

**GB Energy is an independent Australian energy company focused on the development of domestic gas production and energy infrastructure.**

**The Golden Beach Gas Project presents an opportunity to bring local, conventional gas to market while putting in place valuable infrastructure that will support Australia's long-term renewable energy goals.**



## Onshore Pipeline Regulatory Approvals

### Regulatory Approvals

Construction and operation of a high pressure gas pipeline requires a number of regulatory approvals prior to the commencement of these activities.

The primary approval required for the project will be a pipeline license granted under the *Pipelines Act 2005 (Vic)*. Depending on the final pipeline route, approvals may be required under the *Environmental Effects Act 1978 (Vic)* and the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth)*. Other approvals that may be required for the project include approvals under the following legislation:

- *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006 (Vic)*
- *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1998 (Vic)*
- *Road Management Act 2004 (Vic)*
- *Heritage Act 2017 (Vic)*
- *Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994 (Vic)*
- *Country Fire Authority Act 1958 (Vic)*

Some of these regulatory approvals will include public notification and the ability to the public review and provide comments on particular aspects of the project. Further information will be provided to landowners as these regulatory approval processes progress.

Regardless of this, interested stakeholders are encouraged to provide GB Energy with feedback through all stages of the pipeline development.

### Easement acquisition

When an alignment has been selected, GB Energy will negotiate the purchase of an easement or an option for purchase of an easement with affected landowners. An easement provides a pipeline operator with a legal right to enter land for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining the pipeline. An easement is registered on your land title and will remain on title following changes in ownership.

We will make all practicable endeavours to purchase easement through a mutually satisfying agreement with landowners. GB Energy commits to dealing with all impacted stakeholders in an open and respectful manner to provide fair, adequate and equitable compensation in reaching agreement on a pipeline corridor.

In the event that a full alignment cannot be established through negotiation with landholders, GB Energy may have a last resort request the consent of the Minister to compulsorily acquire an easement under the *Pipelines Act 2005* and *Land Acquisition and Compensation Act 1986*. Landowners will be notified of any request to the Minister for permission to compulsorily acquire land and will have the opportunity to make submissions to the Minister before a decision is made.

Landowners affected by the pipeline are encouraged by GB Energy to seek

independent legal advice on any concerns they may have with regard to legal implications of the activities which could include the project's potential impact on their land. Pre-defined and agreed reasonable costs incurred in seeking advice in relation to the pipeline will be reimbursed by GB Energy.



### Where to find more information

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