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Bulloo Interlink Pipeline

Environmental Impact Statement (NSW)

Information Sheet

APA is proposing the Bulloo Interlink Pipeline (BIL) to help support the reliability and security of energy supply to Australia's southern gas markets.

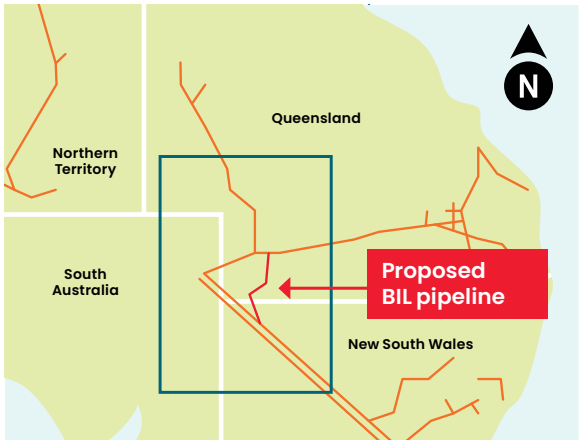
The approximately 339-kilometre underground high-pressure gas pipeline would connect the existing South West Queensland Pipeline in Queensland with the Moomba to Wilton Pipeline in New South Wales (NSW). **In NSW, approximately 103 kilometres of the pipeline would extend from the Queensland-NSW border to a connection with the Moomba to Wilton Pipeline near Tibooburra.**

The NSW section of the BIL Project is being assessed as ***Critical State Significant Infrastructure (SSI-82522960)*** under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (NSW)*.

What is an Environmental Impact Statement?

APA has prepared an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental, social and economic impacts of the NSW section of the Bulloo Interlink Pipeline and identify measures to avoid, minimise and effectively manage impacts.

The EIS combines project design and technical investigations, environmental and social assessments, community and stakeholder feedback and engagement with government agencies to understand how the BIL Project may affect people, communities and the environment, and to identify measures to avoid, minimise and manage potential impacts.



Environmental assessment findings

The EIS found that the BIL Project has the potential to provide benefits by improving gas transmission infrastructure and supporting energy supply, while a range of environmental and community considerations will require ongoing management through project design, construction practices and operational management plans.

The BIL Project has been designed to avoid and reduce impacts where practicable through route selection, refinement of the construction footprint and targeted environmental management measures. Temporary disturbance to native vegetation and fauna habitat may occur during construction; however, rehabilitation would be undertaken following construction to support recovery of affected areas.

Some impacts may remain following implementation of mitigation measures and would be addressed in accordance with applicable NSW and Commonwealth environmental requirements.

Key EIS findings

- The BIL Project has been designed to **avoid** sensitive environmental and cultural heritage areas where practicable.
- Most impacts of the BIL Project are expected to occur during **construction** and would be **temporary** in nature.
- **Rehabilitation** of disturbed areas would be undertaken following construction.
- Management plans would be implemented to protect **biodiversity**, water resources, cultural heritage and land users.
- Community and stakeholder **feedback** received during public exhibition will be considered as part of the planning assessment process.

Biodiversity

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Assessed for potential impacts on:

- Native vegetation
- Wildlife habitat
- Threatened species

Measures proposed to manage biodiversity impacts include:

- Minimising vegetation clearing where practicable.
- Pre-construction ecological surveys.
- Exclusion zones around sensitive environmental features.
- Fauna protection measures during construction.
- Rehabilitation and monitoring of disturbed areas.

Water Resources

Most watercourses crossed by the pipeline are expected to flow only following rainfall events.

Construction activities have the potential to temporarily affect water quality through soil disturbance and erosion, the assessment concluded that potential impacts on water resources can be managed through implementation of the proposed environmental management measures.

Assessed for potential impacts on:

- Groundwater
- Surface water
- Drainage systems

Proposed management measures:

- Erosion and sediment controls.
- Watercourse crossing procedures.
- Rehabilitation of disturbed areas.

Aboriginal and Historic Heritage

Consultation with Registered Aboriginal Parties and Aboriginal stakeholders has informed the assessment process and will continue throughout planning and project development.

Cultural heritage surveys and investigations were undertaken to identify heritage values within the Project area.

