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**Via email: [inlandrailnsw@artc.com.au](mailto:inlandrailnsw@artc.com.au)**

Dear Mr Mitchell,

**RE: Narromine to Narrabri (N2N) Project Preferred Infrastructure / Amendment Report**

Thank you for referring this matter to APA Group. APA has been in early consultation with ARTC's Inland Rail Program Utilities Department regarding this project and therefore significant progress has been made in consideration to one particular pipeline crossing. We appreciate this early engagement.

The preferred rail alignment proposed in this location provides two areas for comment being at the points of the Marsden Dubbo High Pressure Gas Transmission Pipeline and the proposed preferred alignment for the Western Slopes Pipeline. Please see Image 1 below for a macro context.

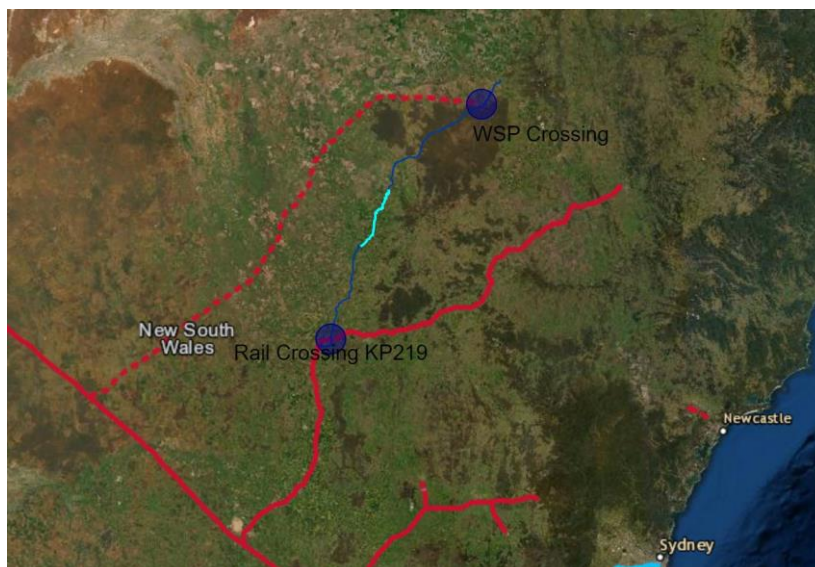


Image 1: Macro Context

- **Marsden – Dubbo High Pressure Gas Pipeline**

This pipeline is located within the existing rail corridor of the Main Western Rail Line and the current plan where the rail would cross the pipeline is for it to bridge over the pipeline. See Image 2 below.



Image 2 – Proposed Rail Crossing Point – Marsden Dubbo Pipeline

APA has provided ARTC's Inland Rail with input on this crossing and have produced and provided an 'interaction report' detailing this engagement (APA report reference 21157-RP-R-0001).

It is not necessary to repeat that earlier input as it is detailed elsewhere and the ARTC are aware of our views. We look forward to ongoing engagement on this particular exercise to assist you in the delivery of your project.

- **Western Slopes Pipeline (proposed)**

Towards the northern extent of the proposed rail alignment, it intersects with the eastern extent of the proposed Western Slopes Pipeline (WSP). See image 3 below.

This proposed pipeline alignment is the preferred alignment to support the Narrabri Gas Project being proposed by Santos Ltd to transport gas and deliver it into the East Coast Transmission Grid.



Image 3 – Proposed WSP alignment (rail in purple)

As the delivery of this pipeline project is directly related to any decision by Santos Ltd to proceed with the Narrabri project (and for the project to be approved), we strongly suggest you consult Santos on this matter.

Should you require any further information in relation to this matter, please contact me at [phillip.mccutcheon@apa.com.au](mailto:phillip.mccutcheon@apa.com.au) or 0472 845 967.

Yours sincerely



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