

SHIRE OF PLANTAGENET SUBMISSION

Our Ref: 3549/1340
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Regulator
Office of Gas Access Regulation
PO Box 8469
Perth Business Centre 6849

Dear Sir

Subject: Dampier To Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline

The Shire President, Cr Kevin Forbes and I recently had the opportunity to meet with representatives of Epic Energy regarding the Dampier to Bunbury natural gas pipeline.

We are concerned of your decision to not approve the proposed Access Arrangement in its current form. We are led to believe that this decision will prevent any further extension of the gas pipeline as it will not be an economical alternative for the pipeline owners.

Epic Energy believes that future development of the pipeline is at risk and they note that the pipeline is currently fully contracted, and that expansion of the pipeline can only occur at rates which are commercially viable. They believe that this highly unlikely at proposed rates of 75c and 85c.

Obviously any decisions that prevent or slow regional growth and which may have a detrimental effect on economic sustainability concern us greatly and your further consideration of the draft decision is urgently requested.

Yours faithfully

Rob Stewart
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER