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Location: Narrabri Shire
Kamilaroi Highway, Baan Baa, NSW 2390

Proposal: Narrabri Lateral Pipeline - Approximately 55 km long gas pipeline connecting the Narrabri Gas Project to the Queensland Hunter Gas Pipeline, with a section of the east proposing to under cross a Transgrid 330kV transmission line and easement

Transgrid Asset: Transmission Line 9UH | Boggabri North Switching Station to Narrabri 132kV | Structure Span 600 - 601

At this early stage of the proposal, Transgrid requires additional information and consideration before a formal response can be provided to the proposed underground Narrabri Lateral Pipeline within the easement, as outlined in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

From a preliminary assessment, the proposed route highlighted in the Santos NLP EIS “How to Make a Submission” fact sheet (provided via email on 25.11.25) indicates a single undercrossing of Transgrid’s transmission line and easement at the eastern end. However, the Planning Portal Exhibition Scoping Report (Page 9) suggests there may be multiple sections of the pipeline that cross the same Transgrid’s transmission line easement at different sections. Transgrid would request this be clarified.

The proposal remains in its early design phase. The EIS provides only a high-level overview of the route and does not include detailed information on the specific sections of the gas pipeline within the easement that Transgrid must review. Transgrid’s easement boundaries and exclusion zones should be clearly indicated in all proposed plans. The review must include the proposed design and the exact distance of the gas pipeline from Transgrid’s structures and conductors. In respect to the establishment of the pipeline easement within Transgrid’s existing transmission line easement, Transgrid’s Asset Management Team will need to be consulted as part of the formal assessment.

For Transgrid to undertake a formal assessment and determination of the proposal, please include;

- Detailed engineering plans showing all sections where the pipeline crossings under Transgrid's transmission lines and are within the easement.
- If there are any manholes or related access points on the proposed pipeline, they should be located outside of the Transgrid easement.
- As part of any submission, include a list of all activities within Transgrid's easement.
- All activities in the easement must comply with Transgrid's Easement Guidelines, including maintaining a minimum clearance of 30-metres from any tower or structure.
- Consideration shall be given in the design works for any proposed access ways/roads to Transgrid's easement & structures to cater for the weight and size of Transgrid's maintenance vehicles - to withstand the 43-tonne load capacity of maintenance trucks.
- Transgrid's preference is for the pipeline to cross the easement as directly as possible.
- Transgrid may require a georeferenced 3D DXF for all earthworks affecting the easements for a ground clearance review (note: dgn and .dwg are unacceptable). If any resurfacing works are considered minor and do not increase ground levels by more than 100mm in the easement, a 3D is not required.

The proponent will also need to advise how they'll achieve the requirements of Transgrid's Easement Guidelines and demonstrate that Transgrid is able to achieve maintenance activities around its existing assets safety. For preliminary advice on Transgrid's Easement Guidelines, please refer to the following hyperlink: [Community safety | Transgrid](#)

All works near/within the easement would need to be carried out in accordance with Transgrid's Easement guidelines, Transgrid's Fencing Guidelines, and SafeWork NSW Workcover's Code of Practice 2006 – 'Work Near Overhead Powerlines'.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Transgrid's Easements & Development Team at easements&development@transgrid.com.au

Yours faithfully,

Easements & Development Team

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