



Woodside Solar Facility – Annual Compliance Report

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1. INTRODUCTION

Woodside Energy Ltd (Woodside) are proposing to develop a Woodside Solar Facility, approximately 15 kilometres (km) southwest of Karratha, Western Australia (WA). This will generate electricity from a large scale solar photovoltaic farm (Solar PV Farm), complemented by energy storage (Battery Storage) infrastructure (the Proposal). The Proposal will supply renewable energy for use by industrial customers on the Burrup Peninsula.

On the 20 December 2023, Woodside received Commonwealth approval to develop the Proposal under EPBC Approval 2022/ 09328.

This Annual Compliance Report has been prepared in accordance with Conditions 30, 31 and 32 of EPBC Approval 2022/ 09328 as follows:

Condition 30: The approval holder must prepare a compliance report for each 12-month period following the date of this approval decision, or as otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister.

Condition 31: Each compliance report must be consistent with the Annual Compliance Report Guidelines, Commonwealth of Australia 2023.

Condition 32: Each compliance report must include:

i) Accurate and complete details of compliance and any non-compliance with the conditions and the plans, and any incidents.

ii) One or more shapefile showing all clearing of any EPBC Act listed species and/or their habitat, undertaken within the 12-month period at the end of which that compliance report is prepared.

iii) A schedule of all plans in existence in relation to these conditions and accurate and complete details of how each plan is being implemented.

This Annual Compliance Report has been prepared in accordance with the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) Annual Compliance Report Guidelines (2023) for the period 20 December 2023 – 19 December 2024.

Woodside did not commence construction of the Woodside Solar Facility during the reporting period.

Woodside is compliant with all conditions set out in EPBC Approval 2022/09328 and associated environmental management commitments for the Woodside Solar Facility.

2. DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES

EPBC number: 2022/ 09328

Project name: Woodside Solar Facility

Approval holder and ACN or ABN: 63 005 482 986

The approved action: To construct, operate and decommission a solar photovoltaic farm and associated infrastructure in and adjacent to the east side of the Maitland Strategic Industrial Area.

Location of the project: Approximately 15 km south-west of Karratha in the Pilbara region of Western Australia

Person accepting responsibility for the report: Michael Gibson; Head of the Woodside Power Project

Dates for the reporting period of the report: 20 December 2023 – 19 December 2024

Date of preparation of the report: 30 December 2024

3. ADDRESSING ALL APPROVAL CONDITIONS

There were no non-compliances recorded during the reporting period.

Details of compliance with all approval conditions is included in Appendix A.

4. NEW ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS

There were no new environmental risks that became apparent during the reporting period.

5. REFERENCES

Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water 2023, Annual Compliance Report Guidelines, Canberra. CC BY 4.0.

6. ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviation	Definition
MS	Ministerial Statement
AUD	Australian Dollar
CAP	Compliance Assessment Plan
CAR	Compliance Assessment Report
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CPI	Consumer Price Index
DWER	Department of Water and Environmental Regulation
EMP	Environmental Management Plan
GST	Goods and Services Tax
FY	Financial Year
IBRA	Interim Biogeographic Regionalisation for Australia
ID	Identification
IRP	Impact Reconciliation Procedure
km	kilometres
MW	Megawatt
OEPA	Office of the Environmental Protection Authority
PAG	Page
PEOF	Pilbara Environmental Offsets Fund
PV	Photovoltaic
WA	Western Australia

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APPENDIX A – EPBC APPROVAL AND COMPLIANCE TABLE

Note:

- Compliant: 'Compliance' is achieved when all the requirements of a condition have been met, including the implementation of management plans or other measures required by those conditions.
- Non - Compliant: A designation of 'non-compliant' must be given where the requirements of a condition or elements of a condition, including the implementation of management plans and other measures, have not been met.
- Not Applicable: A designation of 'not applicable' must be given where the requirements of a condition or elements of a condition fall outside of the scope of the current reporting period. For example, a condition that applies to an activity that has not yet commenced.

