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Your Feedback

18 December 2020

South Australian Planning Commission

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Re: Consultation on Draft Planning and Design Code Urban Areas

Epic Energy South Australia Pty Ltd (Epic Energy) is the owner and operator of the Moomba to Adelaide Pipeline System (MAPS) that transports approximately 50% of the State's gas supply. The MAPS forms part of the State's critical infrastructure.

This letter is in response to the 2nd consultation process for the Draft Planning and Design Code with Epic Energy providing support to the proposed Overlay's in the Draft Planning and Design Code. Outlined below are the details of support.

In South Australia the construction and operation of high-pressure transmission pipelines is regulated under

the Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000 (PG&E Act). The Department for Energy and Mining (DEM), Energy Resources Division (ERD) is responsible for administering the PG&E Act on behalf of the Minister for Energy and Mining. The PG&E Act requires pipelines to be designed, constructed and operated in accordance with suite of documents within the Australian Standard (AS) 2885 - Pipelines; Gas and Liquid Petroleum, which is consistent with an agreement of the Council of Australian Governments to adopt AS 2885 to achieve uniform national pipeline standards across the country.

The overriding objective of AS 2885 is to ensure public safety, minimise environmental harm and maintain security of gas and energy supply.

Epic Energy supports the proposed amendments to the 'Gas and Liquid Petroleum Pipelines Overlay' and the introduction of the 'Gas and Liquid Petroleum Pipelines (Facilities) Overlay' in the Draft Planning and Design Code for Urban areas. We believe the overlay's will provide an effective process for implementation of *State Planning Policy 10: Mineral and Energy Resources*, by identifying pipelines used for energy transportation and allowing changes in land uses around those pipelines to be reviewed by technical experts within the Energy Resources Group of the Department for Energy and Mining.

The overlays will provide certainty for planners and developers and will improve efficiency and deliver better planning outcomes for all stakeholders and those involved in planning and development. The overlays will provide the compatibility of existing and proposed land use to be managed and offer transparency and certainty to both developers and pipeline owners and investors. We also believe that the framework will result in early engagement leading to optimal planning outcomes.

The proposed overlays in the *Planning and Design Code for Urban Areas of South Australia* are aligned with the principles of AS 2885. The overlays will ensure that Development Approvals made under the *Planning and Design Code* do not compromise the provisions in the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000* which are designed to protect public safety, the environment and security of energy supply.

Epic Energy has been a strong supporter for improved planning processes and our pipeline has previously been impacted by having to deal with public safety issues that have arisen through inadequate consultation and technical input into planning decisions.

We trust that this submission has provided enough information to outline the basis of our support for the proposed Overlays in the Draft Planning and Design Code. We also wish to take this opportunity to thank the Commission for addressing prior feedback and supporting the implementation of improved processes for Planning and Development in the vicinity of pipelines. Please Contact our Principal Pipeline Engineer, James Czornohalan on [REDACTED] or via email [REDACTED] should you require further information.

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