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## **Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2010**

### **NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR APPLICATIONS FOR PETROLEUM EXPLORATION PERMITS**

I, Anthony Hurst, Executive Director Earth Resources Regulation, acting under an instrument of Ministerial delegation dated 23 January 2017 and pursuant to section 86 of the **Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2010**, hereby give notice that applications are invited for exploration permits in the Otway Basin, in the State of Victoria, in accordance with the following schedule.

Applications will be accepted online from the date this notice appears in the Government Gazette until 6 pm Australian Eastern Standard Time on Friday 15 February 2019.

Applications lodged after the closing date and time will not be accepted.

#### **SCHEDULE**

Five areas are offered in State waters in the Otway Basin, designated 18-1(v) 18-2(v) 18-3(v) 18-4(v) and 18-5(v) as shown on Figures 1, 2 and 3.

- 18-1(v) – assessed to contain 12 part blocks approximately 254 km<sup>2</sup>.
- 18-2(v) – assessed to contain 15 part blocks approximately 437 km<sup>2</sup>.
- 18-3(v) – assessed to contain 15 part blocks approximately 441 km<sup>2</sup>.
- 18-4(v) – assessed to contain 7 part blocks approximately 151 km<sup>2</sup>
- 18-5(v) – assessed to contain 2 part blocks approximately 24 km<sup>2</sup>.

