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### **PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS DAMPIER TO BUNBURY NATURAL GAS PIPELINE (LICENCE NUMBER WA: PL40)**

This is to advise that I have given consideration to a request for a further extension of time for public submissions on the Access Arrangement for the Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline (DBNGP).

I propose that the current submission period will close on the 17 March 2000 as scheduled. However, as I am still holding submissions which have been classified as confidential in their current form, I wish to foreshadow that a short submission period will be called during the preparation of the Draft Decision, if the confidential submissions currently held are able to be released. In this respect, I will continue to seek independent legal advice in order to resolve the confidentiality issues.

Requests have also been received under section 2.9 of the *National Gas Pipelines Access Code for Natural Gas Pipeline Systems* (the Code) to consider whether the DBNGP Access Arrangement Information meets the requirements of sections 2.6 and 2.7 of the Code. In relation to these requests, I have decided that Epic Energy (WA) Transmission Pty Ltd is required to resubmit its Access Arrangement Information to include Depreciated Actual Cost (DAC) and Depreciated Optimised Replacement Cost (DORC) estimates. In view of the preliminary nature of the available DAC and DORC estimates, I propose to give further consideration to the timing for the release of the revised Access Arrangement Information.

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