



# Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline Stage 5 Expansion

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## Abbreviations

Term	Definition
AGID	AGI Development Group Nominees Pty Limited
AGIG	Australian Gas Infrastructure Group
ASSMP	Acid Sulphate Soils Management Protocol
CAP	Compliance Assessment Plan
CAR	Compliance Assessment Report
CEMP	Construction Environmental Management Plan
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
DBNGP	Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline
DBP	Dampier to Bunbury
DWDMP	Dewatering and Water Disposal Management Protocol
DWER	Department of Water and Environmental Regulation
FMP	Fauna Management Protocol
FVMP	Flora and Vegetation Management Protocol
WCMP	Watercourse Crossing Management Protocol
WMP	Wetland Management Protocol
WPDMP	Weed, Pest and Dieback Management Protocol



# 1. Introduction

## 1.1 Project Background

The DBNGP Stage 5 Looping Expansion project involved construction of eleven pipeline loops adjacent (and connected) to the existing DBNGP. Completion of the expansion resulted, ultimately, in completion of duplication of the pipeline from Dampier to Wagerup. The key characteristics of the proposal are presented in Table 1. The Stage 5 Looping Expansion project, which continues from Stage 4 (completed in 2006), involved a total length of approximately 1,270 km of pipeline.

The proposal for the Stage 5 Looping Expansion was approved for implementation under Part IV of the Environmental Protection Act 1986 (EP Act) with the issue of Statement No. 735 (the Statement) on 13 December 2006. A change to the proposal under s 45C of the EP Act to allow for construction within additional easements granted for the purposes of the DBNGP was approved on 5 August 2011. DBNGP (WA) Nominees Pty Limited, trading as Dampier Bunbury Pipeline (DBP), is the Proponent of the DBNGP Stage 5 Looping Expansion project.

The Statement requires submission of an annual compliance report to address the status and compliance of the DBNGP Stage 5 Looping Expansion project with Statement conditions and key actions in accordance with the annual compliance reporting requirements of conditions 4–1 to 4–4 of the Statement.

Implementation of the Stage 5 project commenced in February 2007 and was undertaken in three stages. The first stage (Stage 5A) was completed in March 2008. Stage 5B commenced in January 2009 and was effectively completed in early 2010, with the exception of the crossing of the Fortescue River. The Fortescue River Crossing section was undertaken over the period August 2011 to December 2011 inclusive. WestNet Energy (previously Alinta Asset Management) was contracted by DBP to provide project management for Stages 5A and 5B of the DBNGP Looping Expansion Project. DBP undertook project management of the Fortescue River crossing.

Of the total 1,270 km of the Stage 5 approved proposal, 1,011 km have now been constructed. DBP has reassessed the financial viability of full looping and no longer propose construction of the remaining 259 km. As such the construction phase of the project is now formally complete and all construction related conditions were completed.

Operation of the DBNGP is regulated by the Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DEMIRS) via Pipeline License (PL) PL40, issued under the *Petroleum Pipelines Act 1969*. Associated with this, AGID has the approved DBNGP Environment Plan [TEB-001-0020-05] in place for the management of environmental aspects of the pipeline.

## 1.2 Objectives and Scope

The objective of this document is to comply with Conditions 4-1 to 4-4 of MS735, which requires submission of an annual compliance report to address the status and compliance with Statement conditions and key actions from the Construction Environmental Management Plan:

- Flora and Vegetation Management Protocol
- Fauna Management Protocol
- Watercourse Crossing Management Protocol
- Wetland Management Protocol
- Weed, Pest and Dieback Management Protocol
- Rehabilitation Protocol

- Acid Sulphate Soils Management Protocol
- Dewatering and Water Disposal Management Protocol
- Preliminary Decommissioning Plan

The scope of this document covers the reporting period commencing 13 December 2023 and concluding 12 December 2024.

**Table 1.1: Key characteristics of the Stage 5 Looping Expansion**

Aspect	Proposal			
Location	There will be eleven loops. The first loop starts at about 2 km south of Dampier. The last loop is south of compressor station 10, which starts at about 17 km southeast of Rockingham, and ends at Wagerup West (Main Line Valve 144).			
Proposed action	Construct eleven pipeline looping lengths of 660 mm in diameter, buried adjacent to the existing DBNGP. These pipeline lengths will be looped to the existing DBNGP to increase flow of natural gas.			
Total length of looping	Approximately 1,270 km			
Characteristics of each loop	No.	Approx. length	Biogeographical region	Shires
	0	137.2 km	Pilbara	Shire of Roebourne
	1	123.3 km	Pilbara	Shire of Ashburton
	2	104.9 km	Carnarvon, Gascoyne	Shire of Ashburton
	3	113.0 km	Carnarvon, Gascoyne	Shire of Carnarvon
	4	112.9 km	Carnarvon	Shire of Carnarvon, Shire of Upper Gascoyne
	5	119.0 km	Carnarvon, Yalgoo	Shire of Shark Bay
	6	131.0 km	Yalgoo, Geraldton Sandplains	Shire of Northampton, Shire of Chapman Valley, Shire of Mullewa
	7	142.4 km	Geraldton Sandplains	Shire of Mullewa, Shire of Irwin, Shire of Carnamah
	8	96.8 km	Geraldton Sandplains, Swan Coastal Plain	Shire of Coorow, Shire of Dandaragan, Shire of Gingin
	9	127.7 km	Swan Coastal Plain	Shire of Gingin, Shire of Chittering, City of Swan, City of Belmont, Shire of Kalamunda, City of Gosnells, City of Armadale, City of Cockburn, Town of Kwinana
	10	61.5 km	Swan Coastal Plain	Shire of Serpentine–Jarrahdale, Shire of Murray, Shire of Waroona
Proposed tenure	The completed pipeline will be wholly within the existing DBNGP easement, which is gazetted under the <i>Dampier to Bunbury Pipeline Act 1997</i> and the easement identified as Easement A as shown on the deposited plan numbered DP67493.			
DBNGP easement width	The existing DBNGP corridor is 30 m wide. The area to be cleared and graded in the northern loops (Dampier to Muchea) was < 30 m and south of Muchea; the area cleared will be 20 to 30 m. In environmentally sensitive areas, working widths will be < 20 m.			
Activities outside the DBNGP easement	Turnarounds, campsites, turkey nests*, laydown areas, water supply sources, access roads, works associated with watercourse and dune crossings.			
Temporary area of disturbance within DBNGP easement	Approximately 3,175 ha, rehabilitated in consultation with landowners.			
Estimated area of vegetation clearing within DBNGP easement	Approximately 1,264 ha, rehabilitated in consultation with landowners.			
Temporary area of disturbance outside the DBNGP easement	Approximately 139 ha, rehabilitated in consultation with landowners.			
Construction duration	The Stage 5 Expansion was constructed in stages, with Stage 5A commencing in February 2007. The subsequent stages were constructed to match the increasing demand in fuel gas.			
Construction workforce	Up to 900 people			

### 1.3 Proponent Details

The details of the proponent are detailed below in Table 1.1.

**Table 1.2: Proponent Details**

Subject	Detail
Project	DBNGP Stage 5 Looping Expansion project
Proponent:	DBNGP (WA) Nominees Pty Ltd (DBP)
ACN:	78 081 609 289 7
Proponent Address:	Level 22, 140 St Georges Terrace Perth WA 6000

### 1.4 Environmental approval to implement the project

DBP was granted environmental approval for the DBNGP Stage 5 Looping Expansion proposal under Part IV of the EP Act. The Minister for Environment approved the proposal on 13 December 2006 with the release of Statement No. 735, which includes environmental conditions under which the proposal is to be implemented. Of the 76 environmental conditions, the majority of conditions relate to the preparation and implementation of management plans addressing areas of potential environmental risk identified during the assessment.

The required management plans were prepared and consolidated as management protocols into a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP). The CEMP addressed a number of environmental factors additional to those required under the Statement, in order to meet the requirements of all environmental regulators.

## 2. Current Status

Stage 5A of the proposal was completed in March 2008 and Stage 5B was completed in November 2011. No additional construction activities were conducted during the reporting period.

There is no further plan to conduct construction works on the DBNGP under this Ministerial Statement 735.

Activities undertaken as part of operations in the reporting included line of sight clearing, aerial Surveillance, cathodic protection (CP) inspections, above ground piping inspection, Civil maintenance for end of line and maintenance of machinery and equipment.

There are no current plans for decommissioning the Stage 5 Looping Project.

## 3. Audit Methodology

This Compliance Assessment Report (CAR) addresses the current status and compliance of operations at the Project with respect to the conditions in MS735 and the management plans associated with it.

### 3.1 Audit Period

This CAR addresses the 12-month compliance period from 13/12/2023 to 12/12/2024.

### 3.2 Audit Criteria

This assessment was conducted in accordance with EPA Post Assessment Guideline 1: Preparing an Audit Table (EPA 2012). Audit criteria were based on the conditions of approval. The audit table contains each condition

separated into audit elements for auditing purposes (i.e. the audit criteria), and includes the following headings:

- Audit code: Ministerial Statement reference number
- Subject: the environmental theme/issue
- Action: what the proponent must do
- How: the manner in which the requirements of an audit element should be achieved
- Evidence: information or data collected to verify compliance, i.e. report/letter/site inspection requirements
- Phase: project phase applicable to audit element
- Timeframe: specific timing for achieving the requirements of an audit element
- Status: notes about the fulfilment of compliance using compliance status terms
- Further information: additional comments to support compliance findings, where required.

