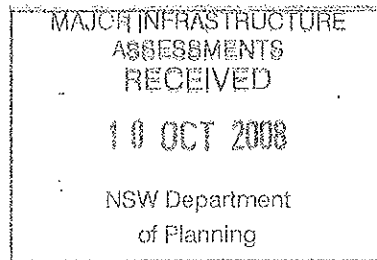


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Ref: CLP-DOP-0001

Dear Scott

**RE: Colongra Lateral Pipeline Project – Request for modification of Minister's Approval regarding construction hours**

Jemena Asset Management Pty Ltd (formerly Alinta) is currently constructing the Colongra Lateral Pipeline and associated facilities. The project is being undertaken in accordance with an approved Concept Plan granted under Part 3A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (the Act) (File No. 9037381) and Pipeline Licence No. 33, granted under the *Pipelines Act 1967*.

***Extended construction hours and local council approval***

Prior to the commencement of pipeline construction, Jemena proposed extended construction hours on Saturdays (7 am to 6 pm) in all areas and work on Sunday (7 am to 6 pm) in non-residential areas. The proposal was put to the two relevant local councils; Wyong Shire Council and Lake Macquarie City Council. Both of the Councils approved. Construction of the pipeline has proceeded on this basis.

A subsequent audit of the construction environmental management plan noted that these construction hours were inconsistent with the approved construction hours outlined in section 3.3 of the Concept Plan approval.

***Justification of extended working hours***

Currently, work occurring on Sundays is limited to:

- the Munmorah Compressor Station (MCS) in bushland adjacent to the F3 Freeway (fabrication, mechanical and electrical installation of station components);
- the Munmorah Delivery Station (MDS) near the Munmorah Power Station (fabrication, mechanical and electrical installation of station components); and
- the 42 inch (1050 mm) diameter sections of the pipeline in Delta Land (trench excavation and other civil works, pipe welding, backfilling and surface restoration).

All these locations are away from the nearest residences and therefore inaudible. There are no excessively noisy activities (such as rock breaking) associated with these works. Therefore the extended construction hours on Saturday and work on Sunday are consistent with the approval. These areas are shown on the enclosed plan (CLP-PL-A-0040).

Works on Saturdays in other locations, particularly for the section of pipeline along the roadway, are audible at the nearest residences. In these locations, construction is undertaken to ensure that full access to adjacent properties and traffic flows along the affected roads are reinstated at the end of each day's construction. The process involves site set-up each day, traffic control installation, marking out utility assets and services, opening the road, excavating the trench whilst avoiding utility asset and service crossings, installing the pipe, backfilling, compacting, temporary surface restorations and site demobilisation. To complete within one day, this process requires longer than a 5 hour window (8 am to 1 pm) to be implemented safely.

Therefore, the noise disturbances associated with the extended construction hours are required to minimise greater disturbance to the community associated with traffic and access. Hence, extended construction hours on Saturday (7 am to 6 pm) are required. These areas are semi-rural in nature, so there are few residences impacted by construction. Furthermore, as construction moves along the roadway, disturbances are generally limited to 1 to 2 days at any one residence. These areas are shown on plan CLP-PL-A-0040.

### ***Community consultation and complaints***

A community relations management plan has been prepared and implemented for the project. The surrounding community has been kept informed of construction progress by a systematic distribution of construction notifications, delivered 4 weeks, 7 days and 24 hours prior to the commencement of construction for each section. A 7 day and 24 hour construction notification, as delivered to residents on Bushells Ridge Road, are included for your reference.

Each notification outlines the construction hours (including the extended construction hours) and has contact details for Jemena construction personnel in the form of a free call 1 800 number, the number of a Jemena Construction Supervisor attached to the project permanently and a project email address via which the community can contact the construction team.

The receipt of enquiries and complaints from the community are managed in accordance with the community relations management plan. Calls during construction hours are addressed within 2 hours. Calls outside of construction hours are addressed at the commencement of the next working day. Records of all enquiries, complaints and contact with the community are maintained within a community relations database (Consultation Manager).

At the time of writing, no complaints have been received regarding project noise, extended work hours on Saturdays and work on Sundays. As such, there appears to be a general level of community acceptance for the extended construction hours on Saturdays.

