under assessment  
May 2024

If there is anyone you know who may be interested in our activities, we encourage you to share this information with them.

<sup>1</sup>Note. Esso has adopted the definitions of a relevant person's functions, interests, or activities in accordance with Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Environment) Regulations 2023 (Cth). You can access the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Environment) Regulations 2023 (Cth) [here](#).

Scan to access the Consultation Hub and Esso Consultation Questionnaire



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