

# DECISION ON COVERAGE OF THE EASTERN GAS PIPELINE

I, the Hon Senator Nick Minchin,  
Minister for Industry, Science and Resources, and  
the Relevant Minister for Coverage Decisions, for Cross Border Transmission Pipelines, under  
the National Third Party Access Code for Natural Gas Pipeline Systems

Make the following Decision in relation to the  
Application for Coverage of the Eastern Gas Pipeline

16 October 2000

## DECISION

In accordance with section 1.13 of the National Third Party Access Code for Natural Gas Pipeline Systems (Code) I have decided that the Eastern Gas Pipeline should be a Covered Pipeline.

The decision has effect from 1 November 2000 (being not earlier than 14 days after decision).

## Code Requirements

My decision complies with the requirement in the Code (Section 1.13 and 1.15) that I, as the Relevant Minister must make a decision on Coverage.

*1.13 ...the Relevant Minister must make a decision:*

- (a) that the Pipeline is Covered; or*
- (b) that the Pipeline is not Covered.*

*1.15 Subject to section 1.16, the Relevant Minister must decide that the Pipeline is Covered (either to the extent described, or to a greater or lesser extent than that described, in the application) if the Relevant Minister is satisfied of all of the matters set out in paragraphs (a) to (d) of section 1.9, but the Relevant Minister cannot decide that the Pipeline is Covered, to any extent, if not satisfied of one or more of those matters.*

My decision is based on the criteria in section 1.9 of the Code

*1.9 Subject to sections 1.4(a) and 1.10, the NCC must recommend that the Pipeline be Covered (either to the extent described, or to a greater or lesser extent than that described, in the application) if the NCC is satisfied of all of the following matters, and cannot recommend that the Pipeline be Covered, to any extent, if the NCC is not satisfied of one or more of the following matters:*

- (a) that access (or increased access) to Services provided by means of the Pipeline would promote competition in at least one market (whether or not in Australia), other than the market for the Services provided by means of the Pipeline;*

- (b) *that it would be uneconomic for anyone to develop another Pipeline to provide the Services provided by means of the Pipeline;*
- (c) *that access (or increased access) to the Services provided by means of the Pipeline can be provided without undue risk to human health or safety; and*
- (d) *that access (or increased access) to the Services provided by means of the Pipeline would not be contrary to the public interest.*

## Description of the Pipeline

My decision relates to the pipeline referred to as the Eastern Gas Pipeline (EGP). The EGP is the pipeline which runs from Longford in Victoria to Horsley Park in Sydney, NSW, including lateral pipelines to Port Kembla and Smithfield, compressor stations and other appurtenances and which is covered by pipeline licences PL 175 (Victoria) and PL 26 (NSW).

**Pipeline  
Licence**

PL 175 (Victoria)

PL26 (NSW)

**EASTERN GAS PIPELINE SUPPLY ZONES**

