



Western Australia

Economic Regulation Authority

NOTICE

AMENDED DRAFT DECISION – PROPOSED ACCESS ARRANGEMENT FOR THE GOLDFIELDS GAS PIPELINE

This is to advise that the Economic Regulation Authority (**Authority**) has today issued its Amended Draft Decision on the Access Arrangement for the Goldfields Gas Pipeline (Pipeline Licence No WA: PL24) (**GGP**) lodged on 15 December 1999 by Goldfields Gas Transmission Pty Ltd (**GGT**) on behalf of the owners of the pipeline.

The GGP transports gas from Yarraloola in the North-West of Western Australia to Kalgoorlie and services the East Pilbara and Goldfields regions.

The Authority proposes not to approve the proposed Access Arrangement on the basis that it does not comply with the requirements of the *National Third Party Access Code for Natural Gas Pipeline Systems* (**Code**) and the Authority requires GGT to make amendments to the proposed Access Arrangement as detailed in its Amended Draft Decision.

The Authority has considered submissions made on the proposed Access Arrangement by interested parties, submissions made on the April 2001 Draft Decision and submissions made subsequent to the Authority's Notice of 6 November 2002. The Authority also had regard to the decision of the Supreme Court of Western Australia in *Re Michael; Ex parte WMC Resources Ltd* (2003) 27 WAR 574.

A copy of the Amended Draft Decision can be obtained directly from the Authority and is also available on the Internet at <http://www.era.wa.gov.au/>. A summary of key findings in the decision is also available on the ERA website.

Submissions on the Amended Draft Decision are now invited from GGT and other interested parties. Submissions should be received by the Authority by the close of business on **Friday 10 September 2004**. All submissions must be in writing and should be provided in both hard copy and electronic format (where possible).

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