

those stakeholders most likely to be directly affected by the Project such as landowners and occupiers. To date, initial contact has been made with the Department of Water and Energy and the Department of Planning in regards to the project.

5.7 Key Issues

This section provides a summary of the key issues associated with the construction and operation of a gas pipeline.

Key Issue	Proposed Assessment and/or Management
Vegetation Clearing	The key environmental issue with any pipeline is the clearing of vegetation during the construction phase. Assessment will identify key vegetation communities and their abundance and identify any key management measures required. This may include avoidance. Rehabilitation of the route post construction should enable the majority of the vegetation types to be re-established across the route.
Fauna Habitat Disturbance	Clearing of vegetation during construction has the potential to disturb fauna habitat. Assessment will identify key fauna species for the area, their potential to be present on the route, important habitats for breeding and key management measures required.
Erosion Control	Clearing of stabilising vegetation can lead to dust and erosion issues. Soil types and their management measures along the route will be identified.
Human Amenity	Key issues for human amenity are noise and dust generation, increased traffic movements, on-going land use and general inconvenience during construction. The operational pipeline will be buried and normal land use can resume post construction. Impacts should be short-term and only construction related.
Risk Management	Design of the pipeline will be in accordance with the requirements of AS2885 which requires a risk based design approach.
Infrastructure	The pipeline route will cross, road, powerline and rail easements. Where this occurs the relevant agencies and their permitting requirements will be identified and adhered to.

