



South-east Marine Parks Network Management Plan 2025

Sections 4.3.8 and 4.5.3

## CLASS APPROVAL – MINING OPERATIONS

<b>Approved Persons</b>	Persons granted an Approved Title under the <i>Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006</i> (OPGGS Act), including the employees, servants, agents and contractors of the persons.
<b>Approved Actions</b>	Mining operations undertaken in accordance with an Environment Plan accepted under the <i>Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Environment) Regulations 2023</i> , under an approved title granted under the OPGGS Act, by Approved Persons within Approved Areas in accordance with the Conditions of Approval.
<b>Excluded actions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mineral seabed mining</li><li>• Geological storage of carbon dioxide (including exploration activities)</li><li>• Construction and operation of pipelines*</li></ul> <p><i>Note: Pipelines are allowable in the South-east Network, but not under this class approval and will require a separate licence from the Director.</i></p> <p><i>*In areas other than the Approved marine parks and zones</i></p>
<b>Approved Areas</b>	<b>Zeehan Marine Park</b> – In Special Purpose Zone (IUCN VI) and Multiple Use Zone (IUCN VI) only.
<b>Approved Titles</b>	<b>Exploration permit</b> – granted under the OPGGS Act prior to the commencement of the South-east Marine Parks Network Management Plan 2025; <i>and the following petroleum titles, where they are within the same area as an exploration permit that was granted under the OPGGS Act prior to the commencement of the South-east Marine Parks Network Management Plan 2025:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Retention lease</b></li><li>• <b>Production licence</b></li><li>• <b>Infrastructure licence</b></li><li>• <b>Pipeline licence</b></li><li>• <b>Access authority</b></li><li>• <b>Scientific investigation consent</b></li></ul> <p><i>Note: For the avoidance of doubt, these other titles (including construction and operation of pipelines) can be granted after the commencement of the South-east Management Plan 2025 in the Approved Areas.</i></p>
<b>Conditions of Approval</b>	1. Approved Actions must only be carried on in the areas covered by the Approved Title.



	<p>2. Approved Actions must be conducted in accordance with and subject to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) an Environment Plan accepted under the <i>Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Environment) Regulations 2023</i>;</li><li>(b) the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth)</i>;</li><li>(c) the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Regulations 2000 (Cth)</i>;</li><li>(d) the South-east Network Management Plan 2025;</li><li>(e) any prohibitions, restrictions or determinations made under the EPBC Regulations by the Director of National Parks; and</li><li>(f) all other applicable Commonwealth and state laws (to the extent those laws are capable of operating concurrently with the laws and instruments described in paragraphs (a) to (e)).</li></ul>
	<p>3. If requested by the Director of National Parks, an Approved Person must notify the Director prior to conducting Approved Actions within the Approved Areas.</p> <p><i>Note: The timeframe and form for prior notice will be agreed to by the Director of National Parks and the Approved Person.</i></p>
	<p>4. If requested by the Director of National Parks, an Approved Person must provide the Director with information relating to undertaking the Approved Actions (or gathered while undertaking the Approved Actions), that is relevant to the Director's management of the Approved Areas.</p> <p><i>Note: The information required, and time frame within which it is required, will be agreed to by the Director of National Parks and the Approved Person.</i></p>

**Approved Persons in the South-east Marine Parks Network need to be aware of the following requirements:**

1. Transiting is allowed in all zones except the Macquarie Island Sanctuary Zone (1a) (Section 4.3.1.2 of the South-east Marine Parks Network Management Plan).
2. Anchoring is allowed in all areas of the Multiple Use Zone (IUCN VI) and Special Purpose Zones (IUCN VI).
3. Anchoring is allowed in Habitat Protection Zones (IUCN IV), Habitat Protection Zone Macquarie (IUCN IV), Recreational Use Zones (IV) and National Park Zones (IUCN II) in anchoring areas that have been determined by the Director of National Parks (Section 4.3.1.3 of the South-east Marine Parks Network Management Plan) or areas where the Approved Actions are being undertaken.

**Contravention of this approval may result in the approval being varied to remove a person from the Approved Persons under this approval; or conditions**



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**to be varied or revoked. Contravention may also result in the imposition of significant civil and criminal penalties.**

*This class approval will come into effect on 17 February 2025 and remain in effect for the term of the South-east Network Management Plan 2025, unless it is suspended or cancelled sooner by the Director of National Parks in accordance with that management plan.*

*All incidents should be reported immediately to the Marine Compliance Duty Officer on 0419293465. For all other enquiries relating to this class approval, please contact: [marineparks@dceew.gov.au](mailto:marineparks@dceew.gov.au)*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Parks Australia'.

Parks Australia  
The Director of National Parks  
Date: 17/02/2025



**Interpretation**

1. **Act or EPBC Act** means the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* and includes any Act which amends or replaces the EPBC Act.
2. **Approved Actions** means the actions described as Approved Actions in this class approval.
3. **Approved Areas** means the area as described as Approved Areas in this class approval
4. **Approved Persons** means a person in the class of persons described as Approved Persons in this approval.
5. **Approved Titles** means a title described as an Approved Title in this class approval.
6. **Director** means Director of National Parks continuing under section 514A of the EPBC Act and includes any agency that succeeds to the functions of the Director of National Parks.
7. **EPBC Regulations** means the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Regulations 2000* (Cth) and includes any Regulations that amend or replace the EPBC Regulations.
8. **Mining Operations** has the meaning given to that term in section 355(2) of the EPBC Act, that is:
  - (a) operations or activities connected with, or incidental to, the mining or recovery of minerals or the production of material from minerals, including:
    - i. prospecting and exploration for minerals; and
    - ii. milling, refining, treatment and processing of minerals; and
    - iii. storage and disposal of minerals and materials produced from minerals;
  - (b) the construction and use of towns, camps, dams, pipelines, power lines or other structures for the purposes of operations or activities described in paragraph (a);
  - (c) the performance of any other work for the purposes of operations or activities described in paragraph (a).

'Mining Operations' includes, but is not limited to, all activities undertaken in accordance with an Environment Plan accepted under the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Environment) Regulations 2023 for, or as are necessary for, the following purposes:

  - i. petroleum exploration;
  - ii. petroleum recovery operations;
  - iii. constructing or reconstructing an infrastructure facility;
  - iv. constructing or reconstructing or operating a pipeline; and
  - v. any decommissioning activities in relation to items (i) to (iv) above.
9. **South-east Marine Parks Network** means the 14 parks, described in the South-east Marine Parks Network Management Plan 2025 made under section 370 of the EPBC Act.
10. **South-east Network Management Plan** means the South-east Marine Parks Network Management Plan 2025 made under section 370 of the EPBC Act.