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31 March 2026

[REDACTED]  
Company Secretary, APA Group  
Level 14, 60 City Rd, Southbank VIC 3006

By email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED],

**Re: Applications under Part 10 of the NGR – Tamworth Distribution Network and Sturt Plateau Pipeline**

I refer to the following applications under Part 10 of the National Gas Rules (NGR) received by the AER on 5 February 2026:

- An application from Central Ranges Pipeline Pty Ltd to revoke the Category 2 exemption originally granted to Tamworth Distribution Network (also known as Central Ranges Network) on 12 July 2024.
- An application from Tamworth Gas Network Pty Ltd seeking a Category 2 exemption for Tamworth Distribution Network on the basis that its maximum daily capacity is less than 10 terajoules per day.
- An application from APA SPP Pty Ltd seeking a Category 2 exemption for Sturt Plateau Pipeline on the basis that it is a single user pipeline.

Pursuant to the delegation given to me by the AER Board, I have assessed the applications and supporting information and have determined to:

- revoke Central Ranges Pipeline Pty Ltd.'s Category 2 exemption under Part 10 of the NGR for the Tamworth Distribution Network.
  - This follows our advice that a change in ownership requires a revocation, as Central Ranges Pipeline Pty Ltd. is no longer the service provider of Tamworth Distribution Network.<sup>1</sup>
  - This revocation is in effect from the date of this letter i.e. 31 March 2026.
- grant an exemption to Tamworth Gas Network Pty Ltd for Tamworth Distribution Network under Category 2 of Part 10 of the NGR. This exemption is valid for 5 years from the date of this letter i.e. until 31 March 2031.
- grant an exemption to APA SPP Pty Ltd for Sturt Plateau Pipeline under Category 2 of Part 10 of the NGR. This exemption is valid for 5 years from the date of this letter i.e. until 31 March 2031.

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<sup>1</sup> NGR, r. 102E (3).

As required by NGR rule 102(7), please notify the AER if circumstances change such that the Tamworth Distribution Network and Sturt Plateau Pipeline no longer qualify for their exemptions.

Rule 102(6) requires the AER to maintain a public register of Part 10 exemptions. Barring personal information, details in your submitted Part 10 application forms and responses in your emails may be published on the register along with this response.

Please contact [REDACTED] if we can assist further.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

Acting Executive General Manager  
Compliance Enforcement & Surveillance Division

Sent by email on: 31.03.2026