### 3.3 Methodology

The desktop audit was undertaken by lead auditor Andrea Wills of JBS&G with interviews with personnel in Table 3.2 and review of relevant documents.

**Table 3.1: Persons consulted during audit**

Person and position	Organisation	Purpose
JZ Khoo	AGIG	Verification of status of the Proposal
Melanie Kenny	AGIG	

### 3.4 Terminology

All conditions have been assessed and assigned a compliance status as defined in Table 3.3 below.

**Table 3.2: Action implementation status (adapted from OEPA [2012])**

Status	Description
Compliant	Implementation of the proposal has been carried out in accordance with requirements of the audit.
Completed	A requirement with a finite period of application has been completed.
Not required at this stage (NRATS)	The requirements of the audit element were not triggered during the reporting period.
Potentially non-compliant	Possible or likely failure to meet the requirements of the audit element.
In process	Where an audit element requires a management or monitoring plan be submitted to the DWER or another government agency for approval, that submission has been made, and no further information or changes have been requested by the DWER or the other government agency and assessment by the DWER or other government agency for approval is still pending. Note the term 'In process' must only be used for the purpose stated.



## 4. Compliance Summary

Compliance with the 16 conditions of MS735 have been assessed and reported using the Audit Table provided in Table 4.1. The proposal is for the construction of eleven loops adjacent and connected to the existing underground gas transmission pipeline. No construction has occurred in the reporting period as such audit of the key actions from the Construction Environmental Management Plan have not been included for the reporting period.

### 4.1 Compliance with MS 735

This assessment of compliance with the 76 sub-conditions of the MS735 approval for this auditing period has found that:

- 19 conditions were assessed as compliant;
- 23 conditions were assessed as complete;
- 34 conditions were assessed as not relevant at this time (NRATS); and
- No conditions were assessed to be potentially non-compliant.

A Statement of Compliance has been completed and forms part of this submission (Appendix A).

Appendix B contains a register of the evidence utilised to assess compliance against Ministerial Statement 735 in the reporting period.

### 4.2 Potential non-compliance

No potential non-compliances were identified during the MS735 compliance audit.

### 4.3 Corrective Actions

No corrective actions were required to address non-compliances.

**Table 4.1: Ministerial Statement 735 Audit Table**

Audit Code	Subject	Phase	Requirement	Objective	Criteria	How	Evidence	Timeframe	Compliance Status	Further Information
MS735:M1.1	Implementation	Overall	Implement the proposal as documented and described in schedule 1 of Statement 735 subject to the conditions and procedures of this statement.	To avoid unforeseen or unassessed impacts	-	Establish and implement an auditing compliance reporting system.	R02_2023 CAR M01_MS735 AGIG Response to JBS&G Information Request Rev 0 R05_E-REP-086 FY24 DBNGP AER FINAL R06_MS 735_DBNGP Stage 5 2017-2022_5-year Performance Review Report	Ongoing	Compliant	The proposal is for the construction of eleven loops adjacent and connected to the existing underground gas transmission pipeline. As reported in the 2023 CAR (R02), the implementation of the project is now in operational phase. No additional construction has occurred since the audit period reported in the 2013 CAR (M01). Performance report (R06) confirms that the proposal has been implemented in accordance with schedule 1 and the conditions and procedures of MS 735. Rehabilitation of construction activities has been undertaken. No decommissioning is anticipated.
MS735:M2.1	Nominated proponent	Overall	Implement the proposal until such time as the Minister for the Environment nominates another person as the proponent.	To ensure responsibility rests with the nominated proponent	Has Minister nominated another person as proponent?	Establish and implement auditing compliance reporting system.	M01_MS735 AGIG Response to JBS&G Information Request Rev 0	Ongoing	Compliant	DBNGP (WA) Nominees Pty Ltd remain the proponent
MS735:M2.2	Proponent contact details	Overall	Notify the Chief Executive Officer of the DWER (CEO) of any change of the contact name and address for the serving of a notice or other correspondence within 30 days of such change.	To enable the DEC to maintain contact with the proponent	Has the contact name and address for the serving of a notice or other correspondence for the project changed since approval; if so, was the Chief Executive Officer of the DEC (CEO) informed within 30 days of such change.	Written notification.	M01_MS735 AGIG Response to JBS&G Information Request Rev 0	Ongoing	Compliant	Contact name and address remain unchanged to DBNGP (WA) Nominees Pty Ltd ,Level 22, 140 St Georges Terrace, Perth WA 6000.
MS735:3.1	Time Limit of Authorisation	Construction	The authorisation to implement the proposal provided for in this statement shall lapse and be void within five years after the date of this statement if the proposal to which this statement relates is not substantially commenced.	To keep DEC informed of project status	Substantial construction commenced	Evidence of substantial commencement	R02_2023 CAR	before the expiration of five years from the date of the statement	Complete	As reported in the 2023 CAR (R02), substantial commencement has been completed in a previous audit period.
MS735:3.2	Time Limit of Authorisation	Construction	The proponent shall provide the CEO with written evidence which demonstrates that the proposal has substantially commenced on or before the expiration of five years from the date of this statement.	To keep DEC informed of project status	Substantial construction commenced	Letter to CEO prior to the expiration of five years from the date of the statement	R02_2023 CAR	before the expiration of five years from the date of the statement	Complete	As reported in the 2023 CAR (R02), substantial commencement has been completed in a previous audit period.
MS735:M4.1	Compliance reporting	Overall	Submit to the CEO environmental compliance reports reporting on the previous twelve-month period. (Annual Compliance Assessment Report [CAR])  Annually unless required by the CEO to report more frequently. Annual reporting shall continue until such time as the Minister for the Environment determines on advice from the EPA that the proponent has fulfilled its responsibilities in relation to the conditions within this statement.	To provide evidence that the proposal is being implemented, and conditions are being met	Report assessing compliance over the previous reporting period (14 December to 13 December annually)	Reports shall address that required by condition 4-2 and condition 4-3.	R02_2023 CAR C01_MS735 (DBNGP Stage 5 Looping Project) Compliance Assessment Report Submission E01_Website Screenshot 2025-02-18 R01_2023 CAR	Annually	Compliant	The 2023 CAR (R02) for the period 13/12/2022 to 12/12/2023 was submitted to the CEO on 23/04/2024 (C01) and available on the AGIG website (E01): <a href="https://www.agig.com.au/health-safety-and-environment">https://www.agig.com.au/health-safety-and-environment</a> This audit report (R01) is intended to satisfy the requirements for the period from 13 December 2023 to 12 December 2024.
MS735:M4.2	Compliance reporting	Design	The environmental compliance reports shall address each element of an audit program approved by the CEO and shall be prepared and submitted in a format acceptable to the CEO.	To develop a system of monitoring implementation and environmental performance of the proposal	Audit Table prepared to the satisfaction of the CEO, DEC.	An audit program shall be prepared and submitted to the CEO for approval.	R02_2023 CAR	Prior to submission of first compliance report	Complete	As reported in the 2023 CAR (R02), this audit table was developed and signed off by DEC (now DWER) prior to the 2012 CAR.

Audit Code	Subject	Phase	Requirement	Objective	Criteria	How	Evidence	Timeframe	Compliance Status	Further Information
MS735:M4.3	Annual environmental compliance reporting - preparation	Overall	<p>The environmental compliance reports shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be endorsed by signature of the proponent's Chairman or a person, approved in writing by the Chairman, delegated to sign on behalf of the proponent's Chairman.</li> <li>2. State whether the proponent has complied with each condition and procedure contained in Statement 735.</li> <li>3. Provide verifiable evidence of compliance with each condition and procedure contained in Statement 735.</li> <li>4. State compliance with each key action contained in any environmental management plan or program required by Statement 735.</li> <li>5. Provide verifiable evidence of conformance with each key action contained in any environmental management plan or program required by Statement 735.</li> <li>6. Identify all non-compliances and non-conformances and describe the corrective and preventative actions taken in relation to each non-compliance or non-conformance.</li> <li>7. Provide an assessment of the effectiveness of all corrective and preventative actions taken.</li> <li>8. Describe the state of implementation of the proposal.</li> </ol>	Reports presented to satisfy this condition with respect to the content.	Report assessing compliance over the previous reporting period (14 December to 13 December annually)	Reports presented to satisfy this condition with respect to the content.	R01_2024 CAR	Annually	Compliant	<p>Appendix A contains a statement signed by the CEO stating whether the proponent has complied with all the conditions and procedures contained in MS735.</p> <p>Table 4.1 contains verifiable evidence of compliance with each condition and procedure contained in MS735.</p> <p>No construction occurred in the reporting period as such there were no commitments contained in the Management Plans required to be implemented in the reporting period.</p> <p>Section 4.2 identifies all non-compliances and non-conformances.</p> <p>Section 4.3 describes the corrective and preventative actions taken in relation to each non-compliance or non-conformance and provides an assessment of the effectiveness of all corrective and preventative actions taken.</p> <p>Section 2 describes the state of implementation of the proposal.</p>
735:M4.4	Annual environmental compliance reporting – public availability	Overall Annually	Make the environmental compliance reports (AECRs) publicly available.	<p>Carry out the following:</p> <p>Provide copies of the documentation to DWER</p> <p>Post the document on the proponent's website.</p>	As approved by the CEO.	Carry out the following: Post the document on the proponent's website.	E01_Website Screenshot 2025-02-18	Ongoing	Compliant	<p>The CARs for 2007 to 2023 are available on the AGIG website (E01):</p> <p><a href="https://www.agig.com.au/health-safety-and-environment">https://www.agig.com.au/health-safety-and-environment</a></p>

