



NOTICE: A929598



NOPSEMA
Australia's offshore energy regulator

ESTABLISHMENT OF A PETROLEUM SAFETY ZONE – NOTICE A929598 – VIC/RL1 (V)

Commonwealth of Australia

OFFSHORE PETROLEUM AND GREENHOUSE GAS STORAGE ACT 2006

PROHIBITION OF ENTRY INTO A PETROLEUM SAFETY ZONE

I, Chris Bourne, a representative of the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority [NOPSEMA], pursuant to section 616 of the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006*, hereby prohibit all vessels other than vessels under the control of GB Energy (Vic) Pty Ltd and vessels operated by **authorised persons** who are exercising powers under Division 5 of Part 6.6 of the above Act from entering or being present in the area of the safety zone without the consent in writing of NOPSEMA.

This petroleum safety zone extends to a distance of 500 metres, measured from the outer edge of the VIC/RL1 (V) well (latitude 38° 14'57.616" South, longitude 147° 24'39.507" East*).

*Note: the above are GDA94 coordinates.

The safety zone will be valid from 1 June 2023 to 30 September 2023.

Where an unauthorised vessel enters or remains in the safety zone specified in contravention of this notice, the owner and the person in command or in charge of the vessel are each guilty of an offence against Section 616 of the Act and are punishable, upon conviction, by imprisonment for a term:

- not exceeding 15 years if the breach is determined as intentional.
- not exceeding 12.5 years if the breach is determined as recklessness.
- not exceeding 10 years if the breach is determined as negligence.
- not exceeding 5 years if the breach is determined as an offence of strict liability.

Dated this 27 day of April 2023.

Made under the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006* of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Chris Bourne, A/g Manager, Assessment and Inspection
[Pursuant to the Instrument of delegation dated 24 April 2024](#)
National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority