

# STATEMENT OF EXPECTATIONS - NATIONAL OFFSHORE PETROLEUM SAFETY AUTHORITY

## Guiding Principles

NOPSA was established against the guiding principles endorsed by the Ministerial Council on Mineral and Petroleum Resources (MCMPR) to regulate the safety of offshore petroleum operations to achieve:

- enhanced and continuing improvement of health and safety outcomes, a priority for Governments, industry and the workforce;
- a consistent national approach to offshore safety regulation in both Commonwealth and State/NT waters and cost-effective delivery of safety outcomes;
- world class safety by implementing effective monitoring and enforcement strategies using the 'Safety Case' approach to regulation and developing appropriate behaviour within the industry;
- efficient and effective safety regulation by providing:
  - competent, experienced personnel with appropriate skills;
  - a structure and governance that demonstrates independence, transparency, openness and cost efficiency; and
  - an independent approach in implementing legislative responsibilities and in dealings with industry;
- the empowerment of the industry and its workforce to identify and report potential hazards and to implement appropriate control measures; and
- approval processes in safety, titles, environment and resource management that are streamlined and coordinated to ensure no undue delay to project development in the offshore petroleum industry.

## NOPSA Functions

1. NOPSA will: assess safety cases; make planned inspections; investigate accidents, dangerous occurrences and circumstances that affect, or have the potential to affect, the occupational health and safety of persons engaged in offshore petroleum operations in Commonwealth waters; report on those investigations including recommendations; and provide enforcement and advice.
2. NOPSA will keep members of the MCMPR informed of its activities and provide an alert for any significant incidents in a timely manner; and work cooperatively with Australian Government agencies, State and Northern Territory agencies and the Designated Authorities of the States and the Northern Territory with functions relating to offshore petroleum.
3. NOPSA will report on its governance arrangements to the MCMPR by:
  - a. reporting on its achievements against [Key Performance Indicators](#) established under its governance framework, being to:
    - improve health and safety outcomes;
    - regulate administration to world's best standards
    - reduce regulatory burden; and
    - develop an organisational climate to promote performance excellence.
  - b. providing: a [Corporate Plan](#) that includes an analysis of risk factors likely to affect the safety of offshore petroleum operations; an [Annual Report](#) that includes a report on funding; undertaking an annual review of cost recovery arrangements with its clients; and other specific reports or information relating to the performance of the Safety Authority's functions or exercise of powers as requested by MCMPR members.