

Western Slopes Pipeline - Land Access Process

Project Stage	Key Documents	Comments
Initial Landowner Contact and Briefings	Voluntary Land Survey Entry Agreements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APA commenced discussions with landowners in March 2017 • At initial briefings, APA proposed a voluntary land survey entry agreement • It is normal practice to seek voluntary agreement from landowners before applying for an Authority to Survey • Signing a Voluntary Land Survey Entry Agreement does not constitute a form of implied consent to the pipeline proceeding on your property and can be terminated by the landowner at any time • An Authority to Survey (ATS) is not mandatory and access and field survey activities can proceed where a landowner has voluntarily granted access to a property
Field Survey Activities to Inform the Project Environmental Impact Statement	Authority to Survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In order to ensure that APA can fulfill its environmental assessment obligations for the project an ATS under the <i>Pipelines Act 1967</i> was applied for on 21 March 2017 • The Minister granted APA an Authority to Survey on 30 June 2017 • While the ATS was under assessment APA continued to seek voluntary agreements from landowners • APA continues to seek voluntary agreements where route changes have resulted in new properties being affected that are not covered by the ATS • APA commenced field surveys in early August 2017 and also sent the ATS to landowners that had otherwise not granted access • If landowner remains unwilling to grant access under the terms of the ATS and APA needs to access the property, APA will consider enforcing terms of ATS to gain access • Access to all properties is not necessarily required
Pipeline Easement Negotiations	Pipeline Easement Deed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Negotiations regarding an easement to accommodate the pipeline commence once APA has sufficient confidence in individual sections of the proposed alignment • Following submission of the Environmental Impact Statement and approval of the project under the <i>Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979</i>, APA is required to submit easement agreements as part of any future Pipeline Licence application under the <i>Pipelines Act 1967</i> • Pipeline Licence application also required to outline any properties where an easement agreement has not been reached and APA is requesting that the Minister compulsorily acquire the required easement • APA required to demonstrate that all reasonable steps to enter into an agreement with the owner to acquire an easement have been undertaken and those steps have not resulted in any such agreement • Any such application for acquisition is subject to the approval of the Minister and the owner or occupier will be able to state their case opposing acquisition, before the Minister will make any decision on the matter