



STATEMENT OF REASONS

Anglo Coal (Dawson) Limited, Anglo Coal (Dawson Management) Pty Ltd & Mitsui Moura Investment Pty Ltd: extension of time to lodge access arrangement

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) has considered the request by Anglo Coal (Dawson) Limited, Anglo Coal (Dawson Management) Pty Ltd and Mitsui Moura Investment Pty Ltd for a further extension of time to lodge the Dawson Valley Pipeline access arrangement and is satisfied that the request is reasonable as:

- the service providers have made credible efforts to discharge their obligations under the *National Third Party Access Code for Natural Gas Pipeline Systems* (gas code) and have suitable processes in place to finalise drafting and submission of the access arrangement by 5 February 2007, and
- third party access to the Dawson Valley Pipeline is unlikely to be materially effected at this time as a result of the extension to the access arrangement lodgement date.

The ACCC has granted this request in the expectation that pre-lodgement consultation with the ACCC will continue, that a proposed access arrangement will be submitted by 5 February 2007 and that a further request for an extension of time is unlikely.

The lodgement date of 6 November 2006 is extended to 5 February 2007.

Background

On 10 October 2006, Anglo Coal (Dawson) Limited, Anglo Coal (Dawson Management) Pty Ltd and Mitsui Moura Investment Pty Ltd lodged a request, pursuant to section 7.19 of the gas code, for a further time extension to the lodgement date for the Dawson Valley Pipeline access arrangement. It was requested that the lodgement date be extended from 6 November 2006 to 5 February 2007.