Access Arrangement Information

Roma Brisbane Pipeline

1 July 2026

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All dollars reported are Real 30 June 2027 unless otherwise stated. Totals may not add due to rounding.

Abbreviations

AER	Australian Energy Regulator
COAG	Council of Australian Governments
GJ	Gigajoule
IP	Intellectual property
LNG	Liquefied natural gas
MW	Megawatt
NGL	National Gas Law
NGR	National Gas Rules
r	Rule
RBP	Roma Brisbane Pipeline
RIN	Regulatory Information Notice
s	Section
T&T	Transformation & Technology
TJ	Terajoule

1. Introduction

1.1 Information requirements

This Access Arrangement Information is part of a revisions proposal for the Access Arrangement for the Roma Brisbane Pipeline (**RBP**). Proposed revisions to the RBP Access Arrangement, to be submitted to the Australian Energy Regulator by 1 July 2026, have been prepared by the service provider for the pipeline, APT Petroleum Pipelines Pty Limited ABN 39 009 737 393 (**Roma Brisbane**).

Roma Brisbane is a wholly owned entity within APA Group.

The revised access arrangement is expected to commence on 1 July 2027.

The Access Arrangement Information has been prepared, in accordance with r. 42 and r. 43(1) of the National Gas Rules (**NGR**), to provide users and prospective users with sufficient information to:

- to understand the background to the access arrangement revision proposal
- to understand the basis and derivation of the various elements of the access arrangement revision proposal.

This document follows the scheme of NGR, r. 72 in its setting out the access arrangement information for a full access arrangement proposal.

1.2 Basis of information in the access arrangement information

Unless otherwise stated, all information in the access arrangement revised proposal is provided in real June 2027 dollars.

Past values are have been recast to values at June 2022 prices using the Consumer Price Index (CPI), All Groups Weighted Average Eight Capital Cities for the March quarter, published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

Forecasts for the period from December 2025 to June 2027 have been made using the CPI forecasts published by the Reserve Bank of Australia in its May 2021 Statement on Monetary Policy.

1.3 Financial models

In April 2021, the AER published, in accordance with NGR r. 75A and r. 75B, the following financial models:

- Roll Forward Model (gas transmission service provider version)
- Post-tax Revenue Model (gas transmission service provider version).

Roma Brisbane has used the Roll Forward Model, without modification, to calculate the opening capital base for the RBP at commencement of the access arrangement period (1 July 2027).

Roma Brisbane has used the Post-tax Revenue Model, without modification, for the calculation of depreciation, the estimated cost of corporate income tax (including adjustment for the value of imputation credits), total revenue.

2. Information for the earlier access arrangement period

2.1 Capital expenditure

Capital expenditure by asset class is set out in RBP – 2027-32 – RFM – July 2026 – Public

2.2 Operating expenditure

Operating expenditure (by category) over the earlier access arrangement period

This data is contained in schedule F4 in the Annual RINs supplied to the AER for the period FY2011 to FY2025. The FY2026 numbers will be provided in the ARIN for FY2026. It does not currently exist.

The FY2027 estimate is contained in RBP – 2027-32 - Opex Model – July 2026 – Public

2.3 Pipeline usage over the earlier access arrangement period

Transmission pipeline, minimum, maximum and average demand for each receipt or delivery point

This data is contained in Attachment 11 – Gas volumes and users for the current period (both a Public and Confidential version are supplied).

As a contract carriage pipeline, Roma Brisbane Pipeline's customers buy capacity and the reference service is a capacity tariff, based on Maximum Daily Quantity. As a result, Roma Brisbane Pipeline does not forecast demand by receipt or delivery point.

User numbers for each receipt or delivery point

This data is contained in Attachment 11 – Gas volumes and users for the current period (both a Public and Confidential version are supplied).

As a contract carriage pipeline, where customers buy capacity, Roma Brisbane Pipeline does not forecast user numbers by receipt or delivery point.

2.4 Capital Base

How the capital base is arrived at and, if the access arrangement period commences at the end of an earlier access arrangement period, a demonstration of how the capital base increased or diminished over the previous access arrangement period how the capital base is arrived at and, if the access arrangement period commences at the end of an earlier access arrangement period, a demonstration of how the capital base increased or diminished over the previous access arrangement period is set out in RBP – 2027-32 - RFM – July 2026 – Public as dictated by the AER.

3. Forecast Information

3.1 Forecast Capital Base

the projected capital base over the access arrangement period, including:

a forecast of conforming capital expenditure for the period and the basis for the forecast; and
a forecast of depreciation for the period including a demonstration of how the forecast is derived on the basis of the proposed depreciation method

This information is contained in RBP – 2027-32 - PTRM – July 2026 - Public (PTRM).

