

Enterprise North – 1 Project



NOTICE OF OPERATION PLAN – PREPARATORY WORKS

This **Notice of Operation Plan** provides an overview of the proposed Enterprise North–1 (EN–1) Project, with specific focus on the preparatory works stage of the new exploration well. The purpose of this Notice is to provide information to project stakeholders. The information included is as required by sections 161 and 163 of the *Petroleum Act 1998* (Act) and section 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27 of the *Petroleum Regulations 2021* (Regulations).

WHAT IS AN OPERATION PLAN?

An Operation Plan is a document required under the Act in relation to a proposed petroleum operation. A plan must be approved by regulators before work can commence, and the plan:

- identifies risks to the environment, any member of the public and to land or property in the vicinity of the operation;
- identifies risks to any petroleum, source of petroleum or reservoir in the vicinity of the operation;
- outlines what the holder of the authority (ADZ Energy) will do to eliminate or minimise those risks;
- specifies what the holder of the authority will do to rehabilitate affected land; and
- sets out any other matters required by the Regulations.

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Enterprise North-1 (EN-1) Project is a program to develop an onshore natural gas reservoir in the Victorian Otway Basin. ADZ Energy is seeking approval to undertake exploration drilling to determine the possibility for a commercially viable onshore gas field in PEP169. Should the EN-1 exploration well find commercially successful gas reserves, it will be converted to a production well to flow the raw gas for processing and supply to the domestic Victorian energy market. The well site will be located approximately a linear distance of 2.2 km west of Port Campbell, Victoria, and will be drilled on cleared, freehold grazing land near existing pipelines infrastructure which will be utilised for production (refer Figure 1).

The EN-1 Project will use conventional natural gas drilling techniques and will not involve hydraulic fracturing (or 'fracking'). If the EN-1 well is a discovery the project will have five key stages:

1. Preparatory works – construction of a hardstand area (drill pad) and access tracks;
2. Drilling and completion of the gas well;
3. Well surface facility construction including gathering into existing pipeline;
4. Ongoing operation; and
5. Decommissioning and rehabilitation.

ADZ Energy will seek regulatory approval for the first stage of the EN-1 Exploration well, described in this Notice of Operation, which involves the preparation of the site. The EN-1 Exploration well Preparatory Works Operation Plan will provide all details related to this stage.

