



**INDEPENDENT PRICING AND REGULATORY TRIBUNAL
OF NEW SOUTH WALES**

**Application Form for
Natural Gas Reticulator Authorisation**

This Application Form is to be used when applying for either a natural gas reticulator's authorisation under the *Gas Supply Act 1996*.

You should complete this form according to the instructions outlined in the *Guide for Prospective NSW Natural Gas Reticulator's (the Guide)*. The *Guide* and the *Application Form* are available on the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal's website, www.ipart.nsw.gov.au.

Any questions should be directed to the Program Manager, Energy Compliance on email, compliance@ipart.nsw.gov.au, or telephone, (02) 9290 8477.

Application Form

Licence Information

☒ **Natural Gas Reticulator Authorisation** [\[double click on box to check\]](#)

Identity of the Applicant

To obtain a natural gas reticulator authorisation, an applicant must be a distinct legal identity. The legal entities envisaged by the Tribunal include:

- A company recognised under Australian corporation law, or a corporation or statutory authority owned by an Australian government (Commonwealth, State or Territory).
- A natural person.
- A legal entity as trustee.
- A partnership or joint ventures.

Applicants must be able to demonstrate their suitability regarding the assessment criteria. An authorisation is only issued in the name of an applicant.

1. Applicant

Insert name of applicant Tamworth Gas Network Pty Limited (ACN 690 358 279)

2. Type of entity

Insert description of entity and attach copy of relevant registration instrument (eg. ASIC certificate of company registration).

Refer Attachment A

3. Registered Office

Insert address of registered office.

Refer Attachment A

4. Contact Details

Provide the proposed Authorisation Holders' business address.

Provide the proposed Authorisation Holders' postal address (if different).

Provide the proposed Authorisation Holders' contact details including telephone, facsimile and e-mail.

Refer Attachment A

5. Nominated Contact

Provide the name and contact details of an individual to whom the Secretariat can direct enquiries and correspondence about the Authorisation Application.

Refer Attachment A

6. Management and Board Details
<p><i>Provide the name, date of birth and residential address of the Chief Executive Officer, Directors or Partners of the applicant.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Refer Attachment A</p>
7. Supply Details
<p><i>Provide details of the local government area or areas where you intend to reticulate natural gas.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Refer Attachment A</p>
8. Market Entry Details
<p><i>Provide details of the timing of the proposed Authorisation Holder's operation of a natural gas reticulation network.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Refer Attachment A</p>
Information Addressing the Assessment Criteria
1. Fit and Proper
<p>Attach a Statutory Declaration from the nominated representatives of the applicant to the effect that they are not, or would not be, disqualified under the <i>Corporations Act 2001 (Commonwealth)</i> from the management of corporations.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Refer Attachment B</p>
2. Financial Capacity
<p>Attach a Statutory Declaration from the nominated representative of the applicant to the effect that the applicant is in a position to meet the applicable financial and prudential requirements, DNSP or reticulator credit support and that they are not aware of any factor which would affect the ability of the applicant to securely finance the activities to be performed under the licence over the following 12 months.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Refer Attachment B</p>
3. Technical and Operational Capacity
<p>Attach the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A statement indicating how you intend to achieve ongoing compliance with the authorisation conditions. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A statement indicating the actions being undertaken by you to prepare a safety and operating plan prior to the construction of the network <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A brief précis of the applicant's current or previous experience in the energy sector. <p style="text-align: right;">Refer Attachment B</p>
Change in control of the Applicant - Refer Attachment C

29 August 2025

Carmel Donnelly
IPART Tribunal Chair
Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of NSW
Via email: energy@ipart.nsw.gov.au; [REDACTED]@ipart.nsw.gov.au

Dear Carmel,

Re: Transfer of Central Ranges Pipeline Pty Ltd Gas Reticulator's Authority

APA Group seeks to transfer the NSW Reticulator's Authority from its wholly owned subsidiary Central Ranges Pipeline Pty Ltd (ACN 108 218 355) to another wholly owned subsidiary Tamworth Gas Network Pty Limited (ACN 690 358 279) (**Applicant**).

APA Group advises its intention to cease operations under the NSW Reticulator's Authorisation held by Central Ranges Pipeline Pty Ltd (ACN 108 218 355), following Ministerial approval of the transfer of the Reticulator's Authority to the Applicant.

