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Strategic Cropping Land Framework
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Strategic Cropping Land – Policy and Planning Framework Discussion Paper

The Australian Pipeline Industry Association (APIA) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Queensland Government's Strategic Cropping Land – Policy and Planning Framework Discussion Paper.

APIA has been provided with a copy of the submission to this discussion by RPS Australia and fully supports the points made by RPS.

Additionally, APIA requests that during this policy process the Queensland Government is mindful of the potential impact it could have on linear infrastructure projects, such as transmission pipeline projects. Transmission pipelines pass through varied regions and terrains over their length and it is highly likely, given the significant coal seam gas reserves being developed in Queensland and the future role they will play in both the LNG and the domestic gas industry, that some of them will pass through areas identified as strategic cropping land.

Transmission pipeline projects generally result in very little disturbance to the land once complete. APIA's Code of Environmental Practice deals extensively with rehabilitation and restoration of land that has been disturbed during construction.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me on (02) 6273 0577 or at sdavies@apia.asn.au

Yours sincerely



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