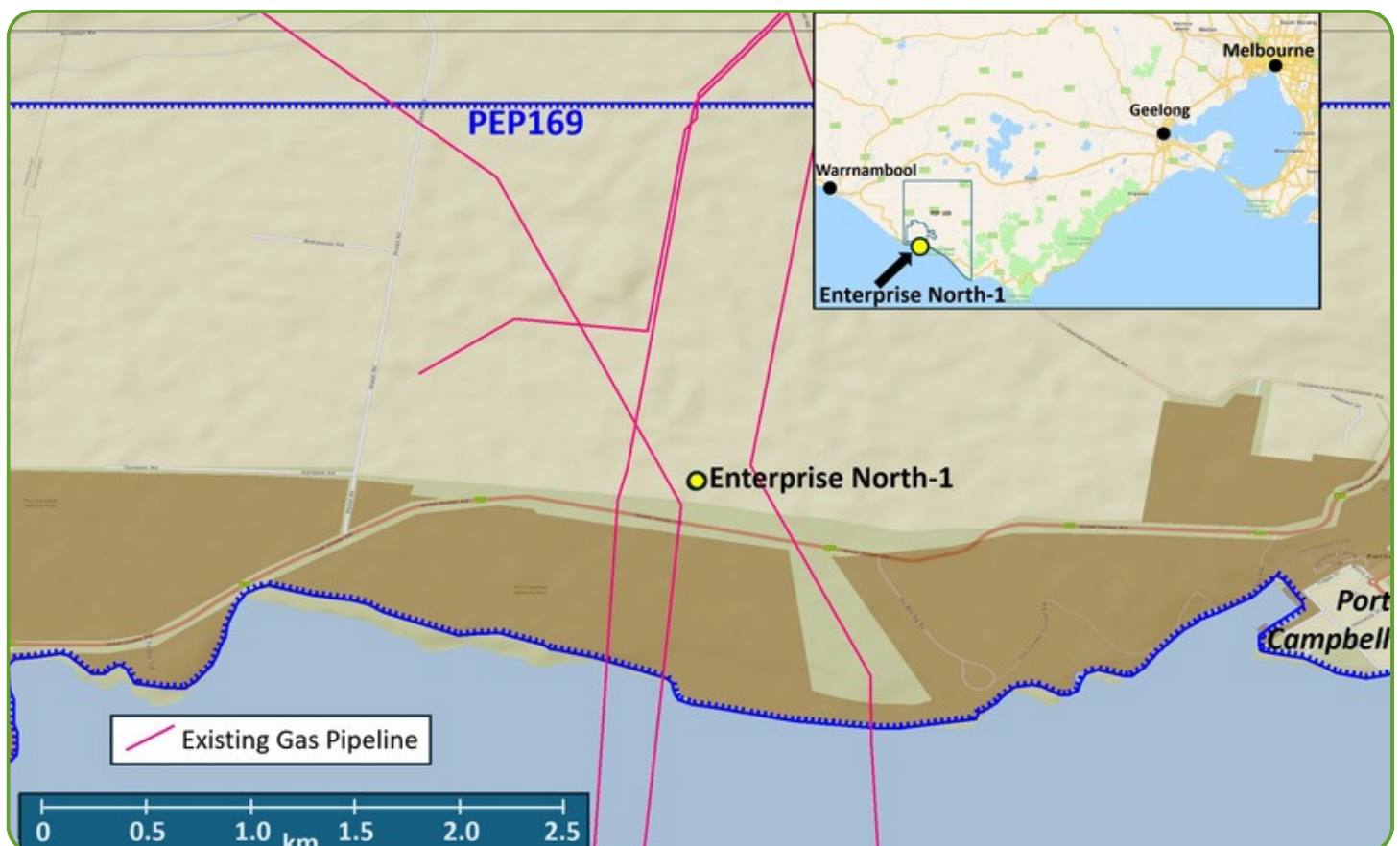


Figure 1: EN-1 Project site and locality

WHAT ARE THE PREPARATORY WORKS?

Preparatory works are anticipated to take approximately 27 days and include:

- site and equipment setup, including mobilisation to site;
- installation of fencing and gates;
- construction of an access road; and
- construction of a hardstand area (drill pad).

Development of a drill pad will facilitate the next stage of drilling the exploration well (to confirm subsurface geology) and, if viable, completing the well. Drilling works will be completed under a different Operation Plan and Notice of Operation Plan, which will also include rehabilitation works for the broader project area when it is no longer required upon drilling completion.

ADZ Energy will engage an engineering contractor, civil works contractor, surveyor and third-party services that are appropriately skilled and qualified to design and implement the preparatory works. The number of people on site will vary with site activities, peak numbers expected to be onsite is around 15 people.

The site is at 384 Great Ocean Road, Port Campbell VIC 3269. Access is via Great Ocean Road (refer Figure 2). The initial project area is approximately 2.5 ha, this includes provision for space required for soil stockpiles, ancillary equipment laydown and portable offices to support the works.



Figure 2: EN-1 wellsite location



It is anticipated that the team undertaking the bulk of the preparatory works will be local civil construction contractors and therefore accommodated at home. Small numbers of other service providers will be based in accommodation at nearby locations such as Port Campbell.

On completion the new well pad will be security fenced and managed until the next stage begins. All equipment will be removed from worksite.

PROJECT TIMING

ADZ Energy aims to obtain all required regulatory approvals for the preparatory works by late 2025. Works are planned to commence in post regulatory approval. Works are planned for approximately 27 days (weather dependant) and will operate for up to 12 hrs a day (daytime hours).

SAFETY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

ADZ Energy is committed to operating in a safe, responsible and sustainable manner. ADZ Energy operates within a highly regulated industry and must meet stringent environmental and safety standards. Two Operation Plans for the EN-1 Project (one for preparatory works and one for drilling) are being prepared for submission to the Regulator. It will outline environment, resource and safety management risks and mitigation plans.

A summary of potential environmental, social and public safety risks and mitigating actions are provided in *the table below*.

POTENTIAL RISK	SOURCES	ACTIONS / RISK MITIGATION STEPS
Vehicle / traffic incident	Heavy vehicle movements	• Activities will be conducted in line with the Project Traffic Management Plan. • ADZ Energy will advise regional and local residents of the increased traffic movements ahead of the project commencing. • Activities will be conducted in accordance with VicRoads requirements.
Noise	Operating earth moving equipment	• Operations planned for daytime hours only. • Noise modelling of project works • Response to noise complaints received to determine source and mitigate so far as is reasonably practical • Equipment inspections and maintenance.



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Waste	General waste from the site offices and minor operational waste	- All waste to be captured onsite and disposed of in accordance with EPA requirements. - Designated bins to be provided for hazardous materials or other contaminated waste needing special treatment or disposal.
Land and water contamination	Spills from equipment and storage of hazardous materials such as diesel	- Temporary storage at the project sites will be within bunded areas and double-skinned tanks used for fuel. - Spill kits on site and clean ups will be initiated if a spill or leak occurs.
Unexpected impact existing land use	Construction of lease and access on private property	- Landholder with agreement in place. - Topsoil management to be outlined in the Operation Plan. - Rehabilitation plan as part of the Operation Plan for Preparatory Works will outlines rehabilitation to meet pre-existing land use for the project.
Lighting	Equipment lighting	- Operations are planned to be conducted during daytime hours. - Light during operations may be required to ensure a safe workplace for operation teams. - Lighting orientation to minimise offsite lighting.
Greenhouse gas emissions	Combustion of diesel	Emissions will be tracked, recorded and reported in accordance with regulations.
Erosion and sediment	Soil movement, stockpiling and site drainage	- Erosion and sediment controls such as silt fencing, drains and sediment traps. - Separation of topsoil and subsoil. - Planned stockpile areas for most appropriate locations (eg. away from drainage lines).



