

Buru to go ahead with Rafael seismic

BURU Energy's environmental plan for seismic work at its Rafael patch in the Kimberley, Western Australia, has been approved.



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The company reported results of wildcat Rafael-1 to the market this week, with lacklustre response. It had originally been hunting oil but turned up a gas-condensate discovery.

It plans 2D and 3D seismic around the well site to start in the dry season this year, which runs from May to October. Acquisition could take 10 weeks.

The Canning Basin focussed company, which operates the Ungani oil field and ships crude from Wyndham, has been in the sightlines of activists previously for seismic work that was largely associated with its plans for unconventional gas exploration.

Its latest seismic plans were attacked last year after the EPs revealed plans to clear 1100sq.km of land for the work.

The Perth headquartered company conducted 19 prior campaigns over six years, contracting Terrex for the 2D and 3D work. Buru told Energy News in mid-2021 seismic lines were roughly 4.5 metres wide and there was no fragmentation or widespread clearing.

"The seismic lines will be delineated using a method of "scraping", which involves using a bulldozer blade to remove vegetation at or above ground level, with little or no disturbance to topsoil and vegetative matter below the ground surface," it said in its EP.

Rafael-1, which it shares with the larger Origin Energy but retains operatorship of, is the first onshore conventional find for the Canning.



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