Audit Code	Subject	Phase	Requirement	Objective	Criteria	How	Evidence	Timeframe	Compliance Status	Further Information
735:M5.1	Performance review – prepare and submit	Overall Every 5 years after the start of construction	Submit a Performance Review report every five years after the start of construction to the EPA, which addresses: 1. The major environmental issues associated with implementing the project; the environmental objectives for those issues; the methodologies used to achieve these; and the key indicators of environmental performance measured against those objectives. 2. The level of progress in the achievement of sound environmental performance, including industry benchmarking, and the use of best available technology where practicable. 3. Significant improvements gained in environmental management, including the use of external peer reviews. 4. Stakeholder and community consultation about environmental performance and the outcomes of that consultation, including a report of any on-going concerns being expressed. 5. The proposed environmental objectives over the next five years, including improvements in technology and management processes.	To provide evidence of environmental performance and to identify aspects that may require environmental improvements	-	The Performance Review report will address the required actions.	R06_MS 735 DBNGP Stage 5 2017-2022_5-year Performance Review Report	Five yearly	Compliant	Five-year performance reviews were conducted in 2012, 2017 and 2022. Section 3 of the 2022 Performance Review (R06) contained the major environmental issues associated with implementing the project; the environmental objectives for those issues; the methodologies used to achieve these; and the key indicators of environmental performance measured against those objectives. Section 4 of the 2022 Performance Review contained the level of progress in the achievement of sound environmental performance, including industry benchmarking, and the use of best available technology where practicable. Section 5 of the 2022 Performance Review contained significant improvements gained in environmental management, including the use of external peer reviews. Section 6 of the 2022 Performance Review contained Stakeholder and community consultation about environmental performance and the outcomes of that consultation, including a report of any on-going concerns being expressed. Section 7 of the 2022 Performance Review contained The proposed environmental objectives over the next five years, including improvements in technology and management processes.
735:M5.2	Performance review – public availability	Overall Every 5 years after the start of construction	Make the Performance Review reports publicly available.	To ensure that the public is kept informed of the environmental performance of the proponent	-	Carry out the following: Post the document on the proponent's website	E01_Website Screenshot 2025-02-18	At all times	Complete	The 2012, 2017 and 2022 Stage 5 MS735 5 yr Performance Reviews are provided on the company's website (E01): <a href="https://www.agig.com.au/health-safety-and-environment">https://www.agig.com.au/health-safety-and-environment</a>
735:M6.1	Compliance Audit	Overall	The proponent shall submit a written compliance audit report to the CEO within 30 days of the conclusion of the construction of each loop section.	To provide evidence that the conditions are being met within each loop section	Completion of each loop section is considered to be at the time of hand over of the Loop from DBP Construction to Operations.	Submit a written compliance audit report	R02_2023 CAR	within 30 days of the conclusion of the construction of each loop section	Complete	As reported in the 2023 CAR (R02), this has been completed in a previous audit period.
735:M6.2	Compliance Audit	Overall	The compliance audit report shall outline identified non compliances against the conditions of this statement.	To provide evidence that the conditions are being met within each loop section	-	Audit compliance against the statement	R02_2023 CAR	within 30 days of the conclusion of the construction of each loop section	Complete	As reported in the 2023 CAR (R02), this has been completed in a previous audit period.
735:M6.3	Compliance Audit	Overall	The report shall be endorsed by signature of the proponent's Chairperson or a person approved in writing by the Chairperson, delegated to sign on behalf of the proponent's Chairperson	To provide evidence that the conditions are being met within each loop section	-	The proponent Chairperson is to endorse the audit	R02_2023 CAR	within 30 days of the conclusion of the construction of each loop section	Complete	As reported in the 2023 CAR (R02), this has been completed in a previous audit period.

Audit Code	Subject	Phase	Requirement	Objective	Criteria	How	Evidence	Timeframe	Compliance Status	Further Information
735:M6.4	Compliance Audit	Overall	The report shall include the date, time and location of the non-compliances, the reason for the non-compliances, actions taken to remedy non compliances and details of management measures implemented to reduce the risk of future non compliances.	To provide evidence that the conditions are being met within each loop section	-	All details of non-compliances with the statement are to be included in the audit report.	R02_2023 CAR	within 30 days of the conclusion of the construction of each loop section	Complete	As reported in the 2023 CAR (R02), this has been completed in a previous audit period.
735:M7.1	Results of Spring Flora Surveys	Design	Prior to the commencement of vegetation clearing, the proponent shall submit a report to the CEO which details the results of the spring flora surveys undertaken in 2006. This report shall: 1. Record the location of any Declared Rare Flora, Priority Flora and other species of conservation significance; 2. Identify any Threatened Ecological Communities and other environmentally sensitive areas; 3. Describe the habitat in which specially protected or conservation-significant flora species were found, and the extent of the contiguous area of the same habitat in the local area; and 4. Specify the degree of impact of the proposed works on specially protected or conservation-significant flora species, its identified contiguous habitat or Threatened Ecological Communities and other environmentally sensitive areas;	To determine if conservation significant species occur within the proposal area and the potential impact on them	Design Prior to the commencement of vegetation clearing	Spring survey reports to be submitted to the CEO	R02_2023 CAR	Prior to the commencement of vegetation clearing	Complete	As reported in the 2023 CAR (R02), this has been completed in a previous audit period.
735:M7.2	Flora and Vegetation Management Plan	Design	Prior to the commencement of vegetation clearing, the proponent shall prepare, in consultation with the Department of Environment and Conservation, a Flora and Vegetation Management Plan, which shall: 1. Identify the proposed management strategy for the protection of Declared Rare Flora, Priority Flora, Threatened Ecological Communities, other conservation-significant species and other environmentally sensitive areas identified; and 2. Include a post-activity monitoring plan for specially protected or conservation-significant flora species.	To minimise and manage disturbance of remnant vegetation or conservation significant flora	Design Prior to the commencement of vegetation clearing	Prepare a Flora and Vegetation Management Plan	R03_DBPL00-501-0722-01 DBNGP Stage 5 Expansion Looping Project CEMP	Prior to the commencement of vegetation clearing	Complete	The Flora and Vegetation Management Protocol (FVMP) is contained in Chapter 4 Section 3 of the approved CEMP (R03).
735:M7.3	Flora and Vegetation Management Plan	Construction	The proponent shall implement the Flora and Vegetation Management Plan required by condition 7-2.	To ensure appropriate management actions are taken to minimise any impacts on flora and vegetation	Construction	Implement the Flora and Vegetation Management Plan	M01_MS735 AGIG Response to JBS&G Information Request Rev 0	Ongoing	NRATS	No construction activities occurred in the reporting period as such there were no actions within the Flora and Vegetation Management Protocol required to be implemented in the reporting period.
735:M7.4	Flora and Vegetation Management Plan	Overall	Make the Flora and Vegetation Management Plan publicly available.	To ensure the public is kept informed	Overall	Make the FVMP within the CEMP available on the proponent's website	E01_Website Screenshot 2025-02-18	At all times	Compliant	The FVMP contained within the approved CEMP is available on the AGIG website (E01): <a href="https://www.agig.com.au/health-safety-and-environment">https://www.agig.com.au/health-safety-and-environment</a> No revision of the FVMP within the CEMP was required during this audit period.
735:M8.1	Vegetation Disturbance	Design	Prior to ground-disturbing activities; the proponent shall clearly delineate on the ground the boundaries of the pipeline easement and the area of disturbance outside the easement.	To minimise clearing of vegetation	Design Prior to ground-disturbing activities	Clearly delineate the boundaries of the pipeline easement	Refer to 735:M7.3	Prior to ground-disturbing activities	Compliant	Refer to 735:M7.3