Condition Number/ reference	Condition	Is the project compliant with this condition?	Evidence/ Comments
EPBC C-1	To avoid and mitigate harm to EPBC Act listed species, the approval holder must not take the Action outside the Action area.	Compliant	The action has not yet commenced.
EPBC C-2	To avoid and mitigate harm to EPBC Act listed species, the approval holder must not clear more than 878 hectares within the Action area, including: a. 878 ha of shelter, dispersal and foraging habitat for the Northern Quoll b. 878 ha of foraging and dispersal habitat for the Pilbara Olive Python c. 837.6 ha of foraging habitat for the Ghost Bat d. 104.2 ha of foraging habitat for the Pilbara Leaf-nosed Bat e. 773.8 ha of foraging habitat for the Grey Falcon	Compliant	The action has not yet commenced.
EPBC C-3	To avoid harm to the Northern Quoll, the approval holder must not clear or directly or indirectly impact 0.8 ha of denning habitat for the Northern Quoll within the 'Proposed Conservation Area' in the south-east corner of the Action area illustrated in Attachment A.	Compliant	The action has not yet commenced.
EPBC C-4	To avoid and mitigate harm to EPBC Act listed species, the approval holder must commence implementing the approved Environment Management Plan by the commencement of the Action and continue to implement the approved Environment Management Plan at least until the expiry of this approval.	Compliant	The action has not yet commenced.
EPBC C-5	To avoid and mitigate harm to EPBC Act listed species from weeds the approval holder must commence implementing the approved Weed Management Plan by the commencement of the Action and continue to implement the approved Weed Management Plan at least until the expiry of this approval.	Compliant	Woodside completed a pre activity weed survey (June 2024) as required in the Weed Management Plan (PA1000RH0000004) (Rev 1).
EPBC C-6	The approval holder must make payments to the PEOF		
EPBC C-6(a)	prior to the commencement of the Action, make a payment of at least 10 percent of the total amount that, prior to the commencement of the Action, is estimated to be the full contribution to the PEOF required under these conditions over the life of the Action.	Not Applicable	The action has not yet commenced.
EPBC C-6(b)	by 30 September, each second year following the commencement of the Action, determine and retain evidence of the total clearing that has occurred as part of the Action in the period from the commencement of the Action to 30 June of each second year following the commencement of the Action.	Not Applicable	The action has not yet commenced.
EPBC C-6(c)	by 30 October each second year following the commencement of the Action make a payment to the PEOF greater than or equivalent to, by adjustment in accordance with the CPI from the date of this approval decision until the end of the financial year which ends in the calendar year in which the payment is made, the value of \$1,653 AUD (excluding GST) on the date of this decision for each hectare or part thereof of supporting habitat cleared in the most recent two-year period ending on 30 June.	Not Applicable	The action has not yet commenced.
EPBC C-6(d)	within 10 business days of the date of making each payment, submit to the department evidence of that payment having been made to the PEOF and evidence of the area of clearing in respect of which the payment is made.	Not Applicable	The action has not yet commenced.
EPBC C-6(e)	include in each compliance report submitted to the department details of progress towards, or achievement of, the outcomes required under condition 7) of this approval for EPBC Act listed species.	Compliant	The action has not yet commenced.

