

PROJECT BACKGROUND AND STATUS

FACT SHEET

Project background

Hunter Gas Pipeline Pty Ltd has an approved corridor to construct an 833 kilometre underground gas pipeline from the Wallumbilla Gas Supply Hub near Roma in Queensland to Newcastle, providing the missing link to the east coast gas network.

It will provide the critical infrastructure needed to ensure competitive and secure gas supply in NSW for use in domestic, commercial and industrial applications, as the State transitions to renewables.

This infrastructure will offset the State's current dependence on the declining gas supply from Bass Strait. Once the pipeline is built it will bring gas from northern Australia. There will also be gas offtake points at major local government areas along the pipeline corridor attracting and enabling NSW regional growth currently limited by expensive electricity supply.

Current status

The approval for the pipeline corridor was granted in 2009. In October 2019, the NSW Government extended the approval for another five years for pipeline construction to commence by October 2024, coinciding with phasing out of the Liddell coal-fired power station in Muswellbrook, NSW.

In July 2020 we commenced engagement with affected landholders along the corridor to re-introduce the project and begin discussions about the intersection of the pipeline route alignment with their property and how its impact could be minimised within the conditions of approval. Face to face meetings with landholders began in August 2020 as the COVID-19 restrictions eased.

To date members of the project team have met with more than 100 landholders and this engagement will continue over the next 12 months as we firm up the final route alignment and 30 metre Right of Way (ROW) for construction.

Next steps

Early site survey work has commenced in some areas and the team will continue to meet with landholders seeking permission to gain access to their property to conduct these investigations over the next 12 – 18 months. The exact location of the pipeline and the permanent 30 metre easement will continue to be refined and informed by constructability issues, landholder feedback and preferences, and environmental considerations identified by the survey work.



Project Timeline