Audit Code	Subject	Phase	Requirement	Objective	Criteria	How	Evidence	Timeframe	Compliance Status	Further Information
735:M8.2	Vegetation Disturbance	Construction	The proponent shall not cause disturbance of vegetation outside the delineated pipeline easement, or the delineated area of disturbance outside the easement, as referred to in condition 8-1, unless authorised by the Minister for the Environment.	To minimise disturbance of remnant vegetation	-	Do not cause unauthorised disturbance outside the pipeline easement	Refer to 735:M7.3	During implementation	Compliant	Refer to 735:M7.3
735:M8.3	Vegetation Disturbance	Construction	The proponent shall not cause or allow disturbance of vegetation outside the 20-metre-wide easement located within environmentally sensitive areas, unless authorised by the Minister for the Environment.	To minimise disturbance of vegetation in environmentally sensitive areas	-	Do not allow unauthorised disturbance of ESA outside the pipeline easement	Refer to 735:M7.3	During implementation	Compliant	Refer to 735:M7.3
735:M9.1	Fauna	Design	<p>Prior to ground-disturbing activities, the proponent shall prepare a Fauna Management Plan, which includes a Fauna Interaction Protocol, in consultation with the Department of Environment and Conservation, to the requirements of the Minister for the . Environment on advice of the Environmental Protection Authority, which shall include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Procedures to minimise and manage impacts on all native fauna, including conservation-significant fauna species identified in Bancroft and Bamford, Fauna Values of Stage 5 of the Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline (DBNGP): A Review (2006). (Report provided in Appendix 2 of the proponent's Environmental Impact Assessment document dated September 2006.); and</li> <li>Procedures for the management of water bodies within open trenches to minimise fauna death or injury.</li> </ol>	To minimise direct impacts on native fauna	-	Prepare a Fauna Management Plan	R03_DBPL00-501-0722-01 DBNGP Stage 5 Expansion Looping Project CEMP	Prior to ground-disturbing activities	Complete	The Fauna Management Protocol (FMP) is contained Chapter 4 Section 8 of the approved CEMP (R03).
735:M9.2	Fauna	Construction	The clearing of open trenches by the fauna-clearing persons is to be completed each day by no later than 4.5 hours after sunrise for Loops 0 to 7 and no later than 5 hours after sunrise for Loops 8 to 10 and at least half an hour prior to the backfilling of pipeline trenches.	To minimise death or injury to fauna trapped in the open trenches	-	Clearing of open trenches must be undertaken at the specified times by the fauna clearing persons	M01_MS735 AGIG Response to JBS&G Information Request Rev 0	Open trench activities	NRATS	No trenching activities occurred in the reporting period
735:M9.3	Fauna	Construction	Open trench lengths shall not exceed a length capable of being inspected and cleared by fauna clearing persons within the required times as set out in conditions 9-2, 10-2 and 10-4.	To minimise death or injury to fauna trapped in the open trenches	-	Trench lengths must not be greater than specified inspection times will allow.	Refer to 735:M9.2	Open trench activities	NRATS	Refer to 735:M9.2
735:M9.4	Fauna	Pre-construction	Significant habitat trees of sufficient age to form nesting hollows for hollow-nesting birds and mammals shall be marked, prior to construction, in consultation with the Department of Environment and Conservation;	To identify significant habitat trees that can be retained	A habitat tree was assessed as having habitat value if it had 'a trunk diameter greater than 30 centimetres at breast height, irrespective of availability of lack of any evidence of use by fauna' (CEMP Controlled version 2)	Habitat trees with nesting hollows shall be marked.	R02_2023 CAR	Prior to construction	Complete	As reported in the 2023 CAR (R02), this has been completed in a previous audit period.
735:M9.5	Fauna	Construction	Marked significant habitat trees as referenced to in condition 9-4 shall be retained, except in the case where habitat trees occur in the direct line of the proposed pipeline;	To retain significant habitat trees for fauna, where possible	-	Marked habitat trees will be retained.	R02_2023 CAR	During construction	Complete	As reported in the 2023 CAR (R02), this has been completed in a previous audit period.

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735:M9.6	Fauna	Construction	The proponent shall monitor weather forecasts through the Bureau of Meteorology and in the event of a weather forecast indicating rainfall sufficient to cause flooding of trenches or drowning of fauna trapped in trenches, the proponent shall in consultation with the Department of Environment and Conservation backfill all lengths of open trench with a potential to be flooded or cause drowning of fauna.	To minimise harm to fauna that could be trapped and drown in open trenches	-	Parts of trench with the potential for flooding or drowning of fauna are to be backfilled.	Refer to 735:M9.2	Open trench activities	NRATS	Refer to 735:M9.2
735:M9.7	Fauna	Construction	Where wet trenching is conducted, trenches shall not remain open for periods longer than 48 hours within wetlands and environmentally sensitive areas and 7 days for all other areas.	To minimise death or injury to fauna	-	Wet trenches are to be backfilled within <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>24 hrs in wetlands and ESAs</li> <li>7 days in all other areas</li> </ul>	Refer to 735:M9.2	Open trench activities	NRATS	Refer to 735:M9.2
735:M9.8	Fauna	Construction	The fauna clearing persons shall operate in teams of two with at least one fauna clearing person experienced in the following, to the requirements of DEC: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fauna identification, capture and handling (including venomous snakes);</li> <li>Identification of tracks, scats, burrows and nests of conservation significant species;</li> <li>Fauna vouchering;</li> <li>Assessing injured fauna for suitability for release, rehabilitation or euthanasia;</li> <li>Familiarity with the ecology of the species that may be encountered in order to be able to appropriately translocate fauna encountered; and</li> <li>Performing euthanasia.</li> </ol>	To ensure fauna handling is of a high standard	-	Fauna clearing persons are to be experienced to the required specifications.	Refer to 735:M9.2	Open trench activities	NRATS	Refer to 735:M9.2
735:M9.9:1	Fauna	Design	The proponent shall be responsible for ensuring that basic fauna handling training is provided to fauna clearing persons who do not possess the skills and experience outlined in condition 9-8 prior to the fauna clearing person commencing employment.	To ensure fauna handling is of a high standard	In accordance with training developed in consultation with DEC.	Fauna clearing persons must have basic fauna handling training or be trained to MS9.8 specifications	Refer to 735:M9.2	Prior to the fauna clearing person commencing employment	NRATS	Refer to 735:M9.2
735:M9.9:2	Fauna	Construction	The proponent shall be responsible for ensuring that basic fauna handling training is provided to fauna clearing persons who do not possess the skills and experience outlined in condition 9-8 prior to the fauna clearing person commencing employment.	To ensure fauna handling is of a high standard	In accordance with training developed in consultation with DEC.	Fauna clearing persons must have basic fauna handling training or be trained to MS9.8 specifications	Refer to 735:M9.2	Prior to the fauna clearing person commencing employment	NRATS	Refer to 735:M9.2
735:M9.10:1	Fauna	Design	The fauna handling training as outlined in condition 9-9 shall be developed in consultation with the Department of Environment and Conservation.	To ensure best practice management	-	DEC is to be consulted on training received by fauna clearing persons	Refer to 735:M9.2	Prior to the fauna clearing person commencing employment	NRATS	Refer to 735:M9.2
735:M9.10:2	Fauna	Construction	The fauna handling training as outlined in condition 9-9 shall be developed in consultation with the Department of Environment and Conservation.	To ensure best practice management	-	DEC is to be consulted on training received by fauna clearing persons	Refer to 735:M9.2	Prior to the fauna clearing person commencing employment	NRATS	Refer to 735:M9.2
735:M9.11	Fauna	Construction	No part of the trench shall remain open for more than 14 days except "bell holes", unless authorised by the CEO.	To minimise death or injury to fauna	-	Parts of the trench will remain open for no more than 14 days.	Refer to 735:M9.2	Open trench activities	NRATS	Refer to 735:M9.2

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735:M9.12	Fauna	Construction	In environmentally sensitive areas, no part of the trench shall remain open for more than seven days, unless authorised by the CEO.	To minimise death or injury to fauna	-	Parts of the trench within ESA will remain open for no more than 7 days.	Refer to 735:M9.2	Open trench activities	NRATS	Refer to 735:M9.2
735:M9.13	Fauna	Construction	In order to comply with conditions 9-11 and 9-12, the proponent shall record each day in a log and on the ground the kilometre points of the start point and finish point of the trench opened on each day.	To ensure conditions are complied with	-	A log of open trench will be recorded each day.	Refer to 735:M9.2	Open trench activities	NRATS	Refer to 735:M9.2
735:M9.14	Fauna Management Plan	Construction	The proponent shall review and revise, as required, the Fauna Management Plan required by condition 9-1.	To ensure best practice management	-	The FMP can be reviewed and revised.	M01_MS735 AGIG Response to JBS&G Information Request Rev 0	Ongoing	NRATS	No revision of the FMP in the CEMP was required during this audit period.
735:M9.15	Fauna Management Plan	Construction	The proponent shall implement the Fauna Management Plan required by condition 9-1 and subsequent revisions of the Fauna Management Plan required by condition 9-16.	To ensure appropriate management actions are taken to minimise any impacts on fauna	-	The FMP within the CEMP is to be implemented.	M01_MS735 Information Request Response	Ongoing	NRATS	No construction activities occurred in the reporting period as such there were no actions within the Fauna Management Protocol required to be implemented in the reporting period.
735:M9.16	Fauna Management Plan	Overall	Make the Fauna Management Plan and subsequent revisions publicly available.	To ensure the public is kept informed	-	Make the Fauna Management Plan within the CEMP available on the proponent's website.	E01_Website Screenshot 2025-02-18	Ongoing	Compliant	The FMP contained within the approved CEMP is available on the AGIG website (E01): <a href="https://www.agig.com.au/health-safety-and-environment">https://www.agig.com.au/health-safety-and-environment</a>
735:M9.17	Fauna	Construction	The proponent shall produce weekly performance monitoring reports on fauna management for each Loop. The Reports shall include but not necessarily limited to details of all fauna inspections, the number of fauna cleared from trenches, fauna interactions, fauna mortalities and all actions taken. These reports are to be provided to the CEO each week.	To provide evidence of the effectiveness of fauna management measures	-	Submit weekly performance monitoring reports per loop to the CEO as per the specifications.	R01_2024 CAR	During construction	NRATS	No construction activities occurred in the reporting period.
735:M9.18:1	Fauna	Overall	The proponent shall produce monthly performance monitoring reports on fauna management for each Loop. The Reports shall include but not necessarily limited to details of all fauna inspections, the number of fauna cleared from trenches, fauna interactions, fauna mortalities and all actions taken.	To provide evidence of environmental performance in relation to fauna management.	-	Submit monthly performance monitoring reports per loop to the CEO as per the specifications.	R01_2024 CAR	During construction	NRATS	No construction activities occurred in the reporting period
735:M9.18:2	Fauna	Overall	The proponent shall produce monthly performance monitoring reports on fauna management for each Loop. These reports are to be made publicly available on completion of each Loop, in a manner approved by the CEO.	To ensure the public is kept informed	-	Submit monthly performance monitoring reports per loop to the CEO as per the specifications.	Refer to 735:M9.18:1	During construction	NRATS	Refer to 735:M9.18:1
735:M10.1	Timing of Construction Works	Construction	The proponent shall avoid open trench work on Loops O to 2 from November to March inclusive unless otherwise allowed for in condition 10-2.	To avoid working in the wet season	-	Establish and implement auditing compliance reporting system.	Refer to 735:M9.2	Open trench activities	NRATS	Refer to 735:M9.2

