



Australian Government

Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment

Mr Mike Chapman
Project Study & Approvals Manager
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**Eastern Leases Project, Groote Eylandt, NT (EPBC 2014/7228) –
Environmental Management Plan**

Dear Mr Chapman

Thank you for submitting the GEMCO Eastern Leases Project Environmental Management Plan for approval in accordance with the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) approval for EPBC 2014/7228.

Officers of the department have advised me on the plan and on the requirements of the EPBC Act conditions of approval. On this basis, and as a delegate of the Minister for the Environment, I have decided to approve the *GEMCO Eastern Leases Project Environmental Management Plan* dated 31 August 2021, as meeting the requirements of condition 10 of the approval. The approved plan must now be implemented.

The department has an active compliance monitoring program which includes monitoring inspections, desk top document reviews and audits. Please ensure that you maintain accurate records of all activities associated with, or relevant to, the conditions of approval including the implementation and revision approved plans, so that they may be made available to the department on request.

Should you require any further information please contact Thomas Smith directly or email the department's Post Approval Section at postapproval@awe.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kim Farrant', with a large, stylized initial 'K'.

Kim Farrant
Assistant Secretary
Environment Assessments (Vic, Tas) and Post Approvals Branch
Environment Approvals Division

20 September 2021