East Coast Grid Expansion Project

Improving Australia's east coast energy security

Project overview

APA Group is proposing a 25 per cent expansion of gas transportation capacity on the East Coast Grid, which links Queensland to southern markets.

The expansion will be delivered at a capital investment of around $270 million. It will increase winter peak capacity of the East Coast Grid by 25 per cent through additional compression and associated works on both the South West Queensland Pipeline (SWQP) and Moomba Wilton Pipeline (MWP).

The South West Queensland Pipeline and the Moomba Wilton Pipeline are the key pathways for delivery of gas from Queensland and the Northern Territory to southern markets.

The first stage of expansion works will increase Wallumbilla to Wilton capacity by 12 per cent and is targeted for commissioning in the first quarter of calendar year 2023 ahead of forecast southern state winter supply risks identified in the 2021 AEMO Gas Statement of Opportunities.

The expansion will be delivered in a number of stages:
Stage 1: The first stage of expansion works includes the construction of a single site of compression on each of the SWQP and MWP and will increase gas transportation capacity by 12 per cent.

Stage 2: The second stage of expansion works includes an additional site on the SWQP and MWP which will add a further 13 per cent of capacity.

Stage 3: APA is undertaking engineering and design works on a potential third stage (three additional compressor locations on the MWP) of the East Coast Grid to add a further 25 per cent transportation capacity.

Most of the expansion works will occur on APA owned sites which have existing infrastructure.

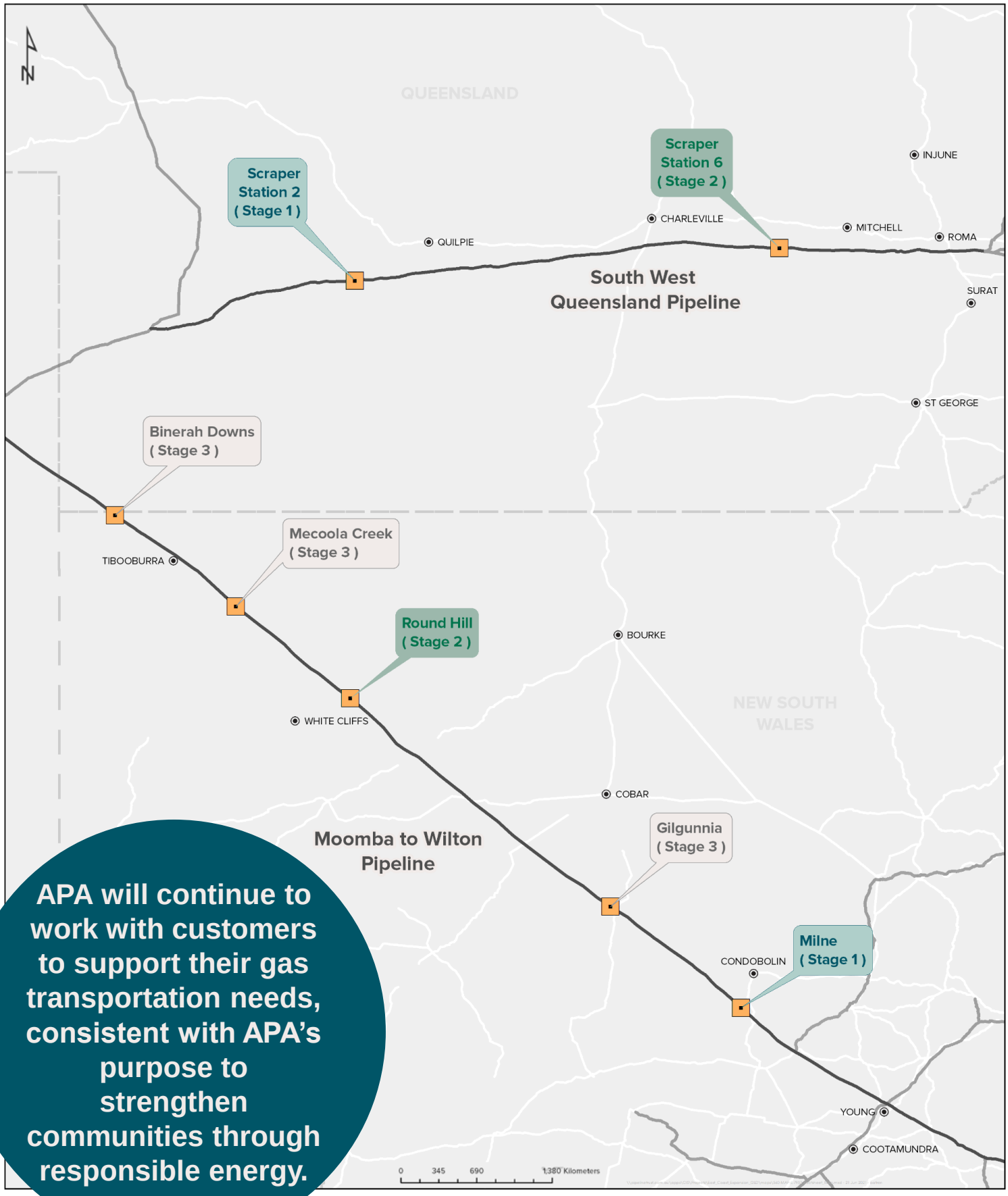
The proposed East Coast Grid Expansion Project presents an optimal opportunity to maximise gas supply via existing infrastructure with minimal environmental and social impact.

