



Application to transfer Central Ranges Pipeline Pty Ltd Gas Reticulator's Authorisation

5 December 2025

1 Details of application

On 1 September 2025, APA Group Limited lodged an application with IPART for the transfer of a gas reticulator's authorisation held by its wholly owned subsidiary, Central Ranges Pipeline Pty Ltd, to another wholly owned subsidiary, Tamworth Gas Network Pty Ltd.

2 Applicant background

Established in 2000, APA Group Limited is an Australian energy infrastructure business that owns and operates significant energy assets, including natural gas pipelines, electricity transmission networks, and renewable energy projects like wind and solar farms across the country.

3 Why IPART is assessing this application

A reticulator's authorisation gives permission to operate a pipeline that carries natural gas to homes and businesses in NSW. Under the *Gas Supply Act 1996* (NSW), an application for the transfer of reticulator's authorisation is to be lodged with IPART. IPART has the function of making recommendations to the responsible Minister to grant or refuse the transfer application.

The NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water regulate the safety and network management of gas networks.

4 Where in NSW this applies

Dubbo City Council, Gilgandra Shire Council, Liverpool Plains Shire Council, Mid-Western Regional Council, Tamworth Regional Council, Warrumbungle Shire Council and Gunnedah Shire Council (i.e., areas currently covered by the existing reticulator's authority).

5 Public consultation by IPART

The application is available on our website. Please make your submissions through the [Have your say](#) link on our website. The submission period will close on **19 January 2026**.

Whilst all submissions will be considered, IPART is also seeking submissions that relate to whether Tamworth Gas Network Pty Ltd:

1. is fit and proper to hold an authorisation
2. has sufficient financial capacity
3. has sufficient technical and operational capacity.

Further explanation of the abovementioned criteria is available in our online published [guide for gas reticulators](#).

We will consider the application and all submissions before making a recommendation to the Minister for Energy to grant or refuse the application for the transfer of the authorisation. Our recommendation will summarise our assessment of the application and any submissions.

6 Tamworth Gas Network Pty Ltd to be sold

Following this transfer and subject to any other required regulatory approval(s), APA Group Limited plans to sell Tamworth Gas Network Pty Ltd to AGI O&M Services Pty Limited. AGI O&M Services Pty Limited is part of the Australian Gas Infrastructure Group which already holds two other gas reticulation authorisations in NSW through its subsidiaries. These authorisations service NSW regional centres including Albury and Wagga Wagga.