



Department of
**Natural Resources and Mines,
Manufacturing and
Regional and Rural Development**

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Australian Energy Regulator
Attention: Mr Cain Fleckhammer
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Dear Mr Fleckhammer,

Thank you for your letter dated 11 August 2025 about the Roma North (Mimas) Gas Pipeline (RNMGP). I understand that you are seeking information from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development (NRMMRRD) about the RNMGP classification.

The RNMGP forms part of Petroleum Lease (PL) Number 1024 which is held by Stuart Petroleum Cooper Basin Gas Pty Ltd, a subsidiary of Senex Energy Limited. PL 1024 was granted on 23 July 2019 pursuant to section 120 of the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* (P&G Act).

Please see NRMMRRD's response to your enquiries below:

1. Whether, in your opinion, the AER should classify the RNMGP (or any part(s) thereof) as a transmission or distribution pipeline? *Please provide reasons.*

NRMMRRD is of the view that AER should classify the RNMGP as a transmission pipeline given it is used to convey natural gas from the Roma North (Mimas) Gas Processing Facility to GLNG's Comet Ridge to Wallumbilla Pipeline (CRWP) (PPL 118) and Jemena's Queensland Gas Pipeline (PPL 30).

A transmission pipeline is generally used to transport gas from the production field to hubs, where it would be further distributed. NRMMRRD understands that the RNMGP aligns with this function, connecting the gas produced from PL 1024 to processing facilities or other pipelines.

It is also noted that the RNMGP is an authorised activity under PL 1024, given the P&G Act authorises a lease holder to construct and operate petroleum pipeline within the lease area.

2. Are you aware of any factors, not raised in the service provider's application, that would impact the AER's classification decision?

NRMMRRD is not aware of any additional factors that would affect the AER's classification decision.

3. Do you see any potential immediate or longer-term flow-on effects of classifying the RNMGP as a transmission or distribution pipeline?

NRMMRRD does not foresee any immediate or longer-term flow on affects resulting from the classification of the RNMGP as a transmission pipeline.

4. Do you have any other comments that you would like the AER to have regard to when making its classification decision?

No further comments.

NRMMRRD is agreeable with this response being published on the AER website, on the basis that personal details are redacted.

Should you have any further enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact me at

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Yours sincerely

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