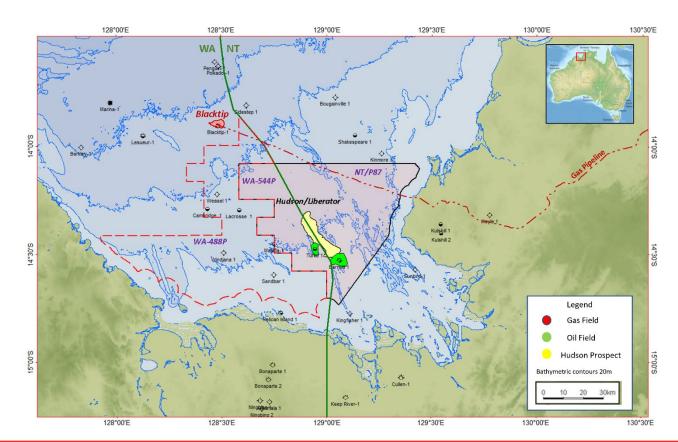


# **Project Overview and Resource Assessment**

NT/P87 and WA-544-P

#### **Hudson Isolated Carbonate Build-Up**

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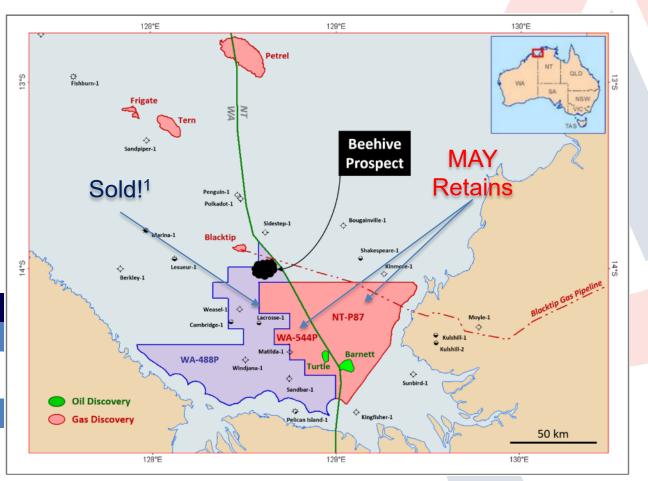
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#### About WA-544-P and NT/P87

- Melbana awarded Permits WA-544-P and NT/P87 in November 2020
- 2. Permits cover approximately 3,900km<sup>2</sup> and contain the Turtle and Barnett Oil Fields
- 3. Located offshore about 300km to the southwest of Darwin
- 4. Adjacent to the Beehive Project (WA-488-P)<sup>1</sup>
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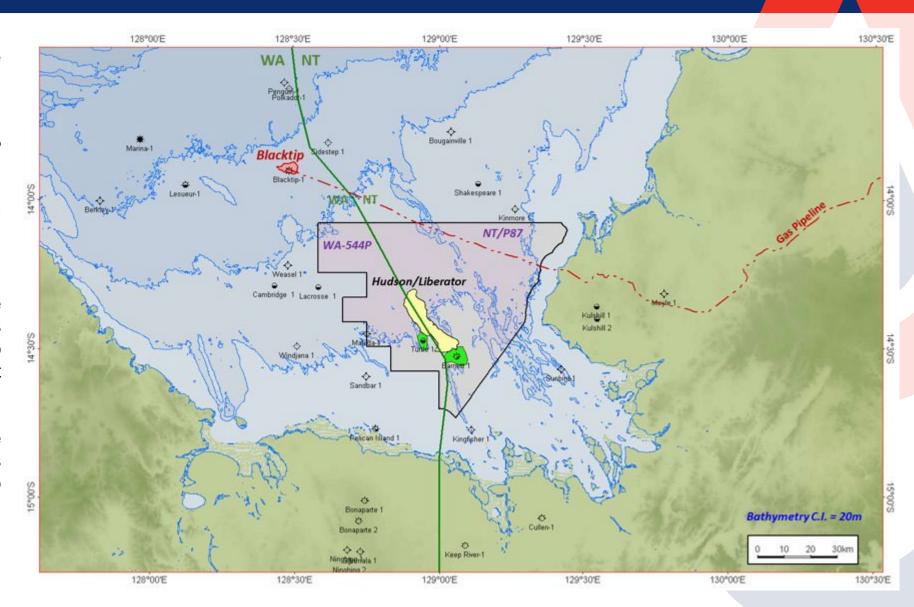
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- 1. Melbana sold WA-488-P, containing the Beehive prospect, to a US oil major in late 2021. Drilling expected in mid 2024.
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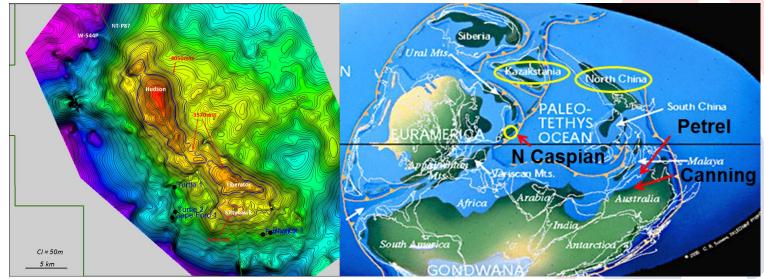
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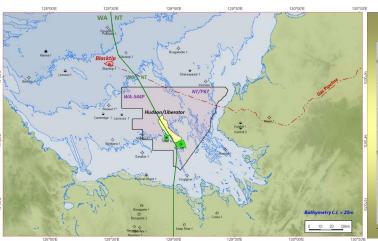
- Both licences located within the Petrel sub-Basin in the Joseph Bonaparte Gulf
- 2. Adjacent to WA-488-P (Beehive) sold in 2021
- Licences include the oil discoveries made at Turtle and Barnett
- 4. Blacktip gas field and pipeline is to the north of the licences allowing potential access to Darwin LNG facility or east coast domestic gas market
- 5. Water depths in the licence areas are 20 40 metres allowing the use of jackup drilling facilities