3.2 Forecast Capacity and Utilisation

To the extent it is practicable to forecast pipeline capacity and utilisation of pipeline capacity over the access arrangement period, a forecast of pipeline capacity and utilisation of pipeline capacity over that period and the basis on which the forecast has been derived

As outlined in section 2.3, RBP does not forecast volumes by withdrawal or injection point as requested in N1.3 and N1.4 of the RIN forecast.

Pipeline capacity is set out in worksheet N2.2 of RIN Forecast. Roma Brisbane doesn't possess a forecast of pipeline utilisation as requested in N2.3.

However, we have applied forecast contractual demand against the capacity in N2.4. The values for 2025-26 and 2026-27 are taken from the reset RIN for the period 2023-27.

3.3 Forecast Operating Expenditure

A forecast of operating expenditure over the access arrangement period is set out in the PTRM. The basis on which the forecast has been derived is set out in Forecast Operating Expenditure Model.

RBP uses the AER's Base, Step Trend approach to forecasting operating Expenditure. The proposed base year 2024-25 is **$3.6m** (real 2026-27) higher than the operating expenditure in 2019-20 used as the base year for the current access arrangement period. This explains the material difference between the current allowance and the forecast.

3.4 Forecast Capital expenditure

As the majority of capital expenditure is project based and is not ongoing, it is not possible to reconcile the next access arrangement period forecast capital expenditure with the allowance for the current period.

3.5 Allowed Rate of return

The allowed rate of return for each regulatory year of the access arrangement period is contained in the PTRM.

3.6 Corporate Income tax and imputation credits

The estimated cost of corporate income tax calculated in accordance with rule 87A, including the allowed imputation credits referred to in that rule are contained in the PTRM.

3.7 Efficiency Carryover mechanism

The proposed carry-over of increments for efficiency gains or decrements for efficiency losses in the previous access arrangement period and a demonstration of how allowance is to be made for any such increments or decrements are set out in Attachment 9 - RBP – Reset RIN – ECM – July 2026 .

3.8 Proposed approach to setting Tariffs

The proposed approach to the setting of tariffs including:

(i) the suggested basis of reference tariffs, including the method used to allocate costs and a demonstration of the relationship between costs and tariffs; and
(ii) a description of any pricing principles employed but not otherwise disclosed under this rule;

The operation of the reference tariff is set out in section 4.5 of the access arrangement.

4. Tariff variation mechanism

Roma Brisbane's rationale for the proposed reference tariff variation mechanism is set out in section 4.1 of the Access Arrangement.

4.1 Proposed incentive mechanism

The operation of RBP's proposed incentive mechanism is set out in section 8 of the Access Arrangement. The rationale for this methodology is that a mechanism of this type has been required in previous Access Arrangements.

4.2 Proposed Revenue

The total revenue to be derived from pipeline services for each regulatory year of the access arrangement period is set out in worksheet F.3 of the RIN Forecast.

5. Material Assumptions Relied Upon

Forecast Operating expenditure has been based on existing operating expenditure adjusted for price growth across time and forecast capital expenditure is based on the identification of specific projects as well as a small amount for minor projects (minor projects are less than $100,000)

This means the implied key assumptions are:

Assumption	Basis for assumption	How assumption has been applied	Impact of Assumption
No material change in the legislative or operating environment that covers the operation of the RBP	Current operational activity levels	Opex is based on base and trend Minor capex projects has been forecast based on historic expenditure	There has been no forecast increase in opex or minor capex maintenance activities and the projects identified in the forecast capital expenditure are assumed sufficient to meet legal obligations relating to those projects at the time of delivery.
The condition of the RBP assets is in line with recent inline inspection, dig ups and other inspections	These activities are a sophisticated way of assessing the condition of the pipeline and other associated equipment	We are using the output of the asset lifecycle management plan to forecast capital expenditure.	The asset lifecycle management plan forecasts asset related maintenance and replacement based on the current known condition of the pipeline it can not predict projects for unknown deteriorations in the pipeline or associated equipment
Materials and labour costs rise in line with forecasts contained in the capex and opex models	In order to forecast future expenditure it is necessary to assume the changes in future costs	We have based capital cost estimates on, amongst other calculations recent costs incurred across APA and quotes from providers. We have used an input of the AERs labour cost escalation to forecast future labour cost rises.	This means that the prudent and efficient future costs of operating and capital expenditure are similar to that forecast. Variation in these assumed costs varies what should be considered prudent and efficient.
No material growth in forecast demand during the forecast access arrangement period	Our current understanding of contracting position of shippers and potential shippers	No Augmentation capex has been forecast	Material growth beyond the existing capacity of the pipeline could be expected to result in material capital expenditure.

6. Documents Relationships