APA Group also wishes to notify IPART that APA Group has entered into an agreement to sell the Applicant to AGI O&M Services Pty Limited (which is part of the Australian Gas Infrastructure Group), subject to Ministerial approval of the transfer of the Reticulator's Authority to the Applicant pursuant to this Application. Australian Gas Infrastructure Group currently holds two NSW Reticulator's Authorities, being that for Australian Gas Networks (Albury) Pty Ltd (ACN 000 001 249), and Australian Gas Networks (NSW) Pty Ltd (ACN 083 199 839). Given that there will be a change in control of the Applicant once it is sold by the APA Group to AGI O&M Services Pty Limited, we also seek the Minister's consent to that change in control occurring. The proposed sale of the Applicant will occur under a Share Sale Agreement dated 19 August 2025 and conditional on the satisfaction of certain conditions precedent (including the transfer of the Reticulator's licence pursuant to this Application). It is currently expected that those conditions will be satisfied in [REDACTED]. We are happy to inform IPART once the sale has completed.

Please find attached an Application to transfer the Reticulator's Authority, including

- Attachment A Identity of the Applicant;
- Attachment B Information addressing the assessment criteria statements; and
- Attachment C Statements from Australian Gas Infrastructure Group.

Should you require any further information to support the Application, please do not hesitate to contact me on below.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
General Manager, Networks Services
[REDACTED]@apa.com.au

Attachment A: Identity of the Applicant

1. Applicant

Tamworth Gas Network Pty Limited (ACN 690 358 279)

2. Type of Entity

Tamworth Gas Network Pty Limited is a private company registered with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission.

An ASIC Certificate of company registration is included at **Attachment A.01**.

3. Authorisation Holders Registered Office

Level 25, 580 George Street, Sydney, NSW 2000, Australia.

Please note that from 8 September 2025, the Applicant's registered office will change to Level 10, 121 Castlereagh Street, Sydney NSW 2000.

4. Authorisation Holders Contact Details

Until 7 September 2025

Level 25
580 George Street
Sydney NSW 2000

Postal address
PO Box R41
Royal Exchange NSW 1225

Telephone: 02 9693 0000
Facsimile: 02 9693 0093
Email: company.secretary@apa.com.au

From 8 September 2025

Level 10, 121 Castlereagh St
Sydney NSW 2000

Postal address
PO Box R41
Royal Exchange NSW 1225

Telephone: 02 9693 0000
Facsimile: 02 9693 0093
Email: company.secretary@apa.com.au

Attachment A (continued): Identity of the Applicant

5. Nominated Contact

The nominated contact for this Application is [REDACTED].

[REDACTED]
General Manager, Networks Services

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]@apa.com.au

6. Management and Board Details

The name, date of birth and residential address of the Chief Executive Officer and Directors of the Applicant are provided in **Attachment B.01**.

7. Supply Details

This application is to transfer the Reticulators' Authority from Central Ranges Pipeline Pty Ltd (ACN 108 218 355) to the Applicant.

It is intended the Applicant reticulate natural gas to those areas currently covered by the above Reticulator's Authority, that is: Dubbo City Council, Gilgandra Shire Council, Liverpool Plains Shire Council, Mid-Western Regional Council, Tamworth Regional Council, Warrumbungle Shire Council and Gunnedah Shire Council.

8. Market Entry Details

It is intended that the Applicant commence operation of a natural gas reticulation network immediately upon transfer of the Reticulator's Authority from Central Ranges Pipeline Pty Ltd (ACN 108 218 355) to the Applicant.



Attachment A.01 Certificate of Company Registration

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Attachment B: Information addressing the assessment criteria

1. Fit and Proper

A Statutory Declaration from the nominated representatives of the applicant to the effect that they are not, or would not be, disqualified under the *Corporations Act 2001 (Commonwealth)* from the management of corporations is provided in **Attachment B.01**

2. Financial Capacity

A Statutory Declaration from the nominated representative of the applicant to the effect that the applicant is in a position to meet the applicable financial and prudential requirements, DNSP or reticulator credit support and that they are not aware of any factor which would affect the ability of the applicant to securely finance the activities to be performed under the licence over the following 12 months is provided in **Attachment B.01**

3. Technical and Operational Capability

Ongoing compliance with Authorisation conditions set out for Central Ranges Pipeline Pty Ltd (ACN 108 218 355), when transferred to Tamworth Gas Network Pty Limited as part of this Application is intended to be met as follows:

Conditions imposed by the Minister under s11(1)(b) of the Gas Supply Act 1996

1. Application – No change to the distribution district.
2. Cessation of operations – Notification for cessation of operations by Central Ranges Pipeline Pty Ltd (ACN 108 218 355) forms part of this Application. There are no intended cessation of operations by the Applicant – that is, once the transfer of the Reticulator's licence is approved, it is expected that the Applicant will (in place of Central Ranges Pipeline Pty Limited) continue the operations under that licence.
3. Compliance with Network Code – There are no designated distribution pipelines under the Reticulator's Authorisation subject to this Application.
4. Condition removed.
5. Insurances and indemnity – Copies of insurance certificates for workers compensation and public liability are provided in **Attachment B.02**.
6. Audit compliance – the Applicant will comply with any audit conditions required by the Minister
7. Compliance management systems – Development and maintenance of internal systems capable of managing compliance with the Reticulator's Authorisation is demonstrated through the Safety and Operating Plan, provided in **Attachment B.03**.
8. Compliance with statistical reporting obligations - the Applicant will provide operating statistics and performance indicators as required by the Minister.

Conditions imposed under s11(1)(a) of the Gas Supply Act 1996

The Applicant will apply to become a member of the energy ombudsman scheme.

Attachment B (continued): Information addressing the assessment criteria

Technical and Operational Capability (continued)

Ongoing compliance with Authorisation conditions set out for Central Ranges Pipeline Pty Ltd (ACN 108 218 355), when transferred to Tamworth Gas Network Pty Limited as part of this Application is intended to be met as follows:

Safety and Operating Plan

APA Group has developed a Safety and Operating Plan for the Applicant which is consistent with the current Safety and Operating Plan for Central Ranges Pipeline Pty Ltd (ACN 108 218 355) which has recently been audited and a certification of compliance provided to the Department of Climate Change, Energy and the Environment and Water in August 2025. The Safety and Operation Plan for the Applicant can be found in **Attachment B.03**.

Energy Sector Experience

The current reticulator, Central Ranges Pipeline Pty Ltd (ACN 108 218 355), and the Applicant are wholly owned subsidiaries of APA Group Limited, which is the responsible entity for two registered management investment schemes (APA Infrastructure Trust and APA Investment Trust) which trade as a stapled security and are listed on the Australian Securities Exchange. Information can be found on APA Group website: www.apa.com.au

APA Group is a leading energy infrastructure business with a portfolio of more than \$26 billion of gas, electricity and renewable assets. As Australia's energy infrastructure partner, APA transports nearly half of Australia's gas throughout New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Queensland, Western Australia and Northern Territory. APA connects Victoria with South Australia, Tasmania with Victoria and New South Wales with Queensland through its investments in electricity infrastructure assets. APA also owns and operates power generation assets, including gas powered, wind and solar assets across the country and is exploring the fuels of the future like hydrogen.



Attachment B.01 Statutory Declaration

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Attachment B.02 Certificates of Insurance

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Attachment B.03 Safety and Operating Plan for Tamworth Gas Network Pty Limited

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Attachment C: Statements from Australian Gas Infrastructure Group

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28 August 2025

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General Manager Network Services, Operations
APA
Via email: ██████████@apa.com.au

Dear ██████████,

AGI O&M Services Pty Limited (ACN 690 012 367) (**AGI O&M Services**), which is part of the Australian Gas Infrastructure Group (**AGIG**) has entered into an agreement with APA Group to purchase Tamworth Gas Network Pty Limited. This acquisition is subject to various conditions including Ministerial approval of the transfer of the Reticulator's Authority from Central Ranges Pipeline Pty Ltd (ACN 108 218 355) to Tamworth Gas Network Pty Ltd (ACN 690 358 279) (**Applicant**). On Completion of those conditions, AGI O&M Services will purchase the shares in the Applicant, and have a change in control, becoming a wholly owned subsidiary within AGIG. The following information is provided to IPART in consideration APA application to transfer the Reticulator's Authority.

Identity of the Applicant: Anticipated changes following sale of Tamworth Gas Network Pty Ltd to AGI O&M Services Pty Limited**1. Applicant**

No change. Tamworth Gas Network Pty Limited (ACN 690 358 279).

2. Type of Entity

No change. Tamworth Gas Network Pty Ltd is a private company registered with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission.

