

Enterprise Pipeline

Onshore Pipeline

Regulatory Approvals



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Project overview

The Enterprise Project is a program to develop additional offshore natural gas reservoirs in the Victorian Otway Basin. The potential reservoirs are located offshore, up to 3 nautical miles (5.55 km) from the coastline, while the well site will be located onshore near Port Campbell. If Beach determines that the exploration well is commercially viable, a pipeline will be constructed to flow the raw gas for processing at the nearby Otway Gas Plant, for supply to the Australian domestic gas market. Timings for pipeline construction approvals require us to commence consultations early, before we have fully assessed commercial viability of the first Enterprise well.

Regulatory Approvals

The primary legislation required for the construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of the proposed Enterprise pipeline are:

- the *Pipelines Act 2005* (Pipelines Act); and
- the *Pipeline Regulations 2017* (Pipelines Regulations).

The Pipelines Act and the Pipelines Regulations oversee the management and regulation of high transmission pipelines in Victoria and are administered by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP). Energy Safe Victoria (ESV) is also involved in matters of safety in the approvals process on pipeline projects. Beach is committed to completing the legislative and regulatory requirements necessary to obtain all approvals on the Enterprise Pipeline Project.

Construction and installation of high transmission pipelines in Victoria require Ministerial approval in the form of a *Licence to Construct and Operate a Pipeline*.

Prior to obtaining a Pipeline Licence, Beach is required to develop a Minister-approved Pipeline Consultation Plan (PCP), to demonstrate how Beach will consult with landowners and occupiers about the proposed pipeline and meet the consultation requirements laid out in the legislation and regulations. Certain consultation activities compatible with the Pipelines Act, such as giving Notice of intention to enter land for survey and Notice of Pipeline Corridor, and Notice of Pipeline License Application cannot commence until an approved PCP is obtained.

Other statutory documents are required to be developed by Beach and approved by the Regulators. Approval to construct a pipeline requires development of a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) and Construction Safety Management Plan (CSMP). Approval to operate a pipeline requires development of an Environmental Management Plan (EMP); and Safety Management Plan (SMP).

About Beach

Beach Energy is an ASX listed oil and gas, exploration and production company headquartered in Adelaide. It has operated and non-operated, onshore and offshore, oil and gas production from five production basins across Australia and New Zealand and is a key supplier to the Australian east coast gas market.

In January 2018, Beach acquired permits and operational assets in Victoria through its acquisition of Lattice Energy Limited. As Lattice is a wholly owned subsidiary of Beach Energy, all assets on the project will be operated under the Lattice name, including all applications for regulatory approvals, such as the Pipeline License. Information sheets and other associated consultation materials and activities use the Beach Energy name and branding.

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Relevant regulatory documents will be available for public display where required by the statutory process or as directed by the Regulator. As regulatory processes progress, Beach will provide further information to landowners, occupiers and other stakeholders.

Agreements with landowners and occupiers

Processes used to obtain access to land and tenure for construction and operation of the proposed pipeline will comply with the Pipelines Act and the Pipelines Regulations. Under the Pipelines Act, Beach is required to establish long-term or temporary land access arrangements with landowners and occupiers. This could include easement purchases or licencing arrangements for construction and operation of the proposed pipeline.

Easement acquisition

The Pipelines Act and the Pipelines Regulations outline a process to guarantee fair and equitable treatment of landowners and occupiers leading to the negotiation of easement rights.

If negotiations with landowners and occupiers require compulsory acquisition of land, Beach will follow the process referred to in relevant sections of the *Land Acquisition and Compensation Act 1986 (Vic)* and the *Land Acquisition and Compensation Regulations 2010*. This process is only established if Beach is successfully granted Ministerial consent, pursuant to the Land Acquisition and Compensation Act, of an Application for consent to compulsorily acquire an easement over private land.

Regulatory Authorities

The development of a project such as this requires the involvement of several key regulatory authorities. An overview of the roles and responsibilities of the key regulatory authorities involved in the Project is outlined below, along with contact details should further information be required.

Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP)

DELWP is responsible for administration of the Pipelines Act and provides guidance to proponents, landowners and occupiers regarding pipeline projects and associated issues.

DELWP

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Energy Safe Victoria

ESV regulates all sections of the natural gas and liquefied petroleum gas industry other than the production of gas, the transportation and storage of liquefied petroleum gas, and all aspects of the supply and use of autogas. Other fuel gases that form part of the energy supply to a gas installation are also regulated by ESV.

Energy Safe Victoria Gas Technical Helpline

P 1800 652 563

E gastechnicalenquiry@energysafe.vic.gov.au

Victorian Farmers Federation

VFF is the leading advocacy group for the interests of farmers and making a difference to communities in Victoria. They aim to promote best practice and a positive relationship between landowners and pipeline proponents.

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More information & key contacts

Beach representative

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For more information on the Enterprise Pipeline Project, please visit www.beachenergy.com.au/enterprise-pipeline-consultation/

