SIMPSON ENERY PTY LTD – SIMPSON DESERT 2D SEISMIC PROGRAM EP93, EP97 &EP107 and LEGACY WELL DECOMMISSIONING EMP, (BRS1-2)

NTG AGENCY COMMENTS: EMP SUBMITTED 14 OCTOBER 2026

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#	EMP section / topic	Comment	Reg 10
Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority			
1.	Addition of legacy well decommissioning to existing EMP (the decommissioning has been inserted into multiple sections of the EMP so this comment applies to all of those insertions)	**Requirement:** Regulation 9(1)(d) of the *Petroleum (Environment) Regulations 2016* (Regulations) provides that an environmental management plan must include an Authority Certificate in relation to the land on which the activity will be carried out. **Issue:** • Whether the proposed works/use specified in the environmental management plan are covered by an Authority Certificate. **Feedback:** • The Authority notes that the proposed works (decommissioning a well) fall within a "regulated activity" under Regulation 5 of the Regulations. • The Authority also notes the proposed legacy well decommissioning will be undertaken within Exploration Permit EP93. • The Authority confirms that the note in Table 3-1 of the EMP (under the heading "**Sacred Site and Heritage Management**": clause 3, page 28) that BR Simpson Pty Ltd holds Authority Certificates C2021/010, C2021/011 and C2021/012 is correct. • However, only Authority Certificate C2021/010 covers Exploration Permit EP93 and the proposed work or use the subject of that Authority Certificate does not include any well decommissioning, nor does it include any general authority to undertake any regulated activity. • The Authority submits the effect of this is that there is currently no Authority Certificate in relation to the land (ie Exploration Permit EP93) on which the activity (ie legacy well decommissioning) will be carried out, as required under Regulation 9(1)(d) of the Regulations. • This can be resolved via an application to vary the certificate.	

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