Who is APA?

APA is a leading Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) listed energy infrastructure business. We own and/or manage and operate a diverse $22 billion portfolio of gas, electricity, solar and wind assets. We are also one of the largest owners and operators of renewable power generation assets in Australia, with wind and solar projects across the country.

APA Group delivers around half of Australia's gas usage and connects Victoria with South Australia, and New South Wales with Queensland through our investments in energy transmission assets.

As a proudly Australian publicly listed infrastructure company, APA is committed to playing its part in securing Australia's energy future.



APA will continue to work with customers to support their gas transportation needs, consistent with APA's purpose to strengthen communities through responsible energy.

Indicative project map

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Project approvals

APA is seeking approval initially for stages 1 and 2 of the East Coast Grid Expansion from both the New South Wales and Queensland Governments:

New South Wales

APA will lodge a Modification Report for Stages 1 and 2 with the New South Wales Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) under Section 5.25 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

Stage 3 approvals will be sought by way of a separate Modification Report.

A Modification Report is required for State Significant Infrastructure, such as the Moomba Wilton Pipeline. The Modification Report describes how the project will be constructed, operated, maintained and decommissioned in an environmentally and socially responsible way.

Pending approval through DPIE, an application for a variation to the Pipeline Licence will be sought.

Queensland

APA will apply for an amendment to the Environmental Authority for the South West Queensland Pipeline through the Queensland Department of Environment and Science, as well as an amendment to the Petroleum Pipeline Licence (PPL) through the Queensland Department of Resources.

Indicative project timeline

If planning approvals are granted, construction of the proposed East Coast Grid Expansion Project is planned to commence in the first half of 2022.

The construction of each compressor station is targeted to take approximately nine months.

Workforce

The East Coast Grid Expansion Project is committed to maximising business supply and employment opportunities in the local regions around each proposed compressor station where possible.

Each site will require a peak workforce of around 80 people.

Key opportunities for local supply may include:

- Opportunities for contractors and trades, including general civil, clear and grade, fencing, traffic management, water cartage, vegetation management and rehabilitation.
- Accommodation for field personnel.
- Services to temporary construction camps, including food, cleaning, waste management and security.
- General trades for construction of temporary camps.

Community engagement

APA is committed to engaging and working closely with local communities to the East Coast Grid Expansion Project.

During the approvals phase of the project, we plan to continue to provide project information and gather community and stakeholder input through:

- Engagement with Aboriginal groups.
- Meetings and correspondence with landholders.
- Consultation with federal, state and local governments.
- Discussions with local businesses and representative groups.
- Publication of various project communication materials, including a project webpage and information sheets, as well as media.
- Operation of an 1800 information line and project email address.

Landscape at one of the project sites in NSW

Connect with us:

We are dedicated to keeping you informed about APA's East Coast Grid Expansion Project and to ensure your views are heard and addressed.

To learn more about the East Coast Grid Expansion Project we encourage you to engage with us via:

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