



# A Guide For Landholders

Beach Energy Natural Gas Pipelines



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## Key Contacts and Emergency

### EMERGENCIES AND NATURAL DISASTERS

(e.g. flood or bushfire)

Call **000** or **112** from a mobile

- Any emergencies on or near the pipeline
- A fire hazard
- Any damage to the pipeline or the facilities.

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Call **(07) 3058 7076**

or visit **1100.com.au**



### BEACH ENERGY 24/7 EMERGENCY RESPONSE LINE - OTWAY

Call **1800 448 863** to report:

- Any damage to the pipeline or the facilities
- Any unauthorised access to the easement or facilities
- If you observe anything unusual around the pipeline e.g. suspicious activities or the smell of gas.

For general landholder related queries call Beach Energy on **1800 073 406** or email [community@beachenergy.com.au](mailto:community@beachenergy.com.au)

## Pipeline Safety and You

Beach Energy owns and operates a buried high-pressure natural gas pipeline which is located within an easement on your property. The pipeline supplies gas to Victorian households and businesses.

The greatest risk to a buried pipeline is damage by people who undertake unsupervised or unauthorised works on or near the pipeline. Severe statutory penalties can be imposed upon persons who endanger the safe operation of the pipeline and the lives of themselves and others, by interfering with or damaging the pipeline or facilities. Landholders also have obligations under the terms

of their respective easements that must be complied with.

Pipeline marker posts are placed on your property to indicate that there is a high-pressure natural gas pipeline buried in the vicinity. It is important that you and anyone working on your property is aware of, and familiarises themselves with, the location of the pipeline and the easement area.

Before commencing **any works** within the pipeline easement you must complete the following steps and ensure that you are complying with your easement obligations. A representative from Beach Energy may need to supervise these works.



## Works By You

Works that will require consultation with Beach Energy may include the following:

- Any surface level changes, which alter the grade and contours of the land
- Any excavation on the easement that is deeper than **300 mm**, including blade ploughing and deep ripping
- Repair of pipeline easement subsidence or erosion
- Deep-rooted vegetation planting (including trees and shrubs)
- Construction of any infrastructure, temporary or permanent, such as buildings, tracks, crossings, roads, paths, fences and pipes
- The transport across the pipeline easement of heavy vehicles/machinery
- Placement of stockpiles (wood, dirt, etc.) on the easement
- Erection of structures, temporary or permanent.

Certain works will be prohibited within the easement and within 3 m of the pipeline. These are subject to the Pipelines Act 2005 and Ministerial approval.

### Steps to follow

- 1** Log a DBYD request via [www.1100.com.au](http://www.1100.com.au) or **Call (07) 3058 7076** to log a request at least five business days before commencing works and to obtain a list of all underground asset contacts.
- 2** You will be notified within 48 hours of lodging your DBYD request if your works are at risk of impacting a nearby pipeline. Should you receive an 'affected' response you will be required to provide Beach Energy with further details of the proposed works. Instructions on how this can be done will be provided along with the notification.
- 3** Once approved, conduct the works in accordance with the guidelines provided by Beach Energy.

## Contacts

### Beach Energy Community Advisor

**T** 1800 073 406

**E** [community@beachenergy.com.au](mailto:community@beachenergy.com.au)

### Beach Energy 24/7 Emergency - Otway

**T** 1800 448 863

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## The Pipeline Easement

The pipeline easement will generally be maintained with grasses and ground covers which are consistent with the surrounding vegetation and land use. Landholders must not plant deep-rooted vegetation (including trees and shrubs) on the easement without prior written approval from Beach Energy.

Authorised Beach Energy staff will gain access to easements via public roads or agreed access points, in accordance with the relevant legislation and the landholder's easement terms.

Landholders can continue their usual operations on or near the pipeline easement, including:

- Crop cultivation (not deeper than **300 mm**)
- Weed control which does not disturb the soil
- Livestock grazing
- Transporting general farm vehicles/equipment (utes, tractors, ATVs, etc.)
- Recreational activities that don't interfere with the easement.

Landholders should refer to their easement terms for detailed information.

## Pipeline Operations and Patrols

Beach Energy, or its nominated representatives, will conduct regular pipeline patrols and scheduled maintenance on the pipeline during its operational life. Beach Energy, or its nominated representatives, will contact and advise you in advance of any upcoming operation and maintenance activities on your property.

Patrols will include checking for:

- Vegetation growth that may affect the visibility of signs, access or the safe operation of the pipeline
- Erosion or subsidence, including watercourses, steep terrain and crossings
- Pipeline markers, signs, gates and locks displayed and in working order
- Presence of weed species
- Activities on or near the easement (i.e. excavation).

Pipeline maintenance may include:

- Excavations of the pipeline for inspection or repair
- Calibration and testing of isolation, safety and communications equipment
- Integrity checks
- Corrosion protections system checks
- Pipeline coating surveys
- General preventative inspections and maintenance.