### ***Variation under section 75W of Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979***

A letter was sent to the Department of Water and Energy (DWE) on 18 August 2008 regarding the extended construction hours. I understand you have a copy of that letter. DWE directed Jemena to take up the matter with the Department of Planning.

In subsequent discussions, the Department advised that section 75W of the Act provides for modification of the Minister's approval conditions and that application should be made to the Director-General.

Accordingly, please accept this letter as a formal request for modification pursuant to section 75W. Jemena formally requests that condition 3.3 of the Concept Plan approval be rewritten as follows:

*"The proponent shall only undertake construction activities associated with the development and each of its components, that are audible at any residential receptor, between the hours of:*

- a) 7:00 am to 6:00 pm, Mondays to Saturdays, inclusive; and*
- b) at no time on Sundays or public holidays.*


*Works outside these hours shall cease if credible directly related complaints are received.*

*This condition does not apply in the event of a direction from the police or other relevant authority for safety reasons."*

Please note that Jemena is only requesting this modification for the construction of the pipeline and associated facilities (the 'Natural Gas Pipeline Project' referred to in the approval) and not the other works covered by the Concept Plan approval.

Thank you for considering this request. Please do not hesitate to call if you require any additional information.

Yours sincerely

  
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Attachments:

- Plan CLP-PL-A-0040 – Noise Zones
- 7 day construction notification – Bushells Ridge Road
- 24 hour construction notification – Bushells Ridge Road

# COLONGRA LATERAL PIPELINE PROJECT

Ref No. 10 inch-1/2  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2008

## CONSTRUCTION NOTIFICATION – 7 days BUSHELLS RIDGE RD, WYEE

Dear Resident,

Jemena Asset Management Pty Ltd (formerly known as *Alinta*) is constructing and managing the Colongra Lateral Pipeline Project and associated facilities on behalf of Delta Electricity. The pipeline will supply gas to the Colongra gas turbine facility being constructed near Munmorah Power Station.

### 10 inch (250mm) diameter pipeline

Construction of a 10 inch (250mm) diameter pipeline will commence along Bushells Ridge Rd, Wyee within the next seven (7) days and will take approximately 2 days to pass your property.

A further construction notification will be distributed to you 24 hours prior to these construction activities commencing.

When construction activities start, a construction zone will be established along sections of the road corridor up to 250 metres at a time, which will involve site establishment, erecting safety fences, barricades and signage, clearance of vegetation, followed by excavation and construction of the 10 inch (250mm) diameter pipeline.

The 10 inch (250mm) diameter pipeline will be constructed between the hours of 7.00 am and 6.00 pm Monday to Saturdays. There will be no work on Sundays or Public Holidays.

### Traffic changes

All construction in the road corridor will occur in accordance with a Traffic Management Plan prepared in consultation with the local councils and emergency services. When works are occurring in the road corridor there will be increased vehicle movements between the hours of 7am and 6pm and delays are likely to be experienced at the construction site. Alternative routes should be considered by residents. Appropriate traffic management controls and signage will be in place to direct local traffic.

The 10 inch (250mm) pipeline will be bored under the rail corridor at Gorokan Rd, Wyee. Gorokan Rd will be closed for approximately 4 weeks to through traffic during this activity. Local residents can enter via the rail underpass off Wyee Rd, Wyee. Affected residents along Gorokan Rd will be advised 7 days prior to this activity commencing.

### Restoration

Any damage to the road surface due to construction will be restored in consultation with both local councils at the completion of the construction of the gas pipeline.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your patience during construction.

For more information about this work or any other aspect of the project, please call the Construction Supervisor, Craig Overton on 0402 060 320, our 24 hour Community Contact Line on 1800 790 722 or e-mail [colongra@jemena.com.au](mailto:colongra@jemena.com.au).

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.  
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# COLONGRA LATERAL PIPELINE PROJECT

Ref No. 10 inch-1/3  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2008

## CONSTRUCTION NOTIFICATION – 24 Hours BUSHELLS RIDGE RD, WYEE

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### 10 inch (250mm) diameter pipeline

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