



**Goldfields Gas Pipeline
2025-29 Access Arrangement**

**Stakeholder Engagement Plan – Draft for consultation
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1. Introduction

Goldfields Gas Transmission Joint Venture (GGT JV) is revising the Goldfields Gas Pipeline access arrangement for the regulated parts of the GGP as required under the national gas legislation.

GGP is owned by the Goldfields Gas Transmission Joint Venture (GGT JV) participants, Southern Cross Pipelines Australia Pty Ltd, Southern Cross Pipelines (NPL) Australia Pty Ltd and Alinta Energy GGT Pty Ltd. The pipeline manager is Goldfields Gas Transmission Pty Ltd (GGT).

The purpose of the GGP Access Arrangement Stakeholder Engagement Plan is to set out the approach to engaging with GGP stakeholders on revisions to the access arrangement. The Plan sets out some of the key issues that we have identified for consideration as part of the revision.

2. Regulatory framework

Parts of GGP are 'covered' ('Covered GGP') and fully regulated under the National Gas Law and National Gas Rules.¹ An access arrangement for Covered GGP is required under the regulatory framework.

The access arrangement for a fully regulated pipeline sets out, among other things, the reference services that can be provided using the pipeline, the terms and conditions on which those services will be provided, and the reference tariffs for the services. The access arrangement serves as a benchmark for negotiating access to pipeline services that are offered by means of the regulated pipeline.

As the service provider of a regulated pipeline, GGT is responsible for developing and proposing a relevant access arrangement for the pipeline. The access arrangement is subject to regulatory oversight by the Economic Regulation Authority (ERA). The ERA is responsible for assessing the proposed access arrangement against the legislative requirements set out in the NGL and NGR and approving a compliant access arrangement.

The provisions of the access arrangement must be consistent with the national gas objective. Access arrangement revision, and the approval of revisions by the ERA are, therefore, guided by that objective. The national gas objective is:

"The promotion of efficient investment in, and efficient operation and use of, natural gas services for the long term interests of consumers of natural gas".

The current access arrangement ends on 31 December 2024 and a revised access arrangement will apply from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2029.

We are now preparing the revised access arrangement for the 2025-29 regulatory period. Beforehand, we want to know what our customers and stakeholders have to say so that we can consider them in preparing revisions to the access arrangement. We set out our engagement approach in the next section.

¹ The National Gas Access (WA) Act 2009 implements the NGL and NGR in Western Australia.



3. Approach to engagement

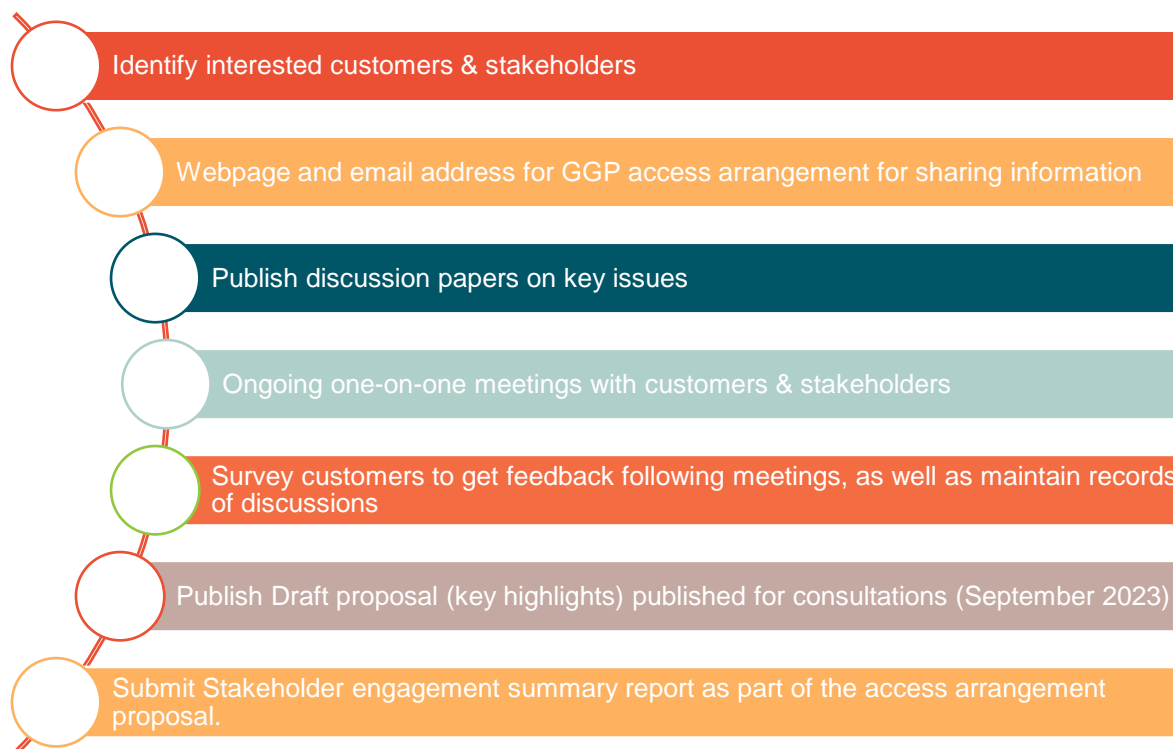
We are looking to engage with customers and stakeholders in ways that is effective and fit-for-purpose and meet the needs of our customers. For the GGP, we believe that one-on-one direct engagement and meetings between GGT and our stakeholders and customers is fit-for-purpose. We believe this approach is more likely to elicit feedback from a broad range of our customers because:

