

**Do you believe the proposed regulations will encourage investment in the onshore conventional petroleum sector in Victoria?**

Yes

**If not, what would you like to see improved?**

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**Do you believe the proposed regulations adequately support community engagement and consultation?**

No

**If not, what would you like to see improved?**

I believe that community consultation is need to be widen to include first nations people and wider geographical area (80km radius) not just the directly impacted landholders. Community engagement needs to open and transparent in nature and provide multiple opportunities for community to have their concerns addressed. Consultation should be documented and made public. Stakeholder engagement should include organisations that have interest in the development across Victoria (VFF, environment groups, Landcare etc).

Victorian Government need to be open and inform community of exploration leases applications and continue to use 'licences near me' type website to inform community.

**What are your views on the proposed consultation requirements with the community and affected stakeholders in relation to notice/submissions as part of application process for authorities (e.g. retention and production titles)?**

Retention leases need to show a clear intent to explore for gas, if licences are not 'used' within a time period they should sunset.

All leases (exploration, retention and production) need to be available to the public online and in print.

Minister should be able to determine if proper consultation has been met.

**What are your views on the proposed consultation requirements with the community and affected stakeholders in relation to notice/submissions as part of Operation Plan?**

Could be improved with mapping as part of consultation and operation plan. Must indicate on mapping where drilling will occur beneath the ground and if it will cross over multiple landholders. Footprint below the ground would be required.

**What are your views on the proposed consultation requirements with the community and affected stakeholders in relation to requirements for community engagement during the life of exploration, retention and production titles (as required in the title application)?**

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**What are your views on the proposed consultation requirements with the community and affected stakeholders in relation to requirements to describe community engagement during operations (as required in the Operation Plan)?**

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**Do you have any suggested improvements to the proposed regulations?**

No

**If yes what are your suggested improvements to the proposed regulations?**

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**Do you believe the proposed regulations ensure that social, economic and environmental factors are adequately considered in decision-making for grant of Exploration, Retention and Production Titles?**

No

**If not, what would you like to see improved?**

Climate change consideration should be made and if it aligns with Victoria's climate action policies.

**Do you believe that the proposed regulations ensure that social, economic and environmental factors are adequately considered in decision-making for Operation Plan approval/variation and authority surrender?**

No

**If not, what would you like to see improved?**

Minister should have the ability to assess applications on the basis of social licence in the community.

**Are the proposed operation plan requirements to manage risks and impacts likely to be effective specifically as they relate to environment management plans, well operation management plans, code of practice of well operations management and rehabilitation plans?**

No

**If not, what would you like to see improved?**

Bonds and penalties should be much higher to reflect risk.

**Are the proposed information and reporting requirements likely to be effective specifically as they relate to progress against a work program?**

Yes

**If not, what would you like to see improved?**

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**Are the proposed information and reporting requirements likely to be effective specifically as they relate to rehabilitation undertaken and changes in liability?**

Yes

**If not, what would you like to see improved?**

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**Are the proposed information and reporting requirements likely to be effective specifically as they relate to results of monitoring undertaken?**

Yes

**If not, what would you like to see improved?**

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**Are the proposed information and reporting requirements likely to be effective specifically as they relate to community engagement undertaken?**

Yes

**If not, what would you like to see improved?**

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**Are the proposed information and reporting requirements likely to be effective specifically as they relate to operational activities?**

Yes

**If not, what would you like to see improved?**

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**Are the proposed information and reporting requirements likely to be effective specifically as they relate to incidents?**

Yes

**If not, what would you like to see improved?**

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**Are the proposed information and reporting requirements likely to be effective specifically as they relate to geological data?**

No

**If not, what would you like to see improved?**

mapping

**Do you believe that the new regulations will provide a clear and effective administrative framework that facilitates petroleum development activities?**

No

**If not, what would you like to see improved?**

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**Would you like to comment on any other aspects of the proposed regulations?**

Yes

**If yes, please describe**

How will production holders demonstrate the benefit to community and given first options to Victorian gas contracts. How will this be monitored and regulated?

The risk to climate change should be included in environmental impact statements.

Requirements for lease holders and government to inform landholders of their rights and offered support in negotiations for compensation.

Penalties are not reflective of the seriousness of risks.

Minster must have powers to refuse applications based on the lack of transparency.