



Notice

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Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline access arrangement for 2026 to 2030

Draft decision

The Economic Regulation Authority has published a draft decision on Dampier Bunbury Pipeline's (DBP) proposal for the sixth access arrangement period (AA6) for the Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline (DBNGP).

The ERA's draft decision is to not approve DBP's proposed access arrangement revisions for the pipeline. The draft decision sets out the amendments that DBP must make before the ERA will approve the access arrangement.

An overview of the draft decision along with the draft decision attachments, which provide further details, and the consultant report relied on as part of this decision, are available on the [ERA website](#).

Background

On 2 January 2025, DBP submitted its proposed revisions to the DBNGP access arrangement for AA6, which is due to commence on 1 January 2026. The access arrangement sets out the terms and conditions under which DBP will provide third-party users access to the pipeline.

The DBNGP is one of the largest capacity natural gas transmission pipelines in Australia, spanning 1,600 kilometres from Dampier in the north-west, running down the coast to Bunbury, south of Perth. The pipeline links the gas fields located in the Carnarvon and Perth basins to mining, industrial and commercial customers, as well as customers on the Mid-West and South-West gas distribution network.

Revision period

The ERA is required to fix a period (revision period) within which DBP may submit revisions or other amendments to its access arrangement proposal to address the matters raised in the draft decision.

DBP must submit revisions to its proposal by **19 August 2025**.

The ERA expects to publish its final decision by December 2025. For the purposes of calculating the eight-month period within which the final decision is to be made, the consultation periods on DBP's initial proposal and the ERA's issues paper; as well as this consultation period on the ERA's draft decision and DBP's revised proposal will be disregarded under rule 11 of the Natural Gas Rules.

Invitation for submissions

The ERA invites interested parties to make submissions on its draft decision.

Interested parties have until **17 September 2025** to make their submissions on the ERA's draft decision and any revised proposal submitted by DBP during the revision period.

Submissions can be lodged online using the form on our [Current Consultation webpage](#).

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