



Department of Primary Industries

Our Ref: PEP 155 (Banjo-1a)
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Dear Mr Edwards

BANJO-1a PLUG AND ABANDON APPROVAL

I refer to your letter sent by email dated 22 November 2005 requesting approval to plug and abandon the exploration well, Banjo-1a in the exploration permit PEP-155.

Under the provisions of section 161 (2) of the *Petroleum Act 1998*, and Regulation 23 (1) of the *Petroleum Regulations 2000*, I, as the Minister's delegate under the Act, hereby approve your proposed plug and abandon operations of the above-mentioned well as detailed in your letter.

Yours sincerely

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Manager, Petroleum Operations, Safety and Environment