Assessed for potential impacts on:

- Aboriginal cultural heritage
- Historic heritage values

Proposed management measures:

- Avoidance of identified heritage sites where practicable.
- Implementation of heritage management procedures.
- Ongoing engagement with Aboriginal stakeholders.

Land and Use and Agriculture

The proposed pipeline traverses predominantly rural land used for grazing and agricultural activities.

The EIS found that landholders may experience temporary disruption during construction.

The pipeline would be located underground, allowing existing agricultural activities to continue following rehabilitation, subject to standard easement requirements.

Assessed for potential impacts on:

- Landholders

Measures proposed to manage biodiversity impacts include:

- Consultation with landholders.
- Biosecurity controls.
- Property-specific management measures.
- Rehabilitation of disturbed land following construction.

Traffic, Transport, Noise and Vibration

Construction activities would generate temporary increases in vehicle movements, noise and vibration in some locations.

The proposed measures are intended to minimise disruption to local communities, road users and neighbouring landholders.

Impacts are expected to be temporary and primarily associated with the construction phase.

Proposed management measures:

- Traffic management plans.
- Designated access routes.
- Workforce transport arrangements.
- Controls on construction activities.

Social and Economic Considerations

The EIS considered potential social and economic effects associated with the BIL Project, including employment opportunities, expenditure in local communities and temporary impacts associated with construction activities.

The assessment found the BIL Project has the potential to generate economic benefits during construction through local employment and procurement opportunities. Potential social impacts, including increased workforce activity and temporary disruption to some landholders and communities, have been assessed and management measures are proposed to minimise these impacts where practicable

Public exhibition process

Public exhibition is an important part of the environmental assessment process. It gives landholders, communities, organisations, government agencies and other interested stakeholders an opportunity to review the EIS and supporting technical studies and make a formal submission on the BIL Project.

The figure on this page shows how public exhibition and consideration of submissions fit within the broader NSW assessment process.

Once the public exhibition period ends, all submissions received will be collated and the matters raised will be considered as part of the assessment process.

APA will prepare a Response to Submissions addressing the matters raised, in accordance with DPHI requirements. The submissions received, and APA's response to them, will form part of the information considered as the Project progresses through assessment and determination.

Anyone can make a submission on the Bulloo Interlink Pipeline EIS.

This includes people we spoke to while developing the EIS. The public exhibition period provides an opportunity to review the EIS and make a formal submission on the project.

Project approval timeline

1. APA submitted a Scoping Report and request for assessment requirements **April 2025**
2. NSW Government issued assessment requirements **May 2025**
3. Consultation undertaken with identified stakeholders and the broader community to prepare EIS
4. Determined that assessment by Commonwealth Government also required under EPBC Act **July 2026**
5. APA prepared EIS
6. APA submitted EIS to NSW Government for review **November 2026**
7. EIS placed on public exhibition by the NSW Government, for community and stakeholders to review and make submissions **November 2026**
8. APA prepares a response to submissions made during public exhibition
9. NSW Government determination
10. Commonwealth Government determination

How to make a submission

The EIS will be published on the Major Projects Hub on the NSW Planning Portal in mid-November 2026.

You can make a submission by creating a Major Projects account at:

www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects

For help making a submission, you can call the DPHI customer support team on **1300 305 695**.

Once you have a Major Projects account, you can subscribe to project updates to receive email notifications as the Project progresses through exhibition, assessment and determination stages.

Comment on the proposed Bulloo Interlink Pipeline

www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/bulloo-interlink-pipeline

During the public exhibition period, you can:

- read the EIS and its supporting technical reports
- learn more about the BIL Project and the findings of environmental, social and other specialist assessments
- engage with the APA project team and ask questions about the BIL Project and the EIS
- attend community information sessions
- make a formal submission to Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure through the NSW Major Projects Planning Portal.

Public exhibition is your opportunity to provide your views directly to DPHI as part of the formal environmental assessment process.

Following public exhibition, submissions will be considered as part of the NSW Government's assessment of the Project before a determination is made.

Want to know more

Contact us

If you have any questions or would like to provide feedback about the project, we encourage you to connect with us at **bil@apa.com.au** or call **1800 856 001** or visit **apa.com.au**

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