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735:M10.2	Timing of Construction Works	Construction	In the event the proponent undertakes open trench work on Loops O to 2 during November to March the proponent shall: 1. Provide a report to the Department of Environment and Conservation outlining the reasons why open trench work was necessary during the period November to March inclusive; and 2. Complete fauna clearing as described in condition 9-2 by 3 hours after sunrise or when daily temperatures are forecast by the Bureau of Meteorology to exceed 35°C fauna clearing shall be completed by 2.5 hours after sunrise.	To avoid working in the wet season	-	Establish and implement auditing compliance reporting system.	Refer to 735:M9.2	Open trench activities	NRATS	Refer to 735:M9.2
735:M10.3	Timing of Construction Works	Construction	The proponent shall avoid open trench work on Loops 8 to 10 from June to December (inclusive) unless otherwise allowed for in condition 10-4.	To avoid working in the wet season	-	Establish and implement auditing compliance reporting system.	Refer to 735:M9.2	Open trench activities	NRATS	Refer to 735:M9.2
735:M10.4	Timing of Construction Works	Construction	Where the proponent undertakes open trench work during June to December inclusive the proponent shall: 1. Provide a report to the Department of Environment and Conservation outlining the reasons why open trench work was necessary during the period June to December inclusive; and 2. Implement the Wetland Crossing Management Plan required by condition 12-1, and the Dieback and Weed Management Plan required by condition 13-2	To avoid working in the wet season	-	Establish and implement auditing compliance reporting system.	Refer to 735:M9.2	Open trench activities	NRATS	Refer to 735:M9.2
735:M11.1:1	River Crossings	Design	The proponent shall delineate the riparian vegetation along watercourses which will be traversed on advice of the Department of Environment and Conservation.	To minimise and manage disturbance of riparian vegetation	-	Delineate the riparian vegetation along watercourses which will be traversed	R02_2023 CAR	Prior to construction	Complete	As reported in the 2023 CAR (R02), this condition was complete in a previous stage of the project.
735:M11.1:2	River Crossings	Construction	The proponent shall delineate the riparian vegetation along watercourses which will be traversed on advice of the Department of Environment and Conservation.	To minimise and manage disturbance of riparian vegetation	-	Delineate the riparian vegetation along watercourses which will be traversed	M01_MS735 AGIG Response to JBS&G Information Request Rev 0	Construction	NRATS	No construction activities occurred in the reporting period
735:M11.2	River Crossings	Design	Prior to ground-disturbing activities, the proponent shall prepare in consultation with the Department of Environment and Conservation, a Watercourse Crossing Management Plan to minimise disturbance of riparian vegetation. The Plan shall address: • Objectives and key performance criteria. • Management actions (e.g. general requirements, surveying, trenching and excavation, drilling). • Monitoring and recording. • Contingency actions.	To minimise and manage disturbance of watercourses	-	Prepare a WCMP	R03_DBPL00-501-0722-01 DBNGP Stage 5 Expansion Looping Project CEMP	Prior to ground-disturbing activities	Complete	The Watercourse Crossing Management Protocol (WCMP) is contained in Chapter 4 Section 9 of the approved CEMP (R03).
735:M11.3	River Crossings	Construction	The proponent shall implement the Watercourse Crossing Management Plan required by condition 11-2.	To ensure appropriate management actions are taken to minimise any impacts on watercourses	-	Implement the WCMP contained within the CEMP	M01_MS735 AGIG Response to JBS&G Information Request Rev 0	Ongoing	NRATS	No construction activities occurred in the reporting period as such there were no actions within the Watercourse Crossing Management Protocol required to be implemented in the reporting period.

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735:M11.4	River Crossings	Overall	Make the Watercourse Crossing Management Plan publicly available	To ensure the public is kept informed	-	Make the CEMP available on the proponent's website.	E01_Website Screenshot 2025-02-18	Ongoing	Compliant	The WCMP contained within the approved CEMP is available on the AGIG website (E01): <a href="https://www.agig.com.au/health-safety-and-environment">https://www.agig.com.au/health-safety-and-environment</a> No revision of the WCMP within the CEMP was required during this audit period.
735:M12.1	Wetland Crossings	Design	Prior to commencement of trenching work for Loops 9 and 10, the proponent shall prepare, in consultation with the Department of Environment and Conservation, a Wetland Crossing Management Plan.	To minimise and manage disturbance to wetlands and wetland buffer areas	Criteria established by condition 12-1	Prepare a Wetland Crossing Management Plan	R03_DBPL00-501-0722-01 DBNGP Stage 5 Expansion Looping Project CEMP	Prior to trenching activities	Complete	The Wetland Management Protocol (WMP) is contained in Chapter 4 Section 5 of the approved CEMP (R03).
735:M12.2	Wetland Crossings	Design	The Wetland Crossing Management Plan shall set out procedures to protect any wetland crossed by the trench in the event that trenching is proposed where there is standing water in the wetland.	To minimise and manage disturbance to wetlands and wetland buffer areas	Criteria established by condition 12-1	Establish and implement auditing compliance reporting system.	R03_DBPL00-501-0722-01 DBNGP Stage 5 Expansion Looping Project CEMP	Prior to trenching activities	Complete	Management actions to protect wetlands crossed by trench are contained in section 5.4 of the Wetland Management Protocol (R03).
735:M12.3	Wetland Crossings	Construction	The proponent shall implement the Wetland Crossing Management Plan required by condition 12-1.	To ensure appropriate management actions are taken to minimise any impacts on wetlands	-	Implement the Wetland Management Protocol contained within the CEMP.	M01_MS735 AGIG Response to JBS&G Information Request Rev 0	Ongoing	NRATS	M01_MS735 AGIG Response to JBS&G Information Request Rev 0
735:M12.4	Wetland Crossing Management Plan – public availability	Overall	Make the Wetland Crossing Management Plan publicly available.	To ensure the public is kept informed	-	Make the CEMP available on the proponent's website.	E01_Website Screenshot 2025-02-18	Ongoing	Compliant	The WMP contained within the approved CEMP is available on the AGIG website (E01): <a href="https://www.agig.com.au/health-safety-and-environment">https://www.agig.com.au/health-safety-and-environment</a> No revision of the WMP within the CEMP was required during this audit period.
735:M13.1	Dieback and Weed Management	Design	The proponent shall delineate surveyed occurrences of high risk, medium risk and medium to low-risk dieback areas.	To minimise and manage the risk of introducing or spreading dieback	-	Establish and implement auditing compliance reporting system.	E02_Dieback Risk and Occurrences	Prior to disturbance	Compliant	AGIG maintain a database containing surveyed occurrences of dieback risk and occurrences (E02).
735:M13.2	Dieback and Weed Management	Design	Prior to ground disturbing activities the proponent shall prepare a Dieback and Weed Management Plan in consultation with the Department of Environment and Conservation, to the requirements of the Minister for the Environment on advice of the Environmental Protection Authority The plan shall address: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Objectives and key performance criteria.</li> <li>Management actions (e.g. general requirements, hygiene management procedures).</li> <li>Monitoring and recording.</li> <li>Contingency actions</li> </ul>	To minimise the risk of introducing or spreading weeds and/or diseases	-	Prepare a Dieback and Weed Management Plan	R03_DBPL00-501-0722-01 DBNGP Stage 5 Expansion Looping Project CEMP	Prior to ground disturbing activities	Complete	The Weed, Pest and Dieback Management Protocol (WPDMP) is contained in Chapter 4 Section 4 of the approved CEMP (R03).
735:M13.3	Dieback and Weed Management	Construction	In consultation with the Department of Environment and Conservation, the proponent shall review and revise, as required, the Dieback and Weed Management Plan required by condition 13-2.	To ensure best management practice	-	Review and revise the WPDMP contained within the approved CEMP as required.	M01_MS735 AGIG Response to JBS&G Information Request Rev 0	Ongoing	NRATS	No revision of the WPDMP within the CEMP was required during this audit period.