- Our customers generally connect to the GGP at discrete delivery points, and thus can have different needs for development and growth
- Our customers have differing needs that are more readily and appropriately shared and discussed in one-on-one meetings where confidentiality concerns can be managed
- Forum or panel discussions are unlikely to reach our customer base as our customers have limited resources to dedicate to policy/regulatory processes, such that GGT must be flexible and to meet with customers when it suits our customers.

The one-on-one meetings between the GGT and stakeholders and customers will occur as part of GGT’s business-as-usual engagement.

A GGP access arrangement webpage has been established to provide information to customers and stakeholders. It will include material to inform and seek feedback on key issues. An email address for the engagement has been established.

The key elements of the stakeholder engagement for the access arrangement are shown below.





The first stage of GGT’s stakeholder engagement involved meeting with customers to inform them that the current GGP 2020-2024 access arrangement will expire on 31 December 2024 and that we are commencing work to revise the regulatory access arrangements. We discussed potential reference services and that there would be a new receipt point once the Northern Goldfields Interconnect commenced operations. We said that we would keep customers informed of the process.

The discussions with customers helped to elicit the future needs of customers and helped shape our reference services proposal. In essence, the engagement confirmed that a firm transportation service was the most suitable reference service for the 2025-29 access arrangement.

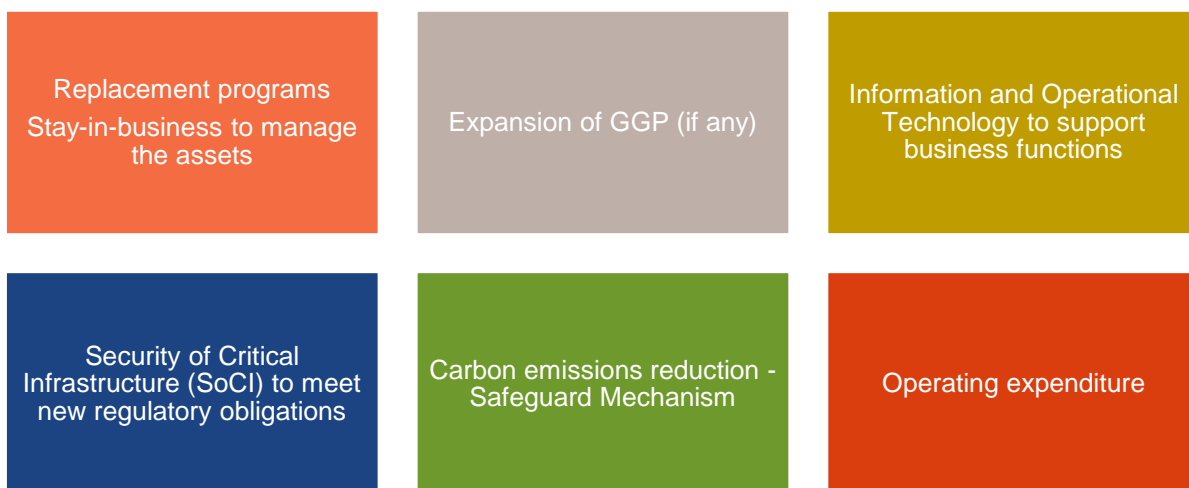
GGT’s reference service proposal was published for consultation by the ERA in February. We informed our customers of the ERA consultation process.

