

Ruling

Pursuant to Section 162(2) of the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (Environmental Effects) Act 2012 (EEZ Act)

Company Name	BW Offshore
Date of Request	18 February 2020
Title of Request	Disconnection and lay down of subsea equipment connected to the FPSO <i>Umuroa</i> in the Tui Field
Reference for Request	EEZ500029
Existing structure or submarine pipeline	FPSO <i>Umuroa</i>
Petroleum mining permit or existing privilege	PMP 38158

The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) hereby provides a ruling to the effect that the adverse effects on the environment or existing interests of the following activities, identified in the request EEZ500029, are likely to be minor or less than minor:

The change of character of an activity under ss 20(2)(b), 20(2)(c), 20(2)(e), 20(2)(g), 20(4)(b), 162(3)(b) of the EEZ Act:

The use of ROV's for the purpose of connection and disconnection of strops and slings
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- a. The use of ROV is performed as described in Part 1 and Part 2 of the Impact assessment (Elemental Reports #245 Part 1 version 0 and #245 Part 2 version 0).
- b. The use of the ROV is performed using certified equipment
- c. The use of the ROV is performed by suitably qualified and experienced personnel.

In order to carry out lawful disconnection of the FPSO Umuroa from the subsea infrastructure in the Tui Field (PMP 38158), BWO require authorisation for restricted activities involved in proposed Activities 3 and 5 under the EEZ Act. Because EPA has not provided a ruling for restricted activities involved in Activities 3 and 5, this ruling in effect does not allow BWO to achieve lawful disconnection from the Tui Field.

It has been the EPA's position since January 2020 that the 2017 Ruling provided to Tamarind Taranaki Limited may not be relied on. For the avoidance of doubt, activities authorised by this ruling must be carried out in accordance with the ruling request information and all further information provided by BW Offshore.

Provided Under Delegated Authority:

Siobhan Quayle



23 04 2020

**Group General Manager Regulatory Systems
and Operations**

Signature

Date

Environmental Protection Authority