

Notice of decision SSI-15548591 Mod 1

Section 2.22 and clause 20 of Schedule 1 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*

Application type	State significant infrastructure modification
Application number and project name	SSI-15548591-Mod-1 Moomba to Wilton Pipeline Mod 1
Applicant	Australian Pipeline Limited
Approving authority	Director – Resource Assessments as delegate for the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces

Decision

The Director – Resource Assessments under delegation from the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces has, under s.5.25 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (**the Act**) approved the modification subject to the recommended conditions.

A copy of the instrument of modification and the Department's Assessment Report is available [here](#).

Date of decision

5 October 2021

Reasons for decision

The following matters were taken into consideration in making this decision:

- the Department's Assessment Report on the infrastructure and the reports, advice and recommendations contained in the report;
- the objects of the EP&A Act;
- the considerations under s 7.17(2) of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* (NSW);
- the views of the community about the project (see Attachment 1).

The findings and recommendations set out in the Department's Assessment Report were accepted and adopted as the reasons for making this decision.

The key reasons for approving the modification are as follows:

- the modification would facilitate an increase in the gas transportation capacity of the Moomba to Wilton Pipeline to meet future peak demand to gas in NSW;
- the impacts on the community and the environment can be appropriately minimised, managed or offset to an acceptable level, subject to conditions;
- the issues raised in submissions have been considered and adequately addressed in the Department's Assessment Report;
- there were no objections from government agencies or from the general public to the modification application; and
- weighing all relevant considerations, the modification is in the public interest.

Attachment 1 – Consideration of Community Views

The Department exhibited the modification request from 28 July until 10 August 2021 (14 days) and received six submissions from government agencies, including Lachlan Shire Council. No submissions were received from members of the public.

The key issues raised by Lachlan Shire Council and considered in the Planning Secretary's Assessment Report and by the decision maker include traffic, noise and socio-economic. Other issues are addressed in detailed in the Planning Secretary's Assessment Report.

<i>Issue</i>	<i>Consideration</i>
<p><i>Traffic and transport impacts</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction traffic volume increase on rural road network Road maintenance and upgrade requirements for Crown Camp Road 	<p><i>Assessment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Due to the low level of existing traffic on these roads and the temporary nature of the works, potential traffic impacts are expected to be minimal. The intensity of hourly movements would be variable and peaks would coincide with site establishment and commissioning phases of construction. APA has identified peak hourly movements which would facilitate the distribution of traffic across the day and has agreed to schedule major deliveries outside school hours. <p><i>Conditions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> APA prepare a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) which details the specific traffic management measures for the construction period, including measures to minimise amenity impacts on the towns of Condobolin and Wilcannia. APA undertake road maintenance and upgrade works on Crown Camp Road to the satisfaction of Lachlan Shire Council.
<p><i>Noise</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultation with affected landowners and potential noise impacts 	<p><i>Assessment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At MW880, a 2 dB exceedance of the <i>Interim Construction Noise Guideline (ICNG)</i> 'outside standard hours' Noise Management Level (ie 40dB) would be experienced at one receiver during impact piling activities. As such, APA has committed to avoiding this activity outside of the ICNG's standard construction hours. No other exceedances of NML's under the ICNG are predicted to occur. During operations, noise levels are predicted to remain well below Project Trigger Noise Levels (PNTLs) prescribed in the Noise Policy for Industry 2017, except during blow down events. Construction activities occurring out of standard construction hours should be subject to an out-of-hours works protocol, to be finalised and approved under the CEMP. <p><i>Conditions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimise noise impacts from construction and operation of the sites. Prepare a CEMP that details the site-specific noise mitigation measures. Adhere to specific construction hours, including the development of an out-of-hours works protocol. Schedule blow down events to occur in the day period. Notify affected receivers in advance of blow down events.
<p><i>Socio-economic</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Availability of short-term accommodation in regional towns, particularly with other projects being undertaken concurrently in the region. 	<p><i>Assessment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> APA subsequently agreed to pursue onsite temporary accommodation at MW433. <p><i>Conditions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No conditions necessary