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			No payments have been made to the PEOF and as such no progress to meeting the requirements of Condition 7 has been made. This compliance report fulfills the requirements of this condition.
EPBC C-7	In making payments to the PEOF the approval holder must contribute to one or more offset activity that: a. reduces the rate of decline of the EPBC Act listed species. b. ensures populations of all the EPBC Act listed species remain viable in the Pilbara region. c. specifies outcomes that demonstrate offset activity achievements and performance indicators, timeframes, and milestones for their achievement. d. includes sufficient monitoring to detect achievement of performance indicators, milestones, and the outcomes; and e. provides regular reporting of the specified outcomes of the offset activity or activities the payments contributed to.	Not Applicable	The action has not yet commenced.
EPBC C-8	The approval holder must implement the approved Impact Reconciliation Procedure. The approval holder must commence implementing the approved Impact Reconciliation Procedure by the commencement of the Action and continue to implement the approved Impact Reconciliation Procedure at least until the expiry of this approval.	Not Applicable	The action has not yet commenced. The Woodside Solar Facility Impact Reconciliation Procedure – Revision 5 was approved by a delegate of the Minister for the Environment and Water on 8 th October 2024 and will be implemented following commencement of the action.
EPBC C-9	The approval holder must notify the Minister in writing, within 10 business days of becoming aware that the outcomes for EPBC Act listed species specified for the PEOF activity or activities may not be achieved.	Not Applicable	The action has not yet commenced.
EPBC C-10	Should the Minister determine that one or more outcomes for the EPBC Act listed species required to be achieved by the PEOF payments is not likely to be achieved and or that failure has occurred the Minister may write to the approval holder asking it to provide evidence that the outcomes for EPBC Act listed species specified for the PEOF activity or activities are likely to be achieved and or that failure has not occurred or is unlikely to occur and nominate a deadline by which this must be provided.	Compliant	The Minister did not determine any outcomes for EPBC listed species as not likely to be achieved during the reporting period.
EPBC C-11	If, after considering any information provided by the approval holder in response to a request issued in accordance with condition 10) the Minister determines that the outcome for the EPBC Act listed species required to be achieved by the PEOF is not likely to be achieved and or failure has occurred, the approval holder must, within 4 months of being so notified by the Minister, submit an Offset Strategy to the department for the Minister's approval. The objective of implementing the Offset Strategy must be to compensate for the residual significant impacts of the Action on the EPBC Act listed threatened species. The Offsets Strategy must meet the requirements of the Environmental Offsets Policy to the satisfaction of the Minister. The approval holder must implement the Offset Strategy as approved by the Minister in writing.	Compliant	The Minister did not determine any outcomes for EPBC listed species as not likely to be achieved during the reporting period.
EPBC C-12	The Offset Strategy must: a) include summary information on the original quality of the areas impacted by the Action that will be compensated for; b) identify one or more suitable environmental offset(s) for the impacts of the Action on EPBC Act listed threatened species, including detailed baseline information, location, specified achievable ecological benefits and commitments to timeframes for their achievement; c) specify how the Offset Strategy will achieve the outcomes required under condition 7) of this approval; d) describe how the Offset Strategy accounts for relevant approved conservation advices, recovery plans and threat abatement plans; e) specify the party or parties to be responsible for implementing the proposed offset(s). f) describe the monitoring program(s) to be implemented that will determine progress towards, attainment of and maintenance of the ecological benefits for the EPBC Act listed threatened species at the proposed offset(s); g) specify how and at what frequency offset(s) management results, monitoring program findings and assessments of ecological benefits will be reported to the department and the public;	Compliant	The Minister did not determine any outcomes for EPBC listed species as not likely to be achieved during the reporting period. As such no Offset Strategy was required.

