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APA Reference: 510290

Your Reference: SSD-60247221

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Dear Jess,

**RE: WALLABY CREEK WIND FARM**

Thank you for your referral request received on 16 April 2026 in relation to the Wallaby Creek Wind Farm proposal – Ref SSD-60247221.

APA Group (APA) is a leading Australian owned and operated energy infrastructure business with a \$22 billion portfolio of assets, delivering essential energy services across all of Australia. Our focus is on providing safe, reliable, affordable, and low emissions energy to Australian communities. Our investments are also critical to supporting Australian jobs, manufacturing and industry. APA is a trusted owner and operator of a range of energy infrastructure – from renewable energy, to electricity interconnectors and transmission, through to gas generation plants and transmission pipelines.

APA is the Pipeline Licensee for the Marsden – Dubbo pipeline, (see table 1 for details):

**Table 1: Transmission gas pipelines in the area of consideration**

| Pipeline                                                                   | Pipeline Licence | Easement Width (m) | Diameter (mm) | Measurement Length m) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Marsden – Dubbo                                                            | 25               | 20                 | 150 + 200     | 201                   |
| <b>Note:</b> Measurement Length is applied to either side of the pipeline. |                  |                    |               |                       |

**APA's Role**

As a Licensee under the Pipelines Act 1967, APA is required to operate High Pressure Gas Transmission Pipelines (**HPGTP**) in a manner that minimises environmental impacts and protects the public and property from health and safety risks. Once a HPGTP is in place, APA is required to constantly monitor both the pipeline easement and also a broader area within which we are required to consider land use changes and development and to assess what such changes means to the risk profile of the HPGTP.

APA has a number of responsibilities and duties to perform under a complex framework of legislation, standards and controls across Federal, State and Local Government. In particular, our HPGTPs are required to be operated in accordance with Australian Standard 2885 (Pipelines – Gas and Liquid Petroleum) (AS2885). In discharging our regulatory responsibilities, APA is required to monitor what is happening around its assets including land use change and development. This allows APA to ensure it

remains in a position to comply with applicable operational and safety standards and legislation whilst meeting community expectations on energy supply.

### **Pipeline Corridor Management**

To ensure compliance with the safety requirements of AS2885, APA needs to ensure its assets are managed to an appropriate standard. This includes:

- Ensuring the pipeline is maintained free of inappropriate vegetation and structures.
- Place warning signs at various mandated points along the pipeline route, including any change in property description/boundaries.
- Maintain a constant line of sight between warning signs.
- Undertake physical patrols and inspections of the easement.

APA will not accept outcomes that do not enable us to achieve our safety responsibilities to the surrounding community.

### **Comments**

Whilst the bulk of the proposed Wind Farm is located approximately 9km from APA's high pressure gas pipeline, the proposed transmission line linking the proposal to the grid, is located near APA's pipeline in Dappo Road and Gainsborough Road. There is a risk when locating transmission powerlines near existing gas transmission pipelines that they may impact the existing metallic gas pipeline. As such APA proposes the following conditions to ensure the ongoing safe operation of the existing gas pipeline.

On the basis of the information provided, APA does not object to the proposal subject to the following conditions/requirements being included within any approval issued for the proposal:

1. Prior to the development commencing, and to inform detailed design, the developer must conduct electrical hazard studies in accordance with (the requirements of) Australian Standard 4853-2012 Electrical Hazards on Metallic Pipelines (for Low Frequency Induction and Earth Potential Rise). The developer must address any relevant requirements and any recommendations and/or actions must be implemented to the satisfaction of the pipeline licensee/operator (APT Petroleum Pipelines Pty Ltd).
2. Buildings, structures, roadway, pavement, pipeline, cable, fence or any other improvement on or under the land within the gas transmission pipeline easement must not be constructed without prior consent in writing from the pipeline licensee/operator (APT Petroleum Pipelines Pty Ltd). No structure or vegetation will be permitted on the easement that prohibits maintenance of line of sight along the pipeline easement.
3. Prior to the commencement of any works within the gas transmission pipeline easement, the proponent must enter a Third Party Works Authorisation agreement with the pipeline licensee/operator (APT Petroleum Pipelines Pty Ltd). Works within the easement must comply with any conditions attached to a third party works approval.

4. No civil infrastructure providing for water, sewer, electric, telecommunications and other like services will be accepted within the gas pipeline easement, other than service crossings to the satisfaction of the pipeline licensee/operator (APT Petroleum Pipelines Pty Ltd).
5. The current ground level over the existing high pressure gas pipeline easement is not to be reduced and must be maintained to the satisfaction of the pipeline licensee/operator (APT Petroleum Pipelines Pty Ltd).

**Notations to be included on any planning approval**

- If you are planning on undertaking any physical works on property containing or proximate to a pipeline, or are seeking details on the physical location of a pipeline, please contact Dial Before you Dig on 1100, or APA directly on [Apaci@apa.com.au](mailto:Apaci@apa.com.au)
- An early works agreement from APA is required for any assessments/approvals that require greater than 1 days assessment or supervision. Lead in times for agreements can be up to 12 weeks. Please contact APA at [Apaci@apa.com.au](mailto:Apaci@apa.com.au) or 1800 103 452 to discuss the issue.

For any further enquiries relating to this correspondence, please feel free to contact myself on 0472 876 288 or the Operations, Engineering & Technical Solutions team at [planningnsw@apa.com.au](mailto:planningnsw@apa.com.au).

Yours faithfully,



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