



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

*Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006*

*Royal Commissions Act 1902*

COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

MONTARA WELLHEAD PLATFORM UNCONTROLLED HYDROCARBON  
RELEASE

DIRECTION

I, DAVID BORTHWICK AO PSM, appointed pursuant to section 780A of the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006* to conduct a Commission of Inquiry (the **Inquiry**) into the uncontrolled release of hydrocarbons at the Montara Wellhead Platform on 21 August 2009 and subsequent events (the **Uncontrolled Release**), hereby direct that:

- 1) Ms Nicole Thomas of the Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism, with the assistance of the Secretary of the Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism (the **Secretary**), or such other person as the Secretary appoints for the purpose, shall cause the documents listed in Annexure A to this direction, to be published on the Inquiry's website ([www.montarainquiry.gov.au](http://www.montarainquiry.gov.au)) upon the public release of my final report by the Minister for Resources and Energy (the **Public Release**).
- 2) If at the time of the Public Release, the Minister for Resources and Energy withholds from public release any part of my final report (the **Withheld Part(s)**), Ms Thomas shall redact any part of a document listed in Annexure A to this direction, to the extent that it is referred to and/or extracted in the Withheld Part(s), prior to publication of that document on the Inquiry's website in accordance with the procedure set out in (1) above.
- 3) In the event that Ms Thomas is not available at the time of the Public Release, the Secretary, or such other person as the Secretary appoints for the purpose, shall advise the Australian Government Solicitor who shall cause the documents listed in Annexure A to this direction to be published in accordance with the procedure set out in (1) and/or (2) above.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 2010



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David Borthwick AO PSM  
Commissioner

**ANNEXURE A**

	<b>Document Title</b>	<b>Document Date</b>	<b>Document ID</b>
<b>Documents referred to in the Inquiry's Report</b>			
1	Advice from Geoscience Australia (GA) to RET	24 August 2009	RET.0017.0001.0497
2	Schlumberger Montara H1 ST1 End of Well Report	Undated	SCD.0001.0021.2100
3	Response from PTTEPAA to the Inquiry	18 May 2010	n/a
4	Letter from solicitor for Halliburton to Solicitor Assisting the Inquiry	28 May 2010	n/a
5	PTTEPAA Response to Seadrill investigation report	10 March 2010	n/a
6	Letter from Vic DPI to the Inquiry	[1]5 March 2010	n/a
7	Trueman Proof of Evidence	Undated	PRF.6010.0001.0003
8	West Atlas Short Report	20 August 2009	SEA.002.009.4412
9	Letter from solicitors for PTTEPAA to the Inquiry	26 May 2010	n/a
10	Atlas Well Control Manual	26 June 2006	SEA.009.001.0743
11	Letter from PTTEPAA to NOPSA	26 February 2009	NOP.9000.0011.0321
12	Letter from WA DMP	18 May 2010	n/a
13	Email from NT DoR to AMSA	22 August 2009	NTG.0001.0001.0249
14	AMSA Sitrep 9am Friday (page 1 only)	21 August 2009	DEW.9000.0022.0300
15	Prohibition Notice 221	22 August 2009	NOP.9000.0016.0014
16	Prohibition Notice 222	22 August 2009	NOP.9000.0016.0116
17	Letter from Millar to NOPSA	1 October 2009	SEA.003.012.4038
18	Letter from NOPSA to the Inquiry	20 April 2010	COR.0001.0005.0001
19	Letter from Jacob to NOPSA	31 August 2009	NOP.9000.0016.0133

20	Letter from Jacob to NT DoR	2 September 2009	GEO.0002.0001.0529
21	Letter from NOPSA (Schubach) to Jacob	11 September 2009	PTT.9003.0029.0247
22	Letter from NOPSA (Dunster) to Jacob	11 September 2009	PTT.9003.0029.0255
23	PTTEPAA Response to Inquiry's draft preliminary findings on arresting the Blowout	24 May 2010	n/a
24	Alert Well Control Executive Briefing Montara H1 ST-1 Well Control Operations Revision	August 2009	PTT.9002.0001.0175
25	Letter from NOPSA to the Inquiry	24 May 2010	n/a
26	Email from GA to RET	26 August 2009	GEO.0001.0001.0120
27	Email from Duncan to PTTEPAA Executive	22 August 2009	PTT.9002.0005.0007
28	Email from NT DoR to GA	9 September 2009	RET.0010.0001.1549
29	Email from Jacob entitled Montara H1 Update	2 December 2009	DEW.9001.0024.0219
30	Letter from Jacob to NOPSA (Dunster)	21 September 2009	NOP.9000.0011.0399
31	Email from Collins to Noonan	23 December 2009	PTT.9002.0008.0249
32	DEWHA review of NEBA advice	29 September 2009	DEW.9001.0012.0392
33	Letter from AMSA to the Inquiry	24 May 2010	n/a
34	Statutory Declaration of Donald Millar	12 April 2010	n/a
<b>Submissions</b>			
35	AMSA response to draft findings	27 May 2010	n/a
36	Atlas comments on responses to draft findings	27 May 2010	n/a
37	Atlas response to draft findings regulatory	24 May 2010	n/a
38	Atlas response to draft findings circumstances and cause	18 May 2010	n/a
39	Atlas submissions following hearing	23 April 2010	n/a
40	Montara Report Comments – Craig Duncan (attaching email entitled 'RE Working with	18 May 2010	n/a

	Coogee)		
41	DEWHA comments on responses to draft findings	28 May 2010	n/a
42	DEWHA response to draft findings	24 May 2010	n/a
43	Halliburton response to draft findings	13 May 2010	n/a
44	Doeg response to draft findings	14 May 2010	n/a
45	Halliburton comments on responses to draft findings	25 May 2010	n/a
46	Halliburton comments on PTTEPAA response	28 May 2010	n/a
47	Northern Territory response to draft findings regulatory	27 May 2010	n/a
48	O'Shea response to draft findings	21 May 2010	n/a
49	PTTEPAA comments on responses to draft findings	27 May 2010	n/a
50	PTTEPAA comments on responses to draft findings circumstances and causes	26 May 2010	n/a
51	PTTEPAA response to additional paragraphs	26 May 2010	n/a
52	PTTEPAA response to draft findings on performance of PTTEPAA	24 May 2010	n/a
53	PTTEPAA response to draft findings on arresting the Blowout	24 May 2010	n/a
54	PTTEPAA response to draft findings on regulatory regime	24 May 2010	n/a
55	Breadmore response to draft findings on performance of PTTEPAA	24 May 2010	n/a
56	RET response to draft findings on environment	24 May 2010	n/a
57	RET response to draft findings regulatory	24 May 2010	n/a
58	Treasure response to draft findings on circumstances and cause	18 May 2010	n/a
59	Wilson response to draft findings on circumstances and cause	17 May 2010	n/a
60	WWF-Harvey Report final draft	6 June 2010	n/a
61	PTTEPAA response to WWF-Harvey Report	8 June 2010	n/a

62	Atlas response to WWF-Harvey Report	8 June 2010	n/a
63	NOPSA response to WWF-Harvey Report	9 June 2010	n/a
64	PTTEPAA industry recommendations	3 June 2010	n/a
65	Letter from CEO of PTTEPAA enclosing: a) Annexure A – Montara Action Plan; and b) Exhibits A – D.	25 May 2010	n/a