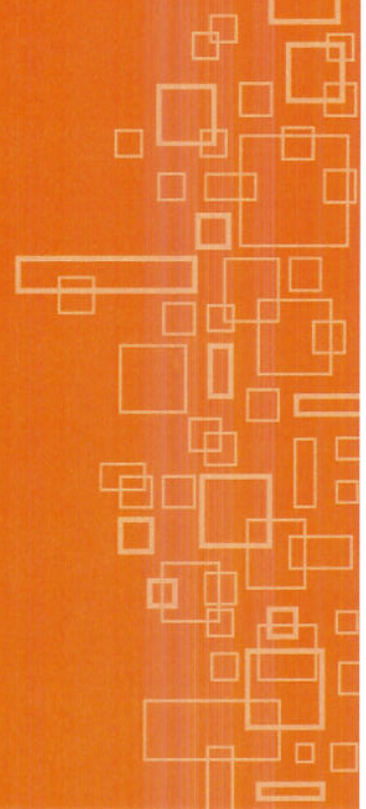




The Coordinator-General



Northern Pipeline Interconnector Stage 2 project

Coordinator-General's conclusion of the change report of July 2010

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The project

The Northern Pipeline Interconnector (NPI) Stage 2 project (the project) is located on the Sunshine Coast, Queensland. It involves the construction of approximately 48 kilometres of pipeline, plus associated infrastructure such as pumping stations, water quality boosting facilities and a balance tank.

The pipeline will extend from near the Landers Shute water treatment plant at Eudlo to the Noosa water treatment plant, connecting with the existing NPI stage 1 at Eudlo. The project will allow the transfer south of up to 18 million litres of water per day or 6500 million litres per annum. It will provide water to the Sunshine Coast when its supplies are critically low.

The proponent for the project is the Southern Regional Water Pipeline Company Pty Ltd, trading as LinkWater Projects, a wholly Queensland Government-owned company.

Decision

On 22 July 2010, the Coordinator-General completed his evaluation of an application for project changes (submitted by LinkWater Projects on 29 April 2010) to the Northern Pipeline Interconnector (NPI) Stage 2 project. The application was made to the Coordinator-General under section 35C of the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971*.

LinkWater Projects sought the ability to construct the pipeline at four sensitive waterways using the standard construction method of trenching—as opposed to either piling the pipeline over, or tunnelling under the waterways, as required by Condition 5 of the *Coordinator-General's evaluation report for an environmental impact statement: Northern Pipeline Interconnector – Stage 2 Project* (November 2009).

In July 2010, the Coordinator-General's change report for the project found that condition 5 may be modified to allow the proponent to construct at the four waterways by trenching. However, approval of this construction method was subject to the demonstrated outcome of trenching at two unrelated trial waterway crossings.

Appendix 1 of the change report conditioned a range of actions that the proponent would be required to undertake, should trenching at any of the four waterways proceed. These requirements included environmental offsets to enhance the environmental benefits resulting from the change.

A copy of the change report is available at: projects.industry.qld.gov.au

In a letter to the Coordinator-General dated 8 February 2011, LinkWater Projects confirmed that due to the prolonged wet season of 2010–11, trenching at the four waterways was no longer appropriate. LinkWater Projects further advised

construction at the areas would revert to the original requirements of condition 5 of the Coordinator-General's evaluation report (November 2009).

A copy of the correspondence from LinkWaterProjects is available at:
projects.industry.qld.gov.au

I note the proponent's decision and confirm that (as per the terms of condition 2(c) (Appendix 1) of the change report) since a change to condition 5 will not proceed, the proponent is not required to comply with conditions 3–10 and recommendation 1 of the *Coordinator-General's Change Report for the Northern Pipeline Interconnector Stage 2 project* (July 2010).



Keith Davies
Coordinator-General

Date: 19.1.7..... 2011