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735:M13.4	Dieback and Weed Management	Construction	The proponent shall implement the Weed and Dieback Management Plan as required by condition 13-2 and any subsequent revisions of the Weed and Dieback Management Plan required by condition 13-3	To ensure appropriate management actions are taken to minimise impacts from weed and dieback introduction and/or spread	-	Implement the WPDMP contained within the approved CEMP.	M01_MS735 AGIG Response to JBS&G Information Request Rev 0	Ongoing	NRATS	No construction activities occurred in the reporting period as such there were no actions within the Weed, Pest and Dieback Management Protocol required to be implemented in the reporting period.
735:M13.5	Dieback and Weed Management	Overall	Make the Weed and Dieback Management Plan and any subsequent revisions required by condition 13-3 publicly available.	To ensure the public is kept informed	-	Make the CEMP available on the proponent's website.	E01_Website Screenshot 2025-02-18	Ongoing	Compliant	The WPDMP contained within the approved CEMP is available on the AGIG website (E01): <a href="https://www.agig.com.au/health-safety-and-environment">https://www.agig.com.au/health-safety-and-environment</a>
735:M14.1	Rehabilitation	Design	Prior to ground-disturbing activities, the proponent shall prepare a Rehabilitation Management Plan in consultation with the Department of Environment and Conservation, to the requirements of the Minister for the Environment on advice of the Environment Protection Authority. This Plan shall address: 1. weed management protocols; 2. dieback management protocols; 3. soil management protocols; 4. rehabilitation completion criteria; and 5. the need for propagule augmentation to achieve completion criteria.	To re-establish vegetation and associated habitat areas, controlling sediment and erosion.	Criteria established by condition 14-1	Prepare a Rehabilitation Management Plan	R03_DBPL00-501-0722-01 DBNGP Stage 5 Expansion Looping Project CEMP R04_E-PLN-016-5_Stage-5-Rehabilitation MP	Prior to ground disturbing activities	Complete	The Rehabilitation Protocol prepared prior to ground disturbing activities is contained in Chapter 4 Section 18 of the approved CEMP (R03). A standalone Rehabilitation Management Plan (R04) was developed in 2015.
735:M14.2	Rehabilitation	Overall	The proponent shall manage rehabilitation of the pipeline route until the rehabilitation completion criteria, referred to in condition 14-1, have been achieved.  Note: The proponent has obligations under Department of Industry and Resources legislation to maintain the vehicle access track. Certain completion criteria may not be achievable within the access track.	To ensure effective rehabilitation	Criteria established by condition 14-1	Undertake rehabilitation until completion criteria have been achieved.	R05_MS735 2018 Rehabilitation Monitoring	Until completion criteria have been achieved	Complete	As reported in the 2023 CAR (R02), Matiske November 2018 Monitoring Report (R05) recommended that no additional rehabilitation was required, and that monitoring should cease.
735:M14.3	Rehabilitation	Construction	In consultation with the Department of Environment and Conservation, the proponent shall review and revise, as required, the Rehabilitation Management Plan required by condition 14-1.	To ensure best practice	-	Review and revise the Rehabilitation Plan within the CEMP as required.	M01_MS735 AGIG Response to JBS&G Information Request Rev 0 R04_E-PLN-016-5_Stage-5-Rehabilitation MP	Construction	Complete	No revision of the Rehabilitation Management Plan (R04) was required during this audit period.
735:M14.4	Rehabilitation	Overall	The proponent shall implement the Rehabilitation Management Plan required by condition 14-1 and subsequent revisions of the Rehabilitation Management Plan required by condition 14-3 until such time as the completion criteria are met.	To ensure rehabilitation planning and activities are implemented	-	Implement the Rehabilitation Management Plan.	Refer to 735:M14.2	Until completion criteria have been achieved	Complete	Refer to 735:M14.2
735:M14.5	Rehabilitation	Overall	Make the Rehabilitation Management Plan and subsequent revisions publicly available.	To ensure the public is kept informed	-	Make the Rehabilitation Management Plan available on the proponent's website.	E01_Website Screenshot 2025-02-18	Ongoing	Compliant	The Rehabilitation Management Plan is available on the AGIG website (E01): <a href="https://www.agig.com.au/health-safety-and-environment">https://www.agig.com.au/health-safety-and-environment</a>
735:M15.1	Acid Sulphate Soils and Dewatering	Design	Prior to the commencement of soil disturbance or dewatering in an area, the proponent shall undertake field investigations within that area to clearly delineate areas of high, high to medium, medium to low-risk acid sulphate soils.	To identify those areas where acid sulphate soil management is required	DoE Acid Sulphate Soils Guideline Series (DoE 2006)	Undertake field investigations to delineate areas of high, high to medium, medium to low-risk acid sulphate soils.	M01_MS735 AGIG Response to JBS&G Information Request Rev 0	Prior to the commencement of soil disturbance or dewatering in an area	NRATS	No construction activities occurred in the reporting period as such there were no actions requiring soil disturbance or dewatering that could pose a risk to acid sulphate soils.

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735:M15.2	Acid Sulphate Soils and Dewatering	Construction	The proponent shall ensure that within high, high to medium and medium to low acid sulphate soil risk areas, trenches will be excavated in lengths that permit trenches. to be opened and closed within a 48-hour period.	To minimise adverse effects caused by acid sulphate soil disturbance	-	Establish and implement auditing compliance reporting system.	Refer to 735:M15.1	During soil disturbance or dewatering in an area	NRATS	Refer to 735:M15.1
735:M15.3	Acid Sulphate Soils and Dewatering	Design	Prior to trenching and excavation activities, the proponent shall prepare an Acid Sulphate Soils and Dewatering Management Plan to demonstrate that all practical measures have been included to manage the potential impacts of acid sulphate soils and dewatering activities, in consultation with the Department of Environment and Conservation to the requirements of the Minister for the Environment on advice of the Environmental Protection Authority.	To ensure that there are no adverse impacts to sensitive receptors as a result of acid sulphate soil disturbance and dewatering	Criteria established by M15-3	Plan to demonstrate that all practical measures have been included to manage the potential impacts of acid sulphate soils and dewatering activities.	R03_DBPL00-501-0722-01 DBNGP Stage 5 Expansion Looping Project CEMP	Prior to trenching and excavation activities	Complete	The Acid Sulphate Soils Management Protocol (ASSMP) contained in Chapter 4 Section 7 of the approved CEMP (R03) and Dewatering and Water Disposal Management Protocol (DWDMP) contained in Chapter 4 Section 6 of the approved CEMP (R03) were prepared prior to trenching and excavation activities.
735:M15.4	Acid Sulphate Soils and Dewatering	Construction	The proponent shall review and revise, as required, the Acid Sulphate Soils and Dewatering Management Plan required by condition 15-3.	To ensure best practice management	-	Review and revise the ASSMP and DWDMP within the CEMP	M01_MS735 AGIG Response to JBS&G Information Request Rev 0	Ongoing	NRATS	No revision of the ASSMP and DWDMP within the CEMP was required during this audit period.
735:M15.5	Acid Sulphate Soils and Dewatering	Construction	The proponent shall implement and comply with the Acid Sulphate Soils and Dewatering Management Plan required by condition 15-3 and subsequent revisions of the Acid Sulphate Soils and Dewatering Management Plan required by condition 15-4.	To ensure appropriate management actions are taken to minimise impacts from acid sulphate soil disturbance and dewatering	-	Incorporate in construction planning.	M01_MS735 AGIG Response to JBS&G Information Request Rev 0	Ongoing	NRATS	No construction activities occurred in the reporting period
735:M15.6	Acid Sulphate Soils and Dewatering	Overall	Make the Acid Sulphate Soils and Dewatering Management Plan and subsequent revisions publicly available.	To ensure the public is kept informed	-	Make the CEMP available on the proponent's website.	E01_Website Screenshot 2025-02-18	Ongoing	Compliant	The ASSMP and DWDMP contained within the approved CEMP is available on the AGIG website (E01): <a href="https://www.agig.com.au/health-safety-and-environment">https://www.agig.com.au/health-safety-and-environment</a> No revision of the ASSMP or DWDMP within the CEMP was required during this audit period.
735:M16.1	Decommissioning	Design	Prior to undertaking ground-disturbing activities, the proponent shall prepare a Preliminary Decommissioning Plan for approval by the CEO, which describes the framework and strategies to ensure that the site is left in an environmentally acceptable condition, and provides: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>the rationale for the sitting and design of plant and infrastructure as relevant to environmental protection;</li><li>a conceptual description of the final landform at closure;</li><li>a plan for a care and maintenance phase; and</li><li>initial plans for the management of noxious materials.</li></ol>	To appropriately decommission the DBNGP in accordance with regulatory requirements and accepted best practice environmental management	Criteria established by M16-1	Prepare a Preliminary Decommissioning Plan	R02_2023 CAR	Prior to undertaking ground-disturbing activities	Compliant	As reported in the 2023 CAR (R02), this condition was satisfied in the 2007.

