These recommendations are focused on making it easier to negotiate gas transportation contracts.

How gas pipelines are regulated
Gas pipelines in Australia are regulated under a negotiate-arbitrate framework. Pipeline owners and pipeline users negotiate the terms, conditions and prices for access to pipeline services. Negotiation is supported by information disclosure and regulatory decisions. Arbitration can be used if a deal cannot be agreed.

Our recommendations rebalance negotiating power between pipeline users and owners

- **BETTER PRICES**
  More information to assist users in negotiations and improved powers for regulators will result in lower prices.

- **BETTER SERVICES**
  Bigger role for regulators to price more services so pipeline users are better protected.

- **BETTER POLICING**
  Make arbitration a credible threat to prevent pipeline owners from charging monopoly prices.

Our reforms are already delivering outcomes

- If implemented in full our reforms have the potential to increase Australia’s productivity through improved viability of gas-using industry and flow-on benefits of employment and tax revenues.
- Participants can more easily trade between locations increasing flexibility.
- The market is better able to adapt to changes in supply and international trade while still meeting consumer demand.
- Competition is improved through consistent pricing mechanisms that make it easier to source gas from anywhere in the market.
- New entrants have the same opportunities as incumbents to access markets and information.
- Buyers and sellers can better manage risk due to clearer, simpler information.
- Participants can more easily trade unused pipeline capacity which reduces scheduling risks and costs.

This review makes recommendations to help gas pipeline users negotiate lower prices and better deals under Parts 8-12 of the National Gas Rules.