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## CHANGES TO THE OFFSHORE COASTAL WATERS BOUNDARY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Dear Delegates of the Commonwealth - Western Australia Offshore Petroleum Joint Authority

I am writing to inform you of my intention to send the below letter to the Browse Joint Venture partners today in respect of upcoming changes to the offshore coastal waters boundary of Western Australia.

The content of the letters will be as follows:

*Dear Sir*

*I am writing to inform you of upcoming changes to the offshore coastal waters boundary of Western Australia and potential impacts upon offshore petroleum titles in Commonwealth and Western Australian waters.*

*Geoscience Australia has recently completed a review of all of Australia's most seaward features that define the limit of Australia's maritime jurisdiction. This review has identified several new high water features on the North Scott and Seringapatam Reefs, triggering a change in the delineation of Western Australia's coastal waters. As a result, areas that had previously been within Commonwealth waters will be re-classified as State waters.*

*The Geoscience Australia review results in a change to the data set for Australia's maritime boundaries which is used in the determination of offshore petroleum title boundaries under the Commonwealth and Western Australian legislation. The changes will not affect existing title boundaries until the current title ceases to be in force. From that time, the changed coastal waters boundary will take effect.*

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*NOPTA is considering the practical impact of these changes, however it is clear that Commonwealth retention lease WA-30-R, operated by Woodside Browse Pty Ltd on behalf of the Browse Joint Venture, will be affected. In particular, our preliminary analysis indicates that up to seven (7) of the 13 graticular blocks that comprise WA-30-R may, at least partially, fall within Western Australian jurisdiction. The other Commonwealth retention leases held by the Browse Joint Venture (WA-28-R, WA-29-R, WA-31-R and WA-32-R) will not be affected by these changes.*

*NOPTA is considering the appropriate administrative processes for implementing these changes to offshore coastal boundaries. NOPTA will work closely with the Western Australian Department of Mines and Petroleum with a view to ensuring that, to the extent practicable, impacts on titleholders are minimised. NOPTA will ensure that all affected titleholders are advised as appropriate, of the outcome of these processes.*

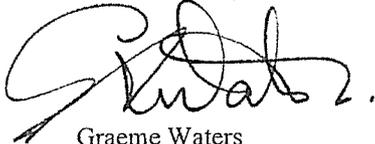
*Should you have any concerns or wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me on 08 6424 5303.*

*Yours sincerely*

*Graeme Waters  
Titles Administrator*

The distribution list for these letters is at **Attachment A**.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Waters', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Graeme Waters  
General Manager

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