

Survey update
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Al,

We have installed and recovered our samples in Tasmania over the permit.

Unfortunately, the area experienced a very heavy rainfall (8 inches in 6 hours) a couple of weeks before the installation, mainly over the inland hilly areas. This cause considerable damage to access roads, logging and fire tracks, which were to be used to install quite a few points. The roads were washed out or had huge fallen trees across them. To get through would have added many days or even weeks, and we ran the possibility of damaging our vehicle. As a result, about 70 points were dropped, nearly all in the high country and through the State forests. However, all the main target areas along the coast (which did not experience much rain; about 1 inch), around St Marys and Dublin Town were well covered.

As you know, we had planned to use around 20 samples in Gippsland over a discovery gas/oil field and over a dry well. It is possible the petroleum system in Tasmania along the coast is similar to the Gippsland fields. As we had extra Sorbers, we have used just over 50 samples in Gippsland (managed by Dr O'Brien). I will retain the balance to increase the concentration of coverage if you identify a prospective zone in our Tasmanian permit. The attached Excel file provides details of each sample point now installed, with most recovered. We plan to recover the Gippsland points on or about July 16. We will then immediately ship all recovered samples to you. I have attached a couple of images showing some of the road damage and the coastal area we consider prospective. EL58 006 looking south, EL58 011 looking north.

Best regards,

Chris