Audit Code	Subject	Phase	Requirement	Objective	Criteria	How	Evidence	Timeframe	Compliance Status	Further Information
735:M16.2	Decommissioning	Overall At least 12 months prior to anticipated closure	At least 12 months prior to the anticipated date of closure, or at a time approved by the EPA, submit a Final Decommissioning Plan designed to ensure that the site is left in an environmentally acceptable condition prepared on advice of the EPA, for approval of the CEO. The Final Decommissioning Plan shall set out procedures and measures for: 1. Removal or, if appropriate, retention of plant and infrastructure agreed in consultation with relevant stakeholders. 2. Rehabilitation of all disturbed areas to a standard suitable for the agreed new land use(s). 3. Identification of contaminated area, including provision of evidence of notification and proposed management measures to relevant statutory authorities.	To ensure that the site is left in an environmentally acceptable condition	Criteria established by condition 16-2	Submit a Final Decommissioning Plan.	M01_MS735 AGIG Response to JBS&G Information Request Rev 0	12 months prior to the anticipated date of closure	NRATS	The project is in operational phase and is not within 12 months of anticipated closure. A Final Decommissioning Plan has not been developed.
735:M16.3	Decommissioning	Closure	Implement the Final Decommissioning Plan until such time as the Minister for the Environment determines, on advice of the CEO, that decommissioning responsibilities have been fulfilled.	To ensure that the Final Decommissioning Plan is implemented	-	Implement the Final Decommissioning Plan.	Refer to 735:M16.2	12 months prior to the anticipated date of closure	NRATS	Refer to 735:M16.2
735:M16.4	Decommissioning	Overall	Make the Final Decommissioning Plan publicly available.	To ensure the public is kept informed	-	Make the Management Plan available on the proponent's website.	Refer to 735:M16.2	On EPA approval of Final Decommissioning Plan	NRATS	Refer to 735:M16.2

## 5. References

Office of Environmental Protection Authority (OEPA) 2012, *Post Assessment Guideline for Preparing an Audit Table*, OEPA, Perth, August 2012.

## 6. Limitations

### Scope of services

This report ("the report") has been prepared by JBS&G in accordance with the scope of services set out in the contract, or as otherwise agreed, between the Client and JBS&G. In some circumstances, a range of factors such as time, budget, access and/or site disturbance constraints may have limited the scope of services. This report is strictly limited to the matters stated in it and is not to be read as extending, by implication, to any other matter in connection with the matters addressed in it.

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## Appendix A Statement of Compliance



## Statement of Compliance

### 1. Proposal and Proponent Details

Proposal Title	DBNGP Stage 5 Looping Expansion project
Statement Number	735
Proponent Name	DBNGP (WA) Nominees Pty Ltd (DBP)
Proponent's Australian Company Number (where relevant)	78 081 609 289 7

### 2. Statement of Compliance Details

Reporting Period	13/12/23 to 12/12/24
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Implementation phase(s) during reporting period (please tick ✓ relevant phase(s))							
Pre-construction		Construction		Operation	✓	Decommissioning	

Audit Table for Statement addressed in this Statement of Compliance is provided at Attachment:	2
<p>An audit table for the Statement addressed in this Statement of Compliance must be provided as Attachment 2 to this Statement of Compliance. The audit table must be prepared and maintained in accordance with the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) <i>Post Assessment Guideline for Preparing an Audit Table</i>, as amended from time to time. The 'Status Column' of the audit table must accurately describe the compliance status of each implementation condition and/or procedure for the reporting period of this Statement of Compliance. The terms that may be used by the proponent in the 'Status Column' of the audit table are limited to the Compliance Status Terms listed and defined in Table 1 of Attachment 1.</p>	

Were all implementation conditions and/or procedures of the Statement complied with within the reporting period? (please tick ✓ the appropriate box)			
No (please proceed to Section 3)		Yes (please proceed to Section 4)	✓

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**3. Details of Non-compliance(s) and/or Potential Non-compliance(s)**

The information required Section 3 must be provided for each non-compliance or potential non-compliance identified during the reporting period covered by this Statement of Compliance.

**Non-compliance/potential non-compliance 3-1**

Which implementation condition or procedure was non-compliant or potentially non-compliant?
Was the implementation condition or procedure non-compliant or potentially non-compliant?
On what date(s) did the non-compliance or potential non-compliance occur (if applicable)?

Was this non-compliance or potential non-compliance reported to the Chief Executive Officer, DWER?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER verbally      Date _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing      Date _____	<input type="checkbox"/> No

What are the details of the non-compliance or potential non-compliance and where relevant, the extent of and impacts associated with the non-compliance or potential non-compliance?
What is the precise location where the non-compliance or potential non-compliance occurred (if applicable)? (please provide this information as a map or GIS co-ordinates)
What was the cause(s) of the non-compliance or potential non-compliance?
What remedial and/or corrective action(s), if any, were taken or are proposed to be taken in response to the non-compliance or potential non-compliance?
What measures, if any, were in place to prevent the non-compliance or potential non-compliance before it occurred? What, if any, amendments have been made to those measures to prevent re-occurrence?
Please provide information/documentation collected and recorded in relation to this implementation condition or procedure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• in the reporting period addressed in this Statement of Compliance; and</li> <li>• as outlined in the approved Compliance Assessment Plan for the Statement addressed in this Statement of Compliance.</li> </ul> (the above information may be provided as an attachment to this Statement of Compliance)

*For additional non-compliance or potential non-compliance, please duplicate this page as required.*

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**4. Proponent Declaration**

I, Tawake Rakai declare that I am authorised on behalf of DBNGP (WA) Nominees Pty Ltd (DBP) to submit this form and that the information contained in this form is true and not misleading.

Signature:  Date: 25 FEB 2025

Please note that:

- it is an offence under section 112 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* for a person to give or cause to be given information that to his knowledge is false or misleading in a material particular; and
- the Chief Executive Officer of the DWER has powers under section 47(2) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* to require reports and information about implementation of the proposal to which the statement relates and compliance with the implementation conditions.

**5. Submission of Statement of Compliance**

One hard copy and one electronic copy (preferably PDF on CD or thumb drive) of the Statement of Compliance are required to be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer, DWER, marked to the attention of Manager, Compliance (Ministerial Statements).

Please note, the DWER has adopted a procedure of providing written acknowledgment of receipt of all Statements of Compliance submitted by the proponent, however, the DWER does not approve Statements of Compliance.

**6. Contact Information**

Queries regarding Statements of Compliance, or other issues of compliance relevant to a Statement may be directed to Compliance (Ministerial Statements), DWER:

**Manager, Compliance (Ministerial Statements)**

**Department of Water and Environmental Regulation**

Postal Address: Locked Bag 10  
Joondalup DC  
WA 6919

Phone: (08) 6364 7000

Email: [compliance@dwer.wa.gov.au](mailto:compliance@dwer.wa.gov.au)

**7. Post Assessment Guidelines and Forms**

Post assessment documents can be found at [www.epa.wa.gov.au](http://www.epa.wa.gov.au)

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## ATTACHMENT 1

Table 1 Compliance Status Terms

Compliance Status Terms	Abbrev	Definition	Notes
Compliant	C	Implementation of the proposal has been carried out in accordance with the requirements of the audit element.	This term applies to audit elements with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ongoing requirements that have been met during the reporting period; and</li> <li>requirements with a finite period of application that have been met during the reporting period, but whose status has not yet been classified as 'completed'.</li> </ul>
Completed	CLD	A requirement with a finite period of application has been satisfactorily completed.	This term may only be used where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>audit elements have a finite period of application (e.g. construction activities, development of a document);</li> <li>the action has been satisfactorily completed; and</li> <li>the DWER has provided written acceptance of 'completed' status for the audit element.</li> </ul>
Not required at this stage	NR	The requirements of the audit element were not triggered during the reporting period.	This should be consistent with the 'Phase' column of the audit table.
Potentially Non-compliant	PNC	Possible or likely failure to meet the requirements of the audit element.	This term may apply where during the reporting period the proponent has identified a potential non-compliance and has not yet finalized its investigations to determine whether non-compliance has occurred.
Non-compliant	NC	Implementation of the proposal has not been carried out in accordance with the requirements of the audit element.	This term applies where the requirements of the audit element are not "complete" have not been met during the reporting period.
In Process	IP	Where an audit element requires a management or monitoring plan be submitted to the DWER or another government agency for approval, that submission has been made and no further information or changes have been requested by the DWER or the other government agency and assessment by the DWER or other government agency for approval is still pending.	<p><b>The term 'In Process' may not be used for any purpose other than that stated in the Definition Column.</b></p> <p>The term 'In Process' may not be used to describe the compliance status of an implementation condition and/or procedure that requires implementation throughout the life of the project (e.g. implementation of a management plan).</p>

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## Appendix B Evidence Register