**SPECIAL**



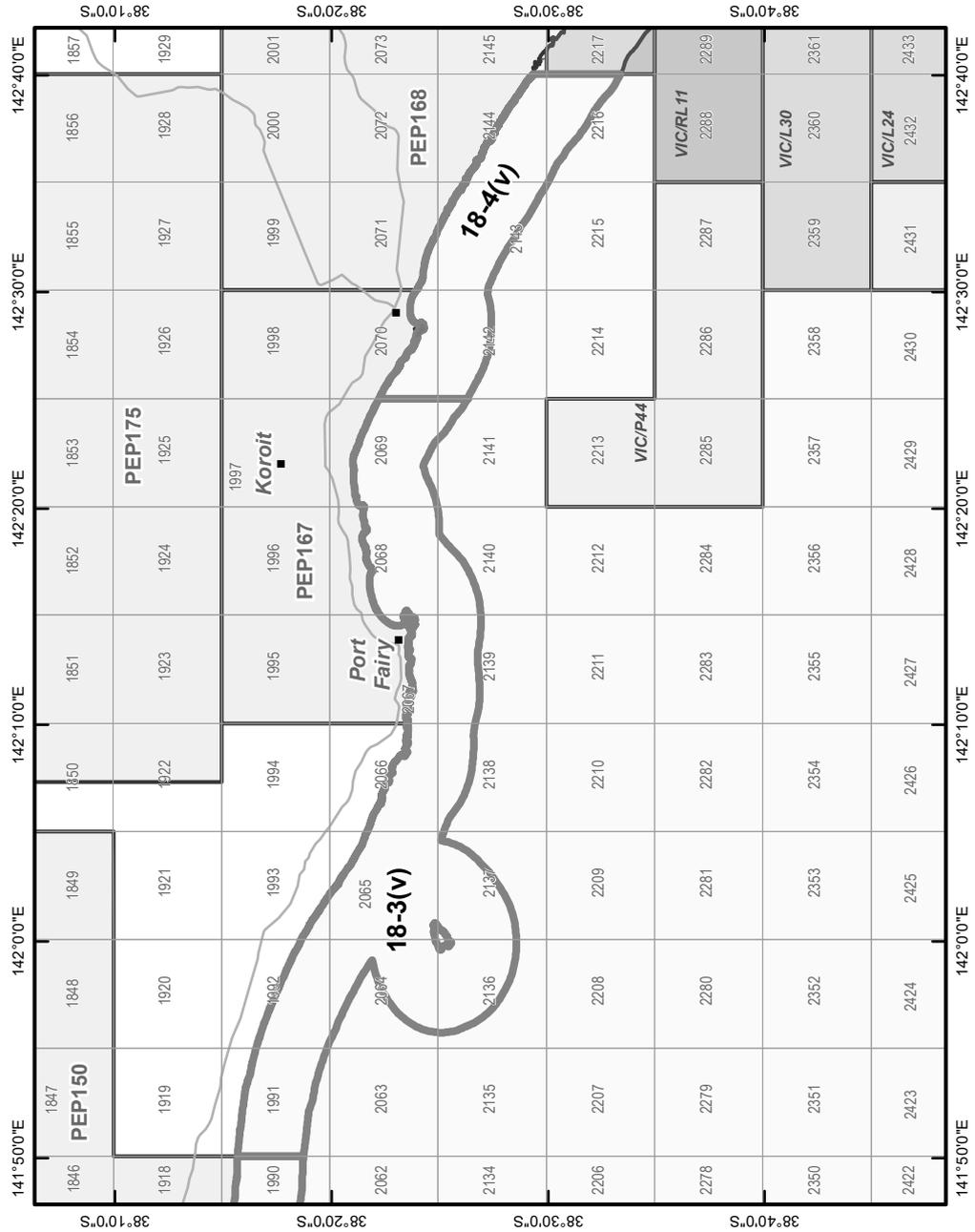


Figure 2: 18-3(v) and 18-4(v) release areas

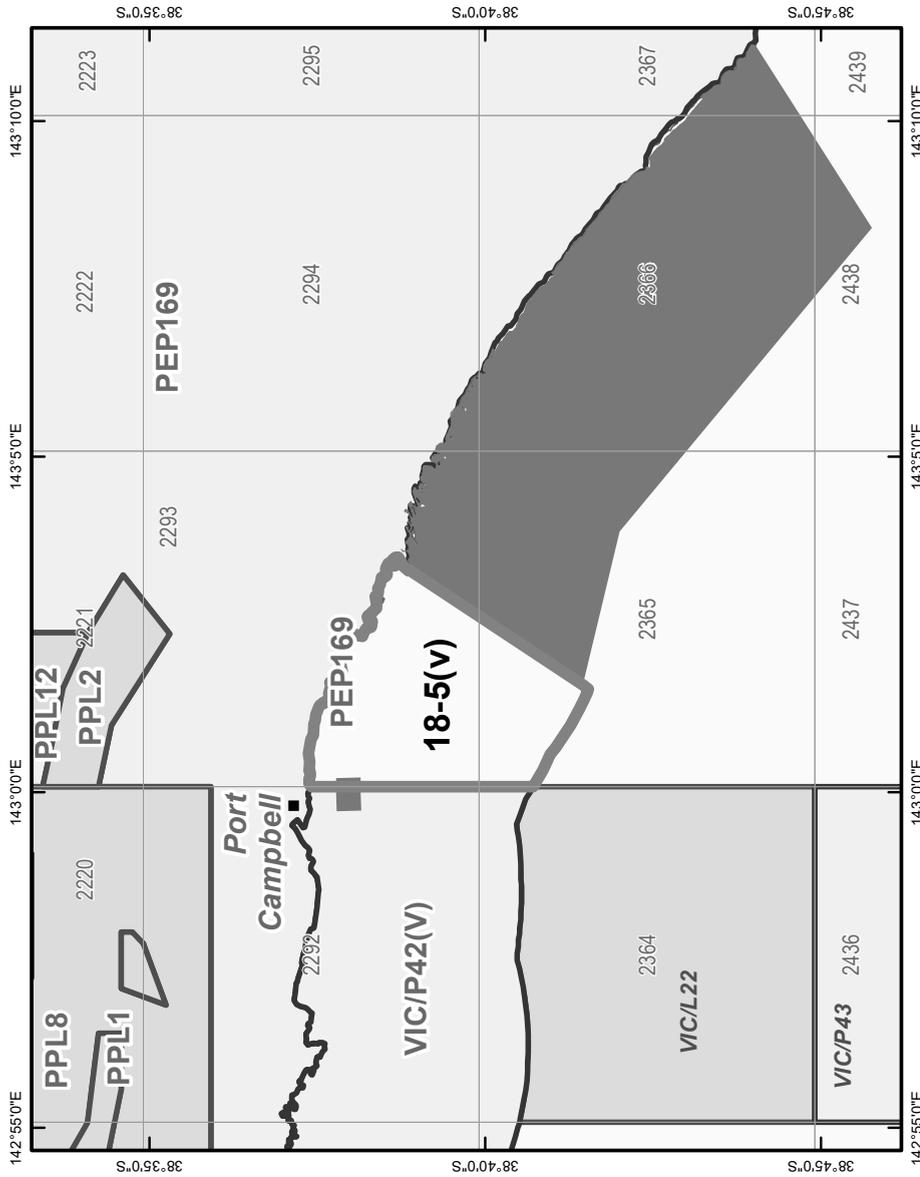


Figure 3: 18-5(v) release area

Dated 16 May 2018

ANTHONY HURST  
Executive Director, Earth Resources Regulation

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INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

A tender information package on the release areas (blocks) detailing the special notices on the release areas in addition to geological and technical information and criteria for assessment, plus the application form is available from the Victorian Earth Resources website, <http://earthresources.vic.gov.au/home/2018-acreage-release>.

Applicants will be required to register with Tenders Vic for online submission of the completed application form and supporting documents.

A separate application is required for each area.

An application must be accompanied by details of the applicant's proposals for work and expenditure in relation to the block specified in the application; the technical qualifications of the applicant and of the applicant's employees; the technical advice available to the applicant and the financial resources available to the applicant.

An application must be accompanied by authorisation for payment by credit card of the prescribed application fee of \$4,590. The fee is non-refundable.

Applications will be treated as strictly commercial in confidence.

If a person has made an application, the person may, by written notice given to the Minister withdraw the application at any time before a petroleum exploration permit is granted as a result of the application.

The Minister may refuse to grant a petroleum exploration permit to an applicant.

All applicants will be notified in writing of the Minister's decision in relation to their application.

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