



## Media Release

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### FIRST PIPES ARRIVE FOR APA'S NORTHERN GOLDFIELDS INTERCONNECT PIPELINE

The first of four shipments of steel pipes has arrived in Geraldton for APA Group's Northern Goldfields Interconnect pipeline, which will see up to \$460 million invested in the Goldfields region to form an interconnected WA gas grid.

Construction for the new 580 kilometre pipeline, which will connect the emerging gas fields in the Perth Basin to the resource rich Goldfields region, is expected to commence in Q3 this year.

Group Executive Infrastructure Development Kevin Lester said APA was thrilled to be delivering another project for the Goldfields region.

"As a leading Australian energy infrastructure business, we are pleased to be playing a vital role in addressing our nation's energy needs and challenges, while generating jobs and vital economic activity for Western Australia," Mr Lester said.

"The Northern Goldfields Interconnect project will support hundreds of workers during the pipeline construction, while the investment will further stimulate economic development in the eastern Goldfields region, supporting new projects that have the potential to employ more workers.

"We are grateful for the continued support of the Western Australian Government."

APA is currently engaging with all its stakeholders about the project, including Aboriginal communities where the pipeline will pass through.

"It is vitally important for APA to have positive, respectful and constructive relationships with all its stakeholders," Mr Lester said.

"We are discussing the protection of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage with communities as well as opportunities for employment pathways in Aboriginal communities."

Construction is expected to start where the Northern Goldfields Interconnect Pipeline will intersect with Goldfields Gas Pipeline in the east and continue construction towards Geraldton to the west.

The pipeline is targeted to be operational around mid CY2022.

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