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Significant impacts to ecology	Construction of lease and access	- Earth works equipment to be contained in a fenced area within previously disturbed areas. - Ecological studies conducted to identify potential impacts to Ecology. The design has been developed to avoid and minimise impact.
Disturbance of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal cultural heritage	Construction of lease and access	A Cultural Heritage Due Diligence will be conducted for Aboriginal Cultural Heritage sensitivity and non-Aboriginal heritage in the project footprint.
Visual amenity	The earth moving equipment may be visible from roads	- Visual impacts are mitigated by natural land undulation and existing tree lines located nearby. - Construction activities will be temporary and short duration (2-4 weeks).
Dust	Dust generated during works	Dust suppression activities during construction will be implemented as required and outlined in the Preparatory Works Operation Plan.
Bushfires	Site activities cause grassfire impacting on adjacent properties	- Permit to work process. - On-site fire fighting equipment. - Cleared area with limited flammable materials.



KEY CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE EN-1 WELLSITE PREPARATORY WORKS

TRAFFIC

The project will involve movement and utilisation of a civil contractor and several service providers to and from the project site. Works will involve a number of personnel and some heavy vehicle movements. It is expected key materials and equipment will be delivered via the Great Ocean Road, with heavy vehicles planned to only access the Great Ocean Road from the west of the site, where it's considered safe to do so.

To minimise the risk of incidents involving transport and public vehicles, all activities will be conducted in accordance with VicRoads requirements. The Project Traffic Management Plan will prioritise public safety and minimise disruption to the local community. All existing local traffic curfews will be adhered to for the Project. There will be some increase in traffic movement in the localised area for the duration of the works, however the overall traffic burden will remain low.

NOISE

Preparatory works are not expected to exceed regulated requirements for daytime activities. The main sources of noise relate to operation of the earth moving equipment.

ADZ Energy has completed baseline noise assessment for the preparatory works. Community members are encouraged to contact ADZ Energy if they have any queries.

LAND AND SURFACE WATERS

The EN-1 Preparatory Works Operation Plan will incorporate an environmental management plan to outline management of environmental risks. The transport and storage of fuel and hazardous chemicals are controlled activities and must be conducted in accordance with this Operation Plan to reduce the potential of an incident releasing materials into the environment. Spill kits compatible with the material being stored and handled will be available during operations. Personnel are trained to respond in the event a spill or leak occurs in a bund or to ground. All releases are recorded by ADZ Energy and reported to the regulator as required. All equipment, fuel and chemicals will be removed at the end of preparatory works. Erosion and sediment controls will be installed to prevent contamination of land or surface waters such as silt fencing, diversion of stormwater runoff and sediment traps or basins. Rehabilitation of part of the land will be undertaken after the drilling stage. Subsoil and topsoil will be separated to facilitate effective rehabilitation. Re-seeding of rehabilitated areas will occur at the most appropriate time of the year in consultation with the landowner and specialist consultants.

TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS

ADZ Energy would like to respectfully acknowledge the Eastern Maar Peoples, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which the EN-1 Project will be located. ADZ Energy respects their historical and ongoing connection to country and would like to pay our respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.

ADZ Energy has been in discussions with the Eastern Maar for this project regarding cultural heritage management and native title.



COMMUNITY

Project benefits are expected to include provision of additional income streams to the Western Victorian region via the use of accommodation, food outlets, conference facilities and local services.

ADZ Energy's will look at opportunities to invest in the local communities. We welcome any interested parties to contact us.

ECOLOGY

An Ecology Assessment was undertaken to assess the biodiversity values of the site, including an assessment of any potential impacts to native vegetation and/or significant flora, fauna and ecological communities. It determined that the subject site was highly modified and cleared and that no threatened flora, fauna or ecological communities are likely to occur on the well site. There are no plans to remove any native vegetation as part of Preparatory Works.

CONSULTATION

ADZ Energy is committed to engaging with local landowners, community members, councillors and government officials and keeping stakeholders informed of project activities, ensuring people are informed and can provide feedback if required. ADZ Energy has been engaging with local landholders and community members and is always keen to hear from any community members who would like further information or have any questions about this project. The Regulator will be provided a report on all consultations with stakeholders in line with regulatory requirements.

SUBMISSIONS

Submissions concerning this Notice must be made in writing to ADZ Energy by 20 August 2025. Submissions will be reviewed and considered and replied to in the preparation of the EN-1 Preparatory Works Operation Plan.

Please address your submission to:



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