

No compressor stations or confidentiality clauses for Western Slopes Pipeline

To the Editor,

I refer to the article titled 'Farmers tour Queensland gas fields to ground truth pipeline claims' published on 21 March. The article includes the following quotes from one of the visitors to Queensland regarding gas compressor stations: "I didn't realise a gas compressor station is the size of a city block, not a container. The sheer size of them is staggering, and there are going to be 5 of them on the Narrabri to Dubbo Pipeline, if not more."

I am pleased to advise there are in fact no compressor stations proposed along the Western Slopes Pipeline. The

gas to be transported in the pipeline will instead be compressed to operating pressure at Santos' Leewood Central Gas Processing facility.

The comments in the article echoed claims made on social media following the most recent Community Consultative Committee meeting for the Western Slopes Pipeline which appear to have confused the requirement for mainline valves and scraper stations along the route with compressor stations.

The same article contained the following quotes regarding confidentiality agreements, "The confidentiality agreements are wrong. They shouldn't be able

to hide if something goes wrong."

While it's not clear if this was referring only to APA, I can confirm APA will always keep private discussions with landholders confidential.

I can also confirm we have not, and are not proposing any confidentiality clauses in agreements with landholders along the Western Slopes Pipeline, unless specifically requested by the landholder.

I trust this clarifies APA's position on these matters.

Regards,
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