

PART 10 (PRESCRIBED TRANSPARENCY INFORMATION)

EXEMPTION APPLICATION FORM

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Instructions

If the pipeline is owned, controlled or operated by a joint venture, please provide an attachment with the legal names and ACN / ABN for each of the entities involved.

Documents required to obtain a Part 10 (Prescribed transparency information) Exemption:

1. Complete Parts A, B and E of this form for new applications.
2. If the application is made by an authorised agent, proof of authority for the agent to act on behalf of named applicants.
3. Attach any additional information/documents that you consider substantiate that the pipeline meets the criteria for the exemption. This should include any information or documents required under any Exemption Guideline published by the AER and in force at the time of application.

If you are the service provider of a non-scheme pipeline that has been previously granted an exemption by the AER under Part 23 of the National Gas Rules (NGR), you will need to apply for a new exemption under Part 10 of the NGR before your exemption under Part 23 expires.

If a pipeline has been previously granted an exemption by the AER and would like the conditions of the exemption to be varied, complete Parts A, C and E of this form.

If a pipeline has been previously granted an exemption by the AER and would like the exemption to be revoked, complete Parts A, D and E of this form.

Applications marked attention Pipeline Administrator, can be submitted:

- electronically to AERnonschemeexemptions@aer.gov.au
- by post to GPO Box 3131, Canberra, ACT 2601

Dissemination of data provided

Data provided in Parts A, B, C and D together with any appendices and attachments will be included on the AER's public register. Part E will not be made public.

The entire application (Parts A, B, C, D and E) together with any appendices and attachments will be kept on file with the AER, including for the purposes of its gas scheme register.

If you have any concerns about information which is to be published on the public register, please contact the AER.

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Part A: Common Information

<i>This information will be included in the AER's public register.</i>	
APPLICANT(S) – Service Provider	
Legal Name <i>(if pipeline owned, controlled or operated by a joint venture, please also list all parties to the joint venture in an attachment)</i>	ACN / ABN
Central Ranges Pipeline Pty Ltd	108 218 355
Trading Name <i>(if different to Legal Name)</i>	
Registered Postal Address	
PO Box R41, Royal Exchange NSW 1225	
Normal Business Activity	
Distribution of natural gas - Tamworth	
PIPELINE SUBJECT TO THIS APPLICATION	
Pipeline Name	Licence Number <i>(if applicable, attach copy of licence)</i>
Tamworth Distribution Network (also known as Central Ranges Network)	Subject to NSW Reticulators Authority
Current Ownership <i>(if a JV provide an attachment with list of entities)</i>	Transmission or Distribution?
	Distribution
Location <i>(provide map of location as attachment)</i>	
Tamworth NSW. See map attached.	
Data below this point in this Part is not required for Application to Revoke Exemption	
Construction Details	Length and Diameter
Constructed in 2006	Various (distribution network)
Ownership History	Nameplate rating (if transmission pipeline) or Maximum daily capacity (if distribution pipeline)
Constructed by Central Ranges Pipeline Pty Ltd 2006. Central Ranges Pipeline Pty Ltd acquired by APA in Aug 2008. Ownership transferred to Tamworth Gas Network Pty Ltd in March 2026.	Capacity of the Tamworth Receiving Station is approximately 4.56TJ/day.
Description <i>(consistent with licence, if applicable)</i>	
The Tamworth gas distribution network does not include any large distribution pipelines as defined in the National Gas Rules.	

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Part B: New Part 10 exemption information

This information will be included in the AER's public register

CLASS OF EXEMPTION

There are 2 categories of exemption:

Category 1: exemption from the obligation to publish information under Division 2 Subdivision 2 Part 10 of NGR and exemption from the obligation to publish a user access guide (rule 105C(8) Part 11 of NGR) in relation to the pipeline.

Category 2: exemption from the obligations to publish financial information, historical demand information and a cost allocation methodology under Rule 101D Part 10 of NGR.

