

14<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Energy Ministers

By email: [gas@industry.gov.au](mailto:gas@industry.gov.au)

Dear Ministers

**RE: Gas Pipeline Regulation Reforms**

I write on behalf of Gas Pipelines Victoria (GPV) a wholly owned subsidiary of Tas Gas Holdings (Tas Gas).

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the proposed amendments to the NGL, NGR and Regulations as set out in the Consultation Paper dated September 2021.

GPV owns and operates the Carisbrook to Horsham gas pipeline in Western Victoria, a 167km pipeline which provides natural gas to Energy Australia and Western Energy's customers in Ararat, Stawell, Horsham and Ararat (GPV Pipeline).

Our response to the proposed amendments is set out in the attached submission response template.

In addition, we ask the Ministers to consider the following points:

- Due to the size and nature of the GPV Pipeline, any increased regulatory costs or reduction in prices, as a result of the amendments, could have a significant adverse impact on the business. In drafting the amendments we request that the Ministers take into account the cost versus benefit of imposing significant changes on small service providers operating comparatively small pipelines with few shippers.
- Where a pipeline is required to prepare and publish additional information as a result of the amendments (for instance if the existing Part 23 exemption is revoked) we request a reasonable transition period is implemented to enable small service providers time to implement the required changes.

If you require any further details or have any queries in relation to the attached submission please do not hesitate to contact me on 6336 9398 or by email to [phaedra.deckart@tasgas.com.au](mailto:phaedra.deckart@tasgas.com.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phaedra Deckart".

**Phaedra Deckart**  
CEO

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