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	h) detail how the offset(s) will be protected, and ecological benefits maintained, in perpetuity; i) an analysis of the potential risks to the successful implementation of each proposed offset (including but not limited to environmental, administrative, financial, and governance risks); j) a description of the measures that will be implemented to mitigate risk associated with each proposed offset and a description of the contingency actions that will be implemented if performance or completion criteria are not met; and k) how the approval holder will ensure that the measures to be implemented as part of the Offsets Strategy have no detrimental impact on any EPBC Act listed species.		
EPBC C-13	If the Offset Strategy has not been approved by the Minister in writing within 6 months of the notification by the Minister under condition 11) of this approval, and the Minister notifies the approval holder that the submitted Offset Strategy is not suitable for approval, the Minister may, at least 2 months after so notifying the approval holder, approve a version of the Offset Strategy revised by the department. The approval holder must commence implementation of the approved Offset Strategy within 2 months of the approval of the Offset Strategy by the Minister in writing, or another time as specified in writing by the Minister. The approval holder must implement the approved Offset Strategy for the remainder of the life of the approval.	Compliant	The Minister did not determine any outcomes for EPBC listed species as not likely to be achieved during the reporting period. As such no Offset Strategy was required.
EPBC C-14	The approval holder may, at any time, apply to the Minister for a variation to an action management plan approved by the Minister or as subsequently revised in accordance with the following conditions, by submitting an application in accordance with the requirements of section 143A of the EPBC Act. If the Minister approves a revised action management plan (RAMP) then, from the date specified, the approval holder must implement the RAMP in place of the previous action management plan.	Not Applicable	There have been no variations to any approved action management plan during the reporting period.
EPBC C-15	The approval holder may choose to revise an action management plan required under conditions 4 and 5 or a version of these plans subsequently revised in accordance with these conditions, without submitting it for approval under section 143A of the EPBC Act, if the taking of the Action in accordance with the RAMP would not be likely to have a new or increased impact.	Not Applicable	There have been no variations to any approved action management plan during the reporting period.
EPBC C-16	If the approval holder makes the choice under condition 15) to revise an action management plan without submitting it for approval, the approval holder must: a) Notify the department electronically that the approved action management plan has been revised and provide the department with: i) An electronic copy of the RAMP. ii) An electronic copy of the RAMP marked up with track changes to show the differences between the approved action management plan and the RAMP. iii) An explanation of the differences between the approved action management plan and the RAMP. iv) The reasons the approval holder considers that taking the Action in accordance with the RAMP would not be likely to have a new or increased impact. v) Written notice of the date on which the approval holder will implement the RAMP (RAMP implementation date), being at least 20 business days after the date of providing notice of the revision of the action management plan, or a date agreed to in writing with the department. b) Subject to condition 15, implement the RAMP from the RAMP implementation date. The approval holder may revoke its choice to implement a RAMP under condition 15) at any time by giving written notice to the department. If the approval holder revokes the choice under condition 15) the approval holder must implement the action management plan in force immediately prior to the revision undertaken under condition 15).	Not Applicable	There have been no variations to any approved action management plan during the reporting period
EPBC C-17	The approval holder may revoke its choice to implement a RAMP under condition 15) at any time by giving written notice to the department. If the approval holder revokes the choice under condition 15) the approval holder must implement the action management plan in force immediately prior to the revision undertaken under condition 15).	Not Applicable	There have been no variations to any approved action management plan during the reporting period
EPBC C-18	If the Minister notifies the approval holder that the Minister is satisfied that the taking of the Action in accordance with the RAMP would be likely to have a new or increased impact, then: a) Condition 15 does not apply, or ceases to apply, in relation to the RAMP. b) The approval holder must implement the action management plan specified by the Minister in the notice.	Not Applicable	There have been no variations to any approved action management plan during the reporting period

