

PROJECT:

**Bass Strait Oil Assets
Decommissioning Cost Estimates**

**under-promise
over-deliver**

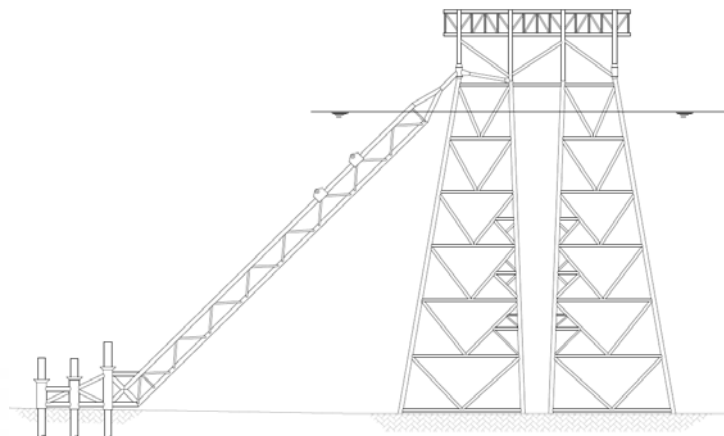
CLIENT:
Confidential Client
LOCATION:
Gippsland Basin
DATE:
2016-2017



Esso Australia Resources operates the Gippsland Basin Joint Venture on behalf of a 50-50 joint venture with BHP Billiton Petroleum. In 2016 both Esso and BHP announced that their Bass Strait oil interests would be put on the market.

The Bass Strait oil assets consist of conventional steel Jackets with a maximum installed weight of 4,870t and integrated and modularised Topsides with a maximum installed weight of 4,700t. The installation dates of these platforms span 3 decades in water depths up to 93m, with the first installation beginning in 1967.

A number of interested parties are participating in the bidding process for the potential purchase of these assets with a key issue of the sale being the future costs associated with the decommissioning of the assets.



Linch-pin has been engaged by a confidential Client to undertake detailed cost estimates and schedules for 10 platforms. This work allows the Client to make informed decisions regarding their potential purchase of the Bass Strait oil assets.

The decommissioning options considered included total and partial removal options, utilising Derrick Barge, DSV and piece-small removal.

In addition the potential to sea-dump the structures was assessed considering the appropriate national and international regulations and guidelines.