To prepare this engagement plan, we also sought guidance from the Economic Regulation Authority (ERA) about their expectations on customer engagement. The ERA suggested that a draft proposal be prepared for consultation with customers may be beneficial for customers. We have taken on board the ERA’s suggestions and incorporated them into our engagement approach. We plan to publish discussion papers on key topics as we prepare the proposal, and will publish a draft proposal outlining key positions in September 2023.

4. Key issues

Every access arrangement revision involves proposing prudent and efficient expenditure needed to operate the regulated pipeline to ensure safety, integrity, reliability and maintaining capacity to meet customer needs. These things require a careful balance.

Some of the key topics for the GGP access arrangement are shown below:

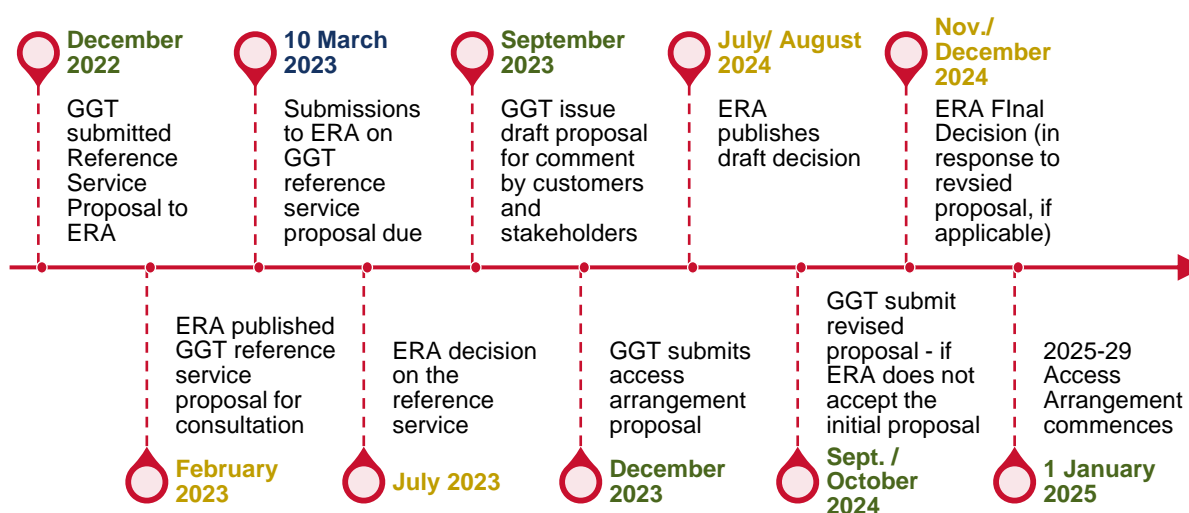


We intend to prepare discussion papers and publish them on the GGP 2025-29 access arrangement webpage to get your feedback on key issues. The types of issues include demand scenarios, and capital expenditure programs. We welcome suggestions for other topics.



5. Timeline and milestones

The key dates and milestones for the 2025-29 access arrangement process are shown in the following chart.



6. Getting your feedback

We welcome your feedback on our approach to stakeholder engagement for the GGP access arrangement.

We would welcome feedback on:

1. Do you have any comments about the way we propose to engage?
2. Do you have any suggestions to improve the way we engage?
3. Do you have suggested topics for the proposed discussion papers?
4. Is there other information you want us to provide about access arrangement process?

Please feel free to get in touch with us with any questions or to make other comments. Please email your questions or comments to: ggpaccess@apa.com.au or get in touch with your commercial manager.

We look forward to hearing from you.