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EPBC C-19	At the time of giving the notice under condition 18) the Minister may also notify that for a specified period of time, condition 15) does not apply for one or more specified action management plans.	Not Applicable	There have been no variations to any approved action management plan during the reporting period
EPBC C-20	The approval holder must submit all plans required by these conditions electronically to the department.	Compliant	Environment Management Plan and Woodside Solar Facility Weed Management Plan were submitted electronically to the Department during the environmental assessment phase. Impact Reconciliation Procedure was submitted electronically on 11 April 2024 and approved by a delegate of the Minister for the Environment and Water on 8 October 2024.
EPBC C-21	Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister, the approval holder must publish each plan on the website within 15 business days of the date: a) of this approval, if the version of the plan to be implemented is specified in these conditions, or b) the plan is approved by the Minister in writing, if the plan requires the approval of the Minister, or c) the plan is submitted to the department in accordance with a requirement of these conditions, if the plan does not require the approval of the Minister, or d) the plan is approved by a state or territory government official as required under a state or territory government condition which must be complied with in accordance with these EPBC Act conditions.	Compliant	Woodside Solar Facility Management Plan and Weed Management Plan were uploaded to the Woodside website within 15 business days of EPBC Approval Notice (ie 20 December 2023). Impact Reconciliation Procedure was uploaded within 15 days of its approval. These can be viewed at https://www.woodside.com/what-we-do/new-energy/solar
EPBC C-22	The approval holder must keep all published plans required by these conditions on the website until the expiry date of this approval.	Compliant	All plans remain published at https://www.woodside.com/what-we-do/new-energy/solar
EPBC C-23	The approval holder is required to exclude or redact sensitive ecological data from plans published on the website or otherwise provided to a member of the public. If sensitive ecological data is excluded or redacted from a plan, the approval holder must notify the department in writing what exclusions and redactions have been made in the version published on the website.	Compliant	No sensitive ecological data required redacting.
EPBC C-24	The approval holder must notify the department electronically of the date of commencement of the Action, within 5 business days following commencement of the Action.	Not Applicable	The Action has not yet commenced.
EPBC C-25	The approval holder must commence the Action within 5 years of the date of this approval decision.	Compliant	Five year timeframe has not passed.
EPBC C-26	The approval holder must maintain accurate and complete compliance records.	Compliant	Woodside maintains accurate compliance records on internal systems.
EPBC C-27	If the department makes a request in writing, the approval holder must provide electronic copies of compliance records to the department within the timeframe specified in the request.	Not Applicable	No request for compliance records was made by the department during the reporting period.
EPBC C-28	The approval holder must ensure that any monitoring data (including sensitive ecological data), surveys, maps, and other spatial and metadata required under the conditions of this approval are prepared in accordance with the Guide to providing maps and boundary data for EPBC Act projects, Commonwealth of Australia 2021, or as otherwise specified by the Minister in writing.	Compliant	All monitoring data, surveys, maps and other spatial and metadata are prepared in accordance with the Guide to providing maps and boundary data for EPBC Act projects, Commonwealth of Australia 2021.
EPBC C-29	The approval holder must submit all monitoring data (including sensitive ecological data), surveys, maps, other spatial and metadata and all species occurrence record data (sightings and evidence of presence) electronically to the department in accordance with the requirements of the Environmental Management Plan.	Compliant	No monitoring required by the Environmental Management Plan has been undertaken to date.
EPBC C-30	The approval holder must prepare a compliance report for each 12-month period following the date of this approval decision, or as otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister.	Compliant	This Compliance Report fulfills this requirement for the reporting period.

