



## Department of Primary Industries

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Dear Mr Jones

### CONSENT TO DST CHILDERS COVE-1 in PEP 154

I refer to the following Origin Energy correspondence and documentation regarding the above subject,

1. Application to test the Childers Cove -1 dated 3 October 2005
2. Childers Cove 1\_DPI\_DST Procedure dated 3 October 2005
3. Childers Cove 1 Drilling Safety Management Plan, May 2005.
4. Environmental Assessment and Management Plan Childers Cove-1, March 2005, CR 1166\_2\_v3.

Under the provisions of the *Petroleum Act 1998*, and Part 4 of the *Petroleum Regulations 2000*, I, as the Minister's delegate under the Act, hereby consent to your proposal to conduct an open hole DST at Childers Cove 1.

This consent is subject to:

- Origin Energy and its contractor complying with the above referenced documents which are accepted as the Operations Plan under the Act;
- The Contractors rig equipment being fit for purpose and the Contractors staff being competent to undertake their duties;
- Origin Energy and its contractor must ensure that adequate mitigation be put in place to prevent excessive noise and light that may disturb potentially affected neighbours outside daylight hours; and
- If noise increases during flaring above normal drilling activity level, neighbours should be notified.

Please forward the well test reports as soon as they are available.

Yours sincerely,

TERRY McKINLEY  
**Manager, Petroleum Operations, Safety and Environment**

