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Expressions of interest: Australian government starts tender process to decommission stranded floater

First-phase decommissioning works will involve disconnecting FPSO from subsea equipment and towing it away

By *Josh Lewis* in Upstream, 2 July 2021

The Australian government is seeking expressions of interest for the first phases of decommissioning of a stranded floating production, storage and offloading vessel offshore northern Australia, along with associated infrastructure at two oilfields.

The government released the request for expressions of interest (REOI) for the Phase 1 works this week related to the Northern Endeavour FPSO, which has been stranded off the Australian coast since [the 2019 collapse](#) of operator Northern Oil & Gas Australia (Noga).

The REOI invited companies to demonstrate their capability and capacity to carry out the Phase 1 works to decommission and disconnect the FPSO from the related subsea equipment at the Laminaria-Corallina oilfields.

The workscope will also include towing the floater to a yet to be advised destination.

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Responses to the REOI are due by 29 July, with more information via the government’s procurement information system, [AusTender](#) <https://www.tenders.gov.au/>.

The Northern Endeavour is 274 metres long and is moored between the Laminaria and Corallina oilfields, roughly 550 kilometres north-west of Darwin in the Timor Sea.

The facility is currently being operated in a non-producing mode while repairs and intermediate steps are carried out to ready the facility for decommissioning.

In addition to the Phase 1 works of removing of the FPSO and disconnecting it from the subsea equipment, future decommissioning work will include the permanent plugging and abandonment of wells, as well as the removal of subsea infrastructure and remediation.



The Hon Keith Pitt MP

Minister for Resources and Water



EOI released for Phase 1 of Northern Endeavour decommissioning

1 July 2021

The Australian Government has released a Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI) for Phase 1 works to decommission the Northern Endeavour Floating Production Storage and Offtake (FPSO) facility.

Resources, Water and Northern Australia Minister Keith Pitt said the move was the next step in the process to disconnect and decommission the Northern Endeavour from oilfields in the Timor Sea.

A REOI from the Department of Industry, Science, energy and Resources has been published on AusTender (<https://www.tenders.gov.au/Atm/Show/13d9cd3c-e66b-4d23-a2ba-707adbc02ace>). It invites qualified and experienced organisations to demonstrate their capability and capacity to undertake the Phase 1 works to decommission and disconnect the FPSO from the related subsea equipment.

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Information relating to the REOI stage is available on the Australian Government's procurement information system, AusTender (www.tenders.gov.au).

Responses to the REOI are due before 2:00pm Australian Eastern Standard Time, 29 July 2021.

Information on the decommissioning is available on the Department's decommissioning web page (<https://www.industry.gov.au/policies-and-initiatives/decommissioning-the-northern-endeavour>).

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Northern Endeavour decommissioning: Expression of Interest

Our department is inviting Expressions of Interest for a lead contractor to decommission and disconnect the Northern Endeavour FPSO.

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The Australian Government has committed to decommission the Northern Endeavour FPSO facility and will also remediate the associated oil fields.

The project will be undertaken in 3 distinct phases:

- Phase 1: decommissioning and disconnection of the facility from the subsea equipment
- Phase 2: permanent plugging and abandonment of wells
- Phase 3: removal of subsea infrastructure and remediation.

Our department is inviting Expressions of Interest (EOIs) to complete Phase 1.

Work in Phase 1 is expected to include:

- removal of the facility from the field in accordance with good industry practice
- installation of temporary barriers between the reservoir and the environment
- subsea and topside flushing, cleaning and demucking
- sea fastening for tow
- disconnection of risers
- disconnection of moorings
- ocean tow to a designated location.

Information for Phase 2 and Phase 3 contracts will be announced at a later date.

Register your interest

We are now seeking responses from parties that have:

- the required expertise and other resources, including personnel, subcontractors, and access to vessels of the right size, type and quantity, to carry out Phase 1 of the project safely
- the capability and capacity to quickly mobilise these resources and undertake the work
- a proven track record and experience in disconnecting and decommissioning FPSOs and subsea assets
- the capability to execute the work in accordance with, or ahead of, the Commonwealth's schedule
- the capability to execute the work in accordance with good industry practice and all applicable laws, regulations and standards

- health, safety, environmental, and quality assurance systems to support delivery of the services
- a track record of pursuing and developing growth opportunities, particularly with Australian industry.

[Submit your EOI via the AusTender website.](#)

Submissions close at 2PM AEST, 29 July 2021.

The department will shortlist interest for a more detailed proposal later in the year.

An Industry Briefing will also be provided to parties. The briefing will be available shortly after the 7 July 2021. Parties will be notified when this becomes available.

Ask your questions

Interested parties can submit questions and requests for clarification to NEProcurement@industry.gov.au.

Questions and request for clarifications must be submitted by 5PM AEST, 21 July 2021.

Read more

- The [Minister announced the call for EOI for Phase 1 of decommissioning the Northern Endeavour on 1 July 2020](#)
- The [Minister announced the decision to decommission the Northern Endeavour on 14 December 2020](#)
- Read about our [Offshore oil and gas decommissioning framework review](#)
- Read about our [Offshore oil and gas safety review](#)
- Read about the [National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority](#)
- Read about [how we regulate offshore oil and gas in Australian Commonwealth Waters](#)

Contact us

- [All information relating to REOI submissions is available on AusTender website](#)