

Notice

Water Act 2000

Notice of proposed amendment following submission

This statutory notice is issued by the chief executive¹ pursuant to section 391 of the Water Act 2000, to advise you of the decision regarding an amendment to an approved underground water impact report.

Santos Limited
60 Flinders Street
Adelaide SA 5000

Your reference : 2019 Underground Water Impact Report
Document reference: #12906289

Attention: Liz Dunlop,

Dear Liz

Re: Notice of decision regarding an amendment to an approved underground water impact report

1. Decision

The chief executive has decided to amend the approved 2019 UWIR in accordance with section 391(1) of the *Water Act 2000*.

The chief executive has considered the supporting information provided in the application for an amendment to environmental authority EPPG00641613. The revised 2019 UWIR that was provided as supporting information to the above-mentioned amendment states that:

“due to the greater number of modelled oil and gas wells, the long-term affected area (LAA) areas have grown slightly”, “ This increase in impact area increases the number of potentially impacted groundwater bores. An additional bore, RN 23059, is predicted to see a drawdown impact of 6m in the long term (ie > 3 years into the future), 1m above the 5m trigger drawdown threshold. This bore lies outside the modelled IAA however”.

Based on the information provided which states that the LAA has grown the chief executive has decided to amend the approved UWIR pursuant to section 391 of the *Water Act 2000*.

¹ The Department of Environment and Science is the chief executive for Chapter 3 of the *Water Act 2000*.

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The amendment takes effect on 12 March 2021.

2. Public notice

The chief executive has decided that additional public notification is not required.

However, pursuant to section 391(5)(b) you must notify the owner of the additional bore that is now within the LAA area.

Within 10 business days after receiving this notice, you must:

- publish a notice about the amendment that states that copies of the approved report may be obtained from you and how the copies may be obtained; and
- give a copy of the amended report to any person who requests a copy.

In accordance with section 393(2) of the Water Act, the chief executive will publish the amended report on its website.

3. Amendments to the approved underground water impact report

The changes to the approved report include:

- Attachment A – DES Amendment to approved report; and
 1. Amended table of IAA and LAA bores;
 2. Amended Table of water extraction rates;
 3. Amended Maps of LAA boundary.


And the following comments within the report:

- Page 6 – Attachment A – DES Amendment to approved report;
- Page 6 – Attachment B – Conditions for approved report (2019 UWIR)
- Page 79 – Amended Table in Attachment A – Amendment to approved report
- Page 98 – Amended Map in Attachment A – Amendment to approved report
- Page 97 - Amended Map in Attachment A – Amendment to approved report
- Page 102 – Amended Table in Attachment A – Amendment to approved report

4. Conditions applied to the approved underground water impact report

Attachment B – Conditions for approved report (2019 UWIR)

Yours sincerely,



Signature

11 March 2021

Date

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