Condition Number/ reference	Condition	Is the project compliant with this condition?	Evidence/ Comments
EPBC C-31	Each compliance report must be consistent with the Annual Compliance Report Guidelines, Commonwealth of Australia 2023.	Compliant	This Compliance report is consistent with the Annual Compliance Report Guidelines (2023).
EPBC C-32	Each compliance report must include: i) Accurate and complete details of compliance and any non-compliance with the conditions and the plans, and any incidents. ii) One or more shapefile showing all clearing of any EPBC Act listed species and/or their habitat, undertaken within the 12-month period at the end of which that compliance report is prepared. iii) A schedule of all plans in existence in relation to these conditions and accurate and complete details of how each plan is being implemented.	Compliant	This report provides details of the compliance status of all conditions in the approvals. No clearing of EPBC Act listed species and/or their habitat has occurred to date. The action has not yet commenced. As such the Environmental Management Plan and Impact Reconciliation Plan have not yet been implemented. Woodside has pre activity a weed survey as required in the Weed Management Plan.
EPBC C-33(a)	The approval holder must publish each compliance report on the website within 60 business days following the end of the 12-month period for which that compliance report is required.	Compliant	This compliance report will be published on the Woodside website by 13 March 2025.
EPBC C-33(b)	The approval holder must notify the department electronically, within 5 business days of the date of publication that a compliance report has been published on the website.	Compliant	The department will be notified within 5 business days of the publication of this compliance report on the Woodside website.
EPBC C-33(c)	The approval holder must provide the weblink for the compliance report in the notification to the department.	Compliant	A weblink for the compliance report will be included in the notification to the department.
EPBC C-33(d)	The approval holder must keep all published compliance reports required by these conditions on the website until the expiry date of this approval.	Compliant	Compliance reports will remain on the website for the duration of the approval.
EPBC C-33(e)	The approval holder must exclude or redact sensitive ecological data from compliance reports published on the website or otherwise provided to a member of the public.	Compliant	Sensitive ecological data has been redacted from compliance reports made publicly available.
EPBC C-33(f)	If sensitive ecological data is excluded or redacted from the published version, the approval holder must submit the full compliance report to the department within 5 business days of its publication on the website and notify the department in writing what exclusions and redactions have been made in the version published on the website.	Compliant	The department will be provided with the full compliance report.
EPBC C-34	The approval holder must notify the department electronically, within 7 days of becoming aware of any incident and/or potential non-compliance and/or actual non-compliance with the conditions or commitments made in a plan.	Compliant	There have been no incidents and/or potential or actual non-compliances during the reporting period.
EPBC C-35	The approval holder must specify in the notification: a) Any condition or commitment made in a plan which has been or may have been breached. b) A brief description of the incident and/or potential non-compliance and/or actual non-compliance. c) The location (including co-ordinates), date and time of the incident and/or potential non-compliance and/or actual non-compliance. Note: If the exact information cannot be provided, the approval holder must provide the best information available.	Compliant	There have been no incidents and/or potential or actual non-compliances during the reporting period.
EPBC C-36	The approval holder must provide to the department in writing, within 21 days of becoming aware of any incident and/or potential non-compliance and/or actual non-compliance, the details of that incident and/or potential non-compliance and/or actual non-compliance with the conditions or commitments made in a plan. The approval holder must specify: a) Any corrective action or investigation which the approval holder has already taken. b) The potential impacts of the incident and/or non-compliance. c) The method and timing of any corrective action that will be undertaken by the approval holder.	Compliant	There have been no potential or actual non-compliances during the reporting period.
EPBC C-37	The approval holder must ensure that an independent audit of compliance with the conditions is conducted for every five-year period following the commencement of the Action until this approval expires, unless otherwise specified in writing by the Minister.	Not Applicable	It has not been five years since the commencement of the Action.
EPBC C-38	For each independent audit, the approval holder must: a) Provide the name and qualifications of the nominated independent auditor, the draft audit criteria, and proposed	Not Applicable	It has not been five years since the commencement of the Action.

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	timeframe for submitting the audit report to the department prior to commencing the independent audit. b) Only commence the independent audit once the nominated independent auditor, audit criteria and timeframe for submitting the audit report have been approved in writing by the department. c) Submit the audit report to the department for approval within the timeframe specified and approved in writing by the department. d) Publish each audit report on the website within 15 business days of the date of the department's approval of the audit report. e) Keep every audit report published on the website until this approval expires.		
EPBC C-39	Each audit report must report for the five-year period preceding that audit report.	Not Applicable	It has not been five years since the commencement of the Action.
EPBC C-40	Each audit report must be completed to the satisfaction of the Minister and be consistent with the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 Independent Audit and Audit Report Guidelines, Commonwealth of Australia 2019.	Not Applicable	It has not been five years since the commencement of the Action.
EPBC C-41	The approval holder must notify the department electronically 60 business days prior to the expiry date of this approval, that the approval is due to expire.	Compliant	This approval expires on 31 December 2103.
EPBC C-42	Within 20 business days after the completion of the Action, and, in any event, before this approval expires, the approval holder must notify the department electronically of the date of completion of the Action and provide completion data. The approval holder must submit any spatial data that comprises completion data as a shapefile.	Not Applicable	The action has not yet been completed.