



Australian Competition & Consumer Commission

# Natural Gas Transmission Pipelines Greenfields Guideline Consultative Forum

Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> November 2002.  
2:30pm to 5:00pm

ACCC Public Hearing Room  
Level 35  
360 Elizabeth Street  
MELBOURNE

## The Forum

The ACCC invites interested parties to attend a consultative forum on its *Draft Greenfields Guideline for Natural Gas Transmission Pipelines*, released on 25 June 2002.

## What is the Greenfields Guideline?

The Greenfields Guideline has been developed to assist prospective pipeline developers, investors, financiers, consultants and users in the gas industry understand the regulation of new natural gas (greenfields) transmission pipelines. The ACCC recognises there are unique characteristics associated with developing new gas pipelines. Accordingly the Greenfields Guideline will:

- facilitate improved understanding of the regulatory framework and the circumstances in which it applies;
- demonstrate the flexibility and options available within the existing regulatory framework for prospective investors to tailor an access regime that recognises their unique circumstances; and
- provide certainty in relation to the regulatory treatment of key issues.

## Purpose of the Forum

The forum will provide an opportunity for an open, constructive and informative discussion of the options available within the existing regulatory framework that can accommodate the unique issues associated with new or prospective natural gas transmission pipelines.

The forum is designed to allow further consultation with industry and other interested parties prior to the ACCC finalising the *Greenfields Guideline*.

Forum participants will be invited to discuss the Greenfields Guideline and pose questions to the panel - comprising ACCC staff and consultants. Interested parties are also invited to direct any questions in advance of the forum to the e-mail address: [gas@accc.gov.au](mailto:gas@accc.gov.au).

## Who should attend?

It is anticipated that industry participants, consultants, industry bodies, financiers and analysts across all sectors of the natural gas industry and other interested parties involved in the development of natural gas transmission pipeline infrastructure will benefit from attending.

## Registration and further information

Copies of the *Draft Greenfields Guideline* and related consultancies can be found on the ACCC's Website <http://www.accc.gov.au> (under Gas, Broader Regulatory Issues).

Interested parties wishing to make a comments in relation to the *Draft Greenfields Guideline* are invited to do so by **Friday 7 February 2003**. Submission's should be addressed to:

Mr Russell Phillips  
Acting General Manager  
Regulatory Affairs Division – Gas Group  
PO Box 1199  
DICKSON ACT 2602  
or e-mail: [gas@accc.gov.au](mailto:gas@accc.gov.au).

**Registration:** To register for the forum, please fill out the attached registration form and return via facsimile to Ms Rebecca Khair on 02 6243 1205. or e-mail [rebecca.khair@accc.gov.au](mailto:rebecca.khair@accc.gov.au). Any queries regarding registration should also be directed to Ms Khair on telephone 02 6243 1228. Registration is essential, please register by **13 November 2002**.

**Further information:** Should you have any queries regarding the forum or the *Draft Greenfields Guideline* please contact Mr Greg Shales on 02 6243 1185.



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**REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL - PLEASE RSVP BY WEDNESDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2002**

RSVP Details	
Name	
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Phone No.	
E-mail Address	

If you would also like to participate in the 'Question & Answer' segment of the Forum, and wish to put forward a question/s, please submit your question in the box provided below:

<p>The Commission will endeavour to answer all questions on notice at the Forum subject to time constraints and questions raised on the day by participants.</p>
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**Please return RSVP to the following:**

E-mail – [rebecca.khair@acc.gov.au](mailto:rebecca.khair@acc.gov.au)

Fax – Rebecca Khair, 02 6243 1205