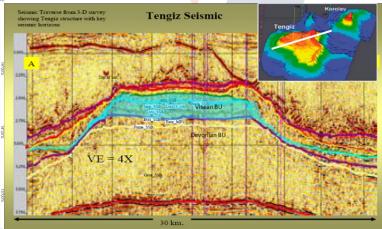


#### The Hudson Platform – An Isolated Devonian Carbonate Platform

- 1. Melbana's technical team has identified a new concept within the Hudson Platform.
- 2. Early Paleozoic Carbonate platforms with salt seals responsible for some of the largest oil provinces in the world.
- 3. Analogues are seen in the Amadeus/Canning Basins and, by extension, the deeper Petrel Basin.
- 4. Some success has been achieved on this play type in Canning Basin exploration (Ungani oil and Raphael gas discoveries).
- 5. Vintage 2D seismic data in Petrel has many interesting anomalies consistent with these play concepts.
- 6. New 3D at Beehive in WA-488-P provided a huge uplift in defining play elements and carbonate platform margins more clearly.
- Melbana seeking to Farmout.
- 8. Melbana believes this may identify large Devonian Carbonate objectives and even larger, deeper. Ordovician possibilities

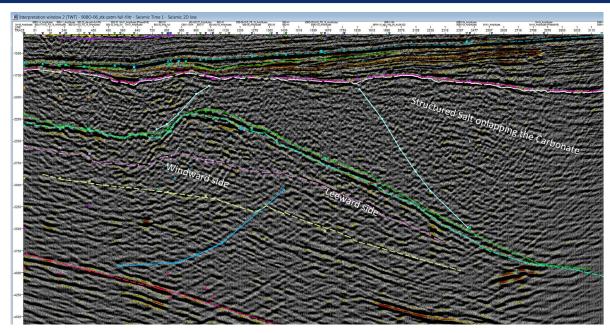


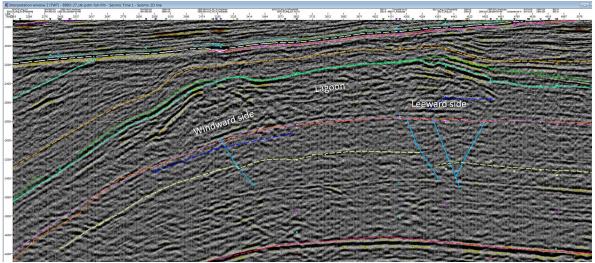


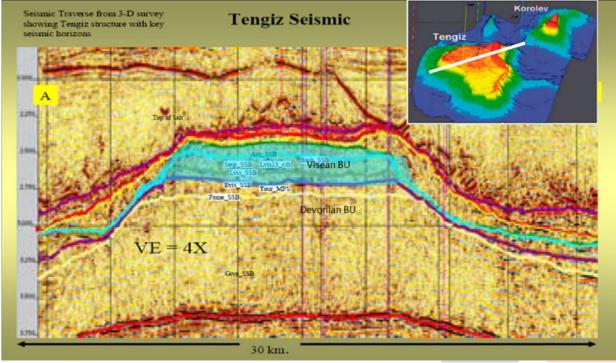


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## Devonian Isolated Carbonate Platform – Tengiz Analogue

