



Notice

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Goldfields Gas Pipeline access arrangement 2025-2029

Draft decision

The Economic Regulation Authority has published a draft decision on Goldfields Gas Transmission's (GGT) proposal for the fifth access arrangement period (AA5) for the Goldfields Gas Pipeline (GGP).

The ERA's draft decision is to not approve GGT's proposed access arrangement revisions for its gas transmission pipeline. The draft decision sets out the amendments that GGT must make before the ERA will approve the access arrangement.

An <u>overview</u> of the draft decision along with the draft decision attachments, which provide further details and the consultant report relied on as part of this decision, are available on the <u>ERA website</u>.

Background

On 21 December 2023, GGT submitted its proposed revisions to the GGP access arrangement for the fifth access arrangement period, which is due to commence 1 January 2025. GGT operates the GGP which transports gas to support mining operations throughout the Pilbara and Goldfields regions in Western Australia.

The GGP is a 1,378-kilometre transmission pipeline extending from Yarraloola to Kalgoorlie. Around half the capacity of the GGP is classified as a scheme (covered) gas transmission pipeline and is required to have an approved access arrangement.

In June 2023, the Northern Goldfields Interconnect (NGI) pipeline commenced operations. The NGI connects to the GGP about 40 kilometres south of Leinster and adds a third receipt point to the pipeline, which increases the potential capacity of the GGP.

The access arrangement sets out the terms and conditions under which GGT will provide third party users access to the pipeline. Once approved, the access arrangement remains in effect, with scheduled revisions to it, until coverage of the pipeline is revoked.

Revision period

The ERA is required to fix a period (revision period) within which GGT may submit additions or other amendments to its access arrangement proposal to address the matters raised in the ERA's draft decision.

GGT must submit revisions to its proposal by Thursday, 5 September 2024.

Invitation for submissions

The ERA invites interested parties to make submissions on its draft decision.

Interested parties have until **Tuesday**, **8 October 2024** to make their submissions on the ERA's draft decision and any revised proposal submitted by GGT during the revision period.

Submissions can be lodged online using the form on our **Current Consultation webpage**.

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