

Submission from The Leeuwin Group<sup>1</sup> to Environmental Protection Authority  
Greenhouse Gas Emissions

1. Reflect the science.

There is already too much carbon pollution in the atmosphere to maintain a safe climate. Projects that increase pollution cannot be considered environmentally acceptable when immediate pollution reduction is required. We therefore support the EPA's approach of requiring carbon neutrality for projects that exceed a nominated threshold.

2. Prevent new or expanded fossil fuel production.

Existing fossil fuel developments are already damaging our climate. No new fossil fuel extraction should be approved without appropriate secure offsets.

3. To avoid the problem of cumulative emissions from projects that fall below the nominated threshold the responsible industries and entities should either reduce their emissions as per item 1, or fund additional reductions by item 1 emitters to achieve zero net increase overall.

4. Apply to all polluters and account for all pollution.

The policy must apply to all activities that impact the climate, including land clearing and forest management, and must include all forms of pollution, including indirect emissions.

5. Ensure offsets are delivered in WA to benefit our environment.

Delivering offsets as per item 2 (including tree planting and carbon farming in WA) benefit our communities and environment, however these offsets should be seen as a last resort as in the mitigation hierarchy and should not be used to justify increased fossil fuel production.

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<sup>1</sup> The Leeuwin Group is a group of Western Australian concerned scientists modeled on the Wentworth Group. We focus on providing policy and scientific advice to Government and others..