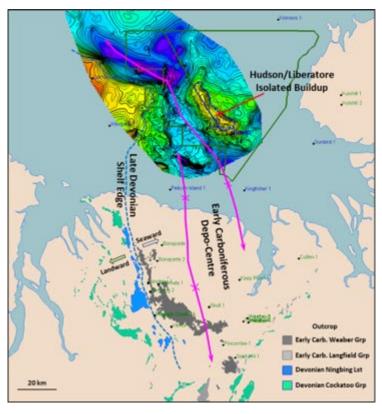






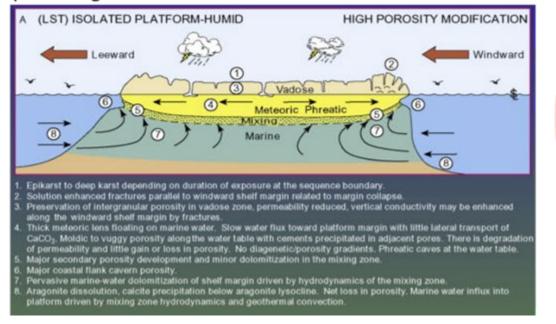
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- Seismic lines over the Hudson platform demonstrating similarities to the geological setting of Tengiz with the development of carbonate platform overlain by evaporites.
- 4. Initial depth conversion indicates top of the structure at ~3500m at Hudson.

### Hudson – Evidence for Isolated Build-up



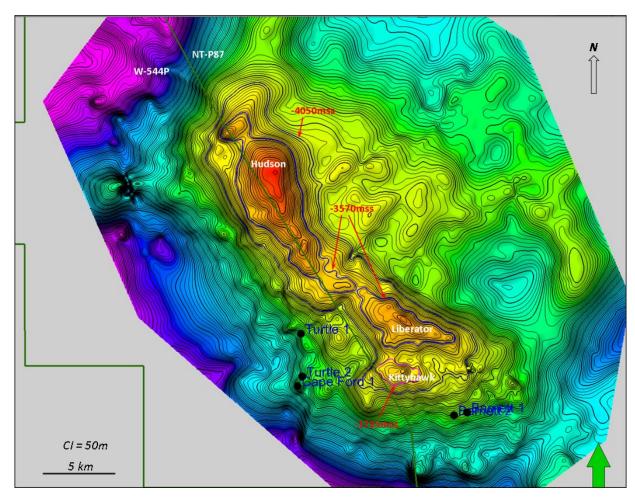
#### **Isolated Carbonate Platform setting**

Brines from the land cannot reach the isolated platform preserving reservoirs



- 1. Regional setting indicates the Hudson area was an isolated Carbonate platform during the Devonian.
- 2. The isolated location of the build-up is key to the potential for porosity preservation in a carbonate setting.
- 3. Beehive, Ungani and Tengiz locations are all shelf detached (isolated platforms at Carboniferous/Tanmurra time) and as such are not exposed to the continental migrating fluids which cause diagenetic cements degrading reservoir quality in shelf attached platform fields.
- 4. The isolated setting allows the mixing of fresh and marine fluids to promote karsting and dolomitization which enhances porosity.

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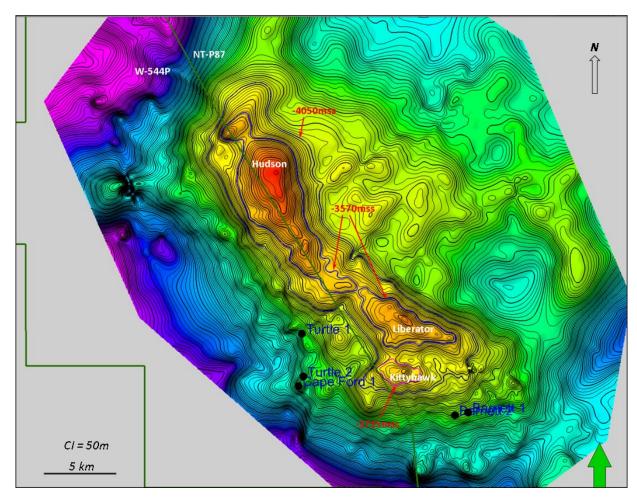


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