

# Western Slopes Pipeline Project

Community Consultative Committee Meeting

Narrabri - 13 September



## Introduction

- Introductions
- State Significant Infrastructure (SSI) Assessment Process
- SEARs for the Western Slopes Pipeline
- Requirement for CCC
- Ongoing consultation

## SSI Assessment Process



- SSI Application has been lodged
- SEARS have been issued
- EIS is being prepared
- Refer handout for details of assessment process

## Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs)

- Prepared with Agency and Council input, planning focus meeting
- Issued 12 May 2017 and identifies key environmental issues for preparation of the EIS
- Includes Commonwealth requirements under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act)
- Requirement to establish CCCs for the assessment phase of the project, with independent chair approved by the Department
- This is in addition to separate consultation undertaken by Proponent

## SEARs Consultation

<p><b>Consultation</b></p>	<p>During the preparation of the EIS, you must establish and operate a Community Consultative Committee (CCC) for the project in accordance with the <i>Community Consultative Committee Guidelines State Significant Projects November 2016</i>. Given the length of the pipeline, the CCC may be operated as two committees under a single chairperson.</p> <p>You should also consult with relevant local, State or Commonwealth Government authorities, infrastructure and service providers, community groups and affected landowners (including holders or applicants of mineral exploration licences).</p> <p>The EIS must describe the consultation that was carried out, identify the issues raised during this consultation (including by the CCC), and explain how these issues have been addressed in the EIS.</p>
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## CCC Guidelines 2016

- Independent Chair appointed by the Department
- CCCs can be set up for EIS preparation / assessment
- Community representatives recommended by the Chair, approved by the Department
- Expanded role for the Chair
- Code of Conduct/ Pecuniary interests
- Opportunity for information sharing, facilitated discussion in constructive manner

## Ongoing consultation

- Department information sessions during the formal exhibition period
- Visit landowners and meet with special interest groups
- Advice from NSW agencies and technical experts
- Engage specialists as necessary to provide technical input

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