3. Authorisation Holders Registered Office

The registered address for the Applicant will change and is provided in **Attachment C.01**.

4. Authorisation Holders Contact Details

The registered authorisation contact details will change to:
Roxanne Smith
Executive General Manager Corporate and Regulation
Level 6, 400 King William Street, Adelaide, South Australia 5000
Email: ██████████@agig.com.au
Mobile Phone: ██████████

5. Nominated Contact

APA is the nominated contact for APA's application to transfer the Reticulator's Authority for Central Ranges Pipeline Pty Ltd (ACN 108 218 355) to the Applicant.

6. Management and Board Details

On completion of the acquisition, only ownership in the shares of the Applicant will change from APA to AGI O&M Services Pty Ltd (change of control) and the Applicant will become a wholly owned subsidiary of AGIG. The name, date of birth and residential address of the Chief Executive Officer and Directors of the Applicant will change and are provided in **Attachment C.01**.

7. Supply Details

No change. It is intended the Applicant reticulate natural gas to those areas currently covered by the Reticulators' Authority held by Central Ranges Pipeline Pty Ltd (ACN 108 218 355).

8. Market Entry Details

No change. It is intended that the Applicant commence operation of a natural gas reticulation network immediately upon transfer of the Reticulator's Authority from Central Ranges Pipeline Pty Ltd (ACN 108 218 355). On transfer of change of control of the Applicant to AGIG, the Applicant will continue operation of the natural gas reticulation network.

Information addressing the assessment criteria: Anticipated changes following sale of Tamworth Gas Network Pty Ltd to AGI O&M Services Pty Limited

1. Fit and Proper

A Statutory Declaration from the nominated representatives of the applicant to the effect that they are not, or would not be, disqualified under the *Corporations Act 2001 (Commonwealth)* from the management of corporations is provided in **Attachment C.01**.

2. Financial Capacity

A Statutory Declaration from the nominated representative of the applicant to the effect that the applicant is in a position to meet the applicable financial and prudential requirements, DNSP or reticulator credit support and that they are not aware of any factor which would affect the ability of the applicant to securely finance the activities to be performed under the licence over the following 12 months is provided in **Attachment C.01**

1. Technical and Operational Capability

Ongoing compliance with Authorisation conditions is intended to be met as follows.

Conditions imposed by the Minister under s11(1)(b) of the Gas Supply Act 1996

1. Application – No change
2. Cessation of operations – No change
3. Compliance with Network Code – No change
4. Condition removed.
5. Insurances and indemnity – Copies of insurance certificates for workers compensation and public liability will be provided
6. Audit compliance – No change
7. Compliance management systems – No change
8. Compliance with statistical reporting obligations - No change

Conditions imposed under s11(1)(a) of the Gas Supply Act 1996

No change. The Applicant will apply to become a member of the energy ombudsman scheme.

Safety and Operating Plan

No change. AGIG will adopt the Safety and Operating Plan prepared for the Applicant in all material aspects. The Safety and Operating Plan (Sections 2 and 3) will be updated for AGIG ownership upon acquisition of the Applicant.

Energy Sector Experience

Australian Gas Infrastructure Group (**AGIG**) is one of Australia's largest gas infrastructure businesses and a key partner to customers in delivering the infrastructure required to support the energy transition—both today and into the future.

AGIG serves over two million customers across all mainland Australian states and the Northern Territory. Its assets include:

- 30,000 km of gas distribution networks
- 4,300 km of transmission pipelines
- 60 petajoules (PJ) of gas storage capacity
- Small-scale native gas production

Further information can be found here: [Who We Are | Australian Gas Infrastructure Group | AGIG](#)

AGIG, through its entities currently hold two NSW Reticulator's Authorisations:

- Australian Gas Networks (Albury) Ltd – distribution network in Albury, Berrigan, Conargo, Corowa, Deniliquin, Hume, Jerilderie, Murray.
- Australian Gas Networks (NSW) Pty Ltd – distribution network in Bombala, Cooma-Monaro, Cootamundra, Culcairn, Gundagai, Holbrook, Junee, Lockhart, Temora, Tumut, Wagga Wagga.

As such, AGIG is well-acquainted with and has complied with the conditions imposed by the Minister under section 11(1) of the Gas Supply Act 1996.

Kind Regards,



Roxanne Smith
Executive General Manager Corporate and Regulation
Australian Gas Infrastructure Group