Exemption(s) sought (*can be more than one*)

☐ Category 1: The pipeline is not a third-party access pipeline

☐ Category 2: The pipeline is a single user pipeline or the following criteria apply:

- a) in the case of a transmission pipeline – the nameplate rating of the pipeline is less than 10 TJ/day;
- b) in the case of a distribution pipeline – the maximum daily capacity of the pipeline under normal operating conditions is less than 10 TJ/day.

Have you previously applied for an exemption in relation to this pipeline (including under Part 23 of NGR)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, date of AER letter in response to application

Any further details and/or list of supporting documents (attached) pertaining to this application:

I confirm that I have attached all supporting documents to this application; if no, explain

☐ Yes

☐ No

I declare I will notify the AER if circumstances change such that the pipeline no longer qualifies for the exemption

☐ Yes

☐ No

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Part C: Variation of condition of existing exemption

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Do you have a current exemption granted under Part 10?			
Variations can only be made to existing exemptions which have been granted under Part 10. A service provider granted an exemption under Part 23 cannot use Part C to vary their exemption under Part 23 to an exemption under Part 10.			
☐	Yes	☐	No
		If Yes, date of AER approval	
Relevant exemption category or categories (can be more than one)			
☐	Category 1: The pipeline is not a third-party access pipeline		
☐	Category 2: The pipeline is a single user pipeline or the following criteria apply: a) in the case of a transmission pipeline – the nameplate rating of the pipeline is less than 10 TJ/day; b) in the case of a distribution pipeline – the maximum daily capacity of the pipeline under normal operating conditions is less than 10 TJ/day.		
Detail relevant existing condition(s), or alternatively attach document setting out conditions			
Reason(s) why the condition(s) should be varied and the proposed variation. Alternatively attach document with this information.			
Additional Comments			
I confirm that I have attached all supporting documents to this application; if no, explain			
☐	Yes		
☐	No		
I declare I will notify the AER if circumstances change such that the pipeline no longer qualifies for the exemption			☐ Yes ☐ No

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Part D: Revocation of existing exemption

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Date of AER approval	9 April 2019
Relevant exemption category or categories (<i>can be more than one</i>)	
☐	Category 1: The pipeline is not a third-party access pipeline
☒	Category 2: The pipeline is a single user pipeline or the following criteria apply: a) in the case of a transmission pipeline – the nameplate rating of the pipeline is less than 10 TJ/day; b) in the case of a distribution pipeline – the maximum daily capacity of the pipeline under normal operating conditions is less than 10 TJ/day.
Explain why the exemption should be revoked	
The purpose of this application is to accommodate the transfer of ownership of the Tamworth Gas Distribution Network from Central Ranges Pipeline Pty Ltd to Tamworth Gas Network Pty Limited.	
Additional Comments	
I confirm that I have attached all supporting documents to this application; if no, explain	
☒	Yes
☐	No

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Part E: Authorised representative information

This information will NOT be included in the AER's public register. Our [Privacy Policy](#) sets out how the ACCC and the AER will handle personal information.

Contact Person (the point of contact should the AER seek further information on the pipeline)

Title	Given Name	Surname
Contact Number (including area code)		
Email Address		
Position (in organisation)	Regulatory Compliance Manager	
Business Address	Level 10, 121 Castlereagh Street, Sydney	

Authorised Representative

I solemnly and sincerely declare that:

1. I am an officer or authorised representative of the applicant as shown in Part A of the application form.
2. I am duly authorised to make this application on the applicant's behalf in relation to an exemption under Division 2 Subdivision 2 of Part 10 of the NGR.

I also understand it is an offence to provide false or misleading information (or omitting to provide relevant information) to a Commonwealth entity under s 137.1 of the Criminal Code Act 1995 (Cth).

Signature of Applicant/Representative	Date	Print Name / Position / Address
	02 03/03/2026	

Signature of Witness	Date	Print Name / Position / Address
	03/02/26	

To be witnessed by a person authorised to witness statutory declarations.