**Table B.1: Evidence Register**

Code	Reference	Author	Electronic	Hard copy	Topic
C01	C01_MS735 (DBNGP Stage 5 Looping Project) Compliance Assessment Report Submission	AGIG	X		AGIG submission email 23/04/2024 providing 2023 CAR (R02) to DWER
E01	E01_Website Screenshot 2025-02-18	JBS&G	X		<p>Website screenshot taken 18/02/2025 of AGIG website:  <a href="https://www.agig.com.au/health-safety-and-environment">https://www.agig.com.au/health-safety-and-environment</a></p> <p>With links to documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2023 CAR (R02)</li> <li>• 2022 CAR</li> <li>• 2017-2022 5yr Performance Report (R06) including 2017-2021 CARs</li> <li>• 2012-2017 5yr Performance Report including 2012-2016 CARs</li> <li>• 2007-2012 5yr Performance Report including 2007-2011 CARs</li> <li>• Rehabilitation Management Plan (R04)</li> <li>• CEMP (R03)</li> </ul>
E02	E02_Dieback Risk and Occurrences	AGIG	X		<p>Database screenshot showing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DBNGP</li> <li>• Dieback occurrences December 2023</li> <li>• DBCA Forest Disease Risk Areas</li> </ul>
M01	M01_MS735 AGIG Response to JBS&G Information Request Rev 0	AGIG	X		AGIG response 30/01/2025 to JBS&G request for evidence to undertake compliance assessment of MS 735 for the period 13/12/2023 to 12/12/2024.
R01	R01_2023 CAR	JBS&G	X		This Compliance Assessment Report.
R02	R02_2023 CAR	JBS&G	X		Australian Gas Infrastructure Group Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline Stage 5 Expansion 2023 Compliance Assessment Report – Ministerial Statement 735 [65375 Rev 0] 11 April 2024



Code	Reference	Author	Electronic	Hard copy	Topic
R03	R03_DBPL00-501-0722-01 DBNGP Stage 5 Expansion Looping Project CEMP		X		DBNGP Stage 5 Expansion Looping Project Construction Environmental Management Plan [401012-00624 Rev D] 17 August 2011
R04	R04_E-PLN-016-5_Stage-5-Rehabilitation MP	DBP	X		Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline Stage 5 Expansion Rehabilitation Management Plan [Revision 5] 21 January 2015
R05	R05_MS735 2018 Rehabilitation Monitoring	Mattiske	X		Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline (DBNGP) Reassessment of Stage 5B Loop 9 Rehabilitation Areas [FINAL] 16 November 2018
R06	R06_MS 735 DBNGP Stage 5 2017-2022_5-year Performance Review Report	Strategen-JBS&G	X		Australian Gas Infrastructure Group DBNGP Stage 5 Looping Expansion Project (MS735) Five Year Performance Review [62526 Rev 0] 4 January 2023

## Appendix C Ministerial Statement 735



Hon Mark McGowan MLA  
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Racing and Gaming

Statement No.

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**STATEMENT THAT A PROPOSAL MAY BE IMPLEMENTED  
(PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1986)**

**DAMPIER TO BUNBURY NATURAL GAS PIPELINE STAGE 5 EXPANSION**

**Proposal:** The construction of eleven loops adjacent and connected to the existing underground gas transmission pipeline within the existing corridor to raise the capacity of the system.

**Proponent:** DBNGP (WA) Nominees Pty Limited trading as Dampier Bunbury Pipeline

**Proponent Address:** Level 7, GHD House  
239 Adelaide Terrace  
PERTH WA 6832

**Assessment Number:** 1655

**Report of the Environmental Protection Authority:** Bulletin 1231

The proposal referred to in the above report of the Environmental Protection Authority may be implemented. The implementation of that proposal is subject to the following conditions and procedures:

**1 Proposal Implementation**

- 1-1 The proponent shall implement the proposal as documented and described in schedule 1 of this statement subject to the conditions and procedures of this statement.

**2 Proponent Nomination and Contact Details**

- 2-1 The proponent for the time being nominated by the Minister for the Environment under sections 38(6) or 38(7) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* is responsible for the implementation of the proposal.

Published on

**13 DEC 2006**

- 2-2 The proponent shall notify the Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Environment and Conservation (CEO) of any change of the name and address of the proponent for the serving of a notice or other correspondence within 30 days of such change.

### **3 Time Limit of Authorisation**

- 3-1 The authorisation to implement the proposal provided for in this statement shall lapse and be void within five years after the date of this statement if the proposal to which this statement relates is not substantially commenced.
- 3-2 The proponent shall provide the CEO with written evidence which demonstrates that the proposal has substantially commenced on or before the expiration of five years from the date of this statement.

### **4 Compliance Reporting**

- 4-1 The proponent shall submit to the CEO environmental compliance reports annually reporting on the previous twelve-month period, unless required by the CEO to report more frequently.

Note: Annual reporting shall continue until such time as the Minister for the Environment determines on advice from the Environmental Protection Authority that the proponent has fulfilled its responsibilities in relation to the conditions within this Statement.

- 4-2 The environmental compliance reports shall address each element of an audit program approved by the CEO and shall be prepared and submitted in a format acceptable to the CEO.
- 4-3 The environmental compliance reports shall:
1. be endorsed by signature of the proponent's Chairman or a person, approved in writing by the Chairman, delegated to sign on behalf of the proponent's Chairman;
  2. state whether the proponent has complied with each condition and procedure contained in this statement;
  3. provide verifiable evidence of compliance with each condition and procedure contained in this statement;
  4. state whether the proponent has complied with each key action contained in any environmental management plan or program required by this statement;
  5. provide verifiable evidence of conformance with each key action contained in any environmental management plan or program required by this statement;

6. identify all non-compliances and non-conformances and describe the corrective and preventative actions taken in relation to each non-compliance or non-conformance;
  7. provide an assessment of the effectiveness of all corrective and preventative actions taken; and
  8. describe the state of implementation of the proposal.
- 4-4 The proponent shall make the environmental compliance reports required by condition 4-1 publicly available in a manner approved by the CEO.

## **5 Performance Review**

- 5-1 The proponent shall submit a Performance Review report every five years after the start of construction to the Environmental Protection Authority, which addresses:
1. the major environmental issues associated with implementing the project; the environmental objectives for those issues; the methodologies used to achieve these; and the key indicators of environmental performance measured against those objectives;
  2. the level of progress in the achievement of sound environmental performance, including industry benchmarking, and the use of best available technology where practicable;
  3. significant improvements gained in environmental management, including the use of external peer reviews;
  4. stakeholder and community consultation about environmental performance and the outcomes of that consultation, including a report of any on-going concerns being expressed; and
  5. the proposed environmental objectives over the next five years, including improvements in technology and management processes.
- 5-2 The proponent shall make the Performance Review reports required by condition 5-1 publicly available in a manner approved by the CEO.

## **6 Compliance Audit**

- 6-1 The proponent shall submit a written compliance audit report to the CEO within 30 days of the conclusion of the construction of each loop section.
- 6-2 The compliance audit report shall outline identified non compliances against the conditions of this statement.
- 6-3 The report shall be endorsed by signature of the proponent's Chairperson or a person approved in writing by the Chairperson, delegated to sign on behalf of the proponent's Chairperson.

- 6-4 The report shall include the date, time and location of the non-compliances, the reason for the non-compliances, actions taken to remedy non compliances and details of management measures implemented to reduce the risk of future non compliances.

Note: Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA's) are identified in Regulation 6(1) of the Environmental Protection Regulations 1987. ESA's include World Heritage property, areas registered on the Register of the National Estate, defined wetlands, rare flora, TEC's and Bush Forever sites.

## **7 Results of Spring Flora Surveys**

- 7-1 Prior to the commencement of vegetation clearing, the proponent shall submit a report to the CEO which details the results of the spring flora surveys undertaken in 2006.

This report shall:

1. Record the location of any Declared Rare Flora, Priority Flora and other species of conservation significance;
  2. Identify any Threatened Ecological Communities and other environmentally sensitive areas;
  3. Describe the habitat in which specially protected or conservation-significant flora species were found, and the extent of the contiguous area of the same habitat in the local area; and
  4. Specify the degree of impact of the proposed works on specially protected or conservation-significant flora species, its identified contiguous habitat or Threatened Ecological Communities and other environmentally sensitive areas;
- 7-2 Prior to the commencement of vegetation clearing, the proponent shall prepare, in consultation with the Department of Environment and Conservation, a Flora and Vegetation Management Plan, which shall:
1. Identify the proposed management strategy for the protection of Declared Rare Flora, Priority Flora, Threatened Ecological Communities, other conservation-significant species and other environmentally sensitive areas identified; and
  2. Include a post-activity monitoring plan for specially protected or conservation-significant flora species.
- 7-3 The proponent shall implement the Flora and Vegetation Management Plan required by condition 7-2.
- 7-4 The proponent shall make the Flora and Vegetation Management Plan required by condition 7-2 publicly available in a manner approved by the CEO.



## **8 Vegetation Disturbance**

- 8-1 Prior to ground-disturbing activities, the proponent shall clearly delineate on the ground the boundaries of the pipeline easement and the area of disturbance outside the easement.
- 8-2 The proponent shall not cause disturbance of vegetation outside the delineated pipeline easement, or the delineated area of disturbance outside the easement, as referred to in condition 8-1, unless authorised by the Minister for the Environment.
- 8-3 The proponent shall not cause or allow disturbance of vegetation outside the 20 metre wide easement located within environmentally sensitive areas, unless authorised by the Minister for the Environment.

## **9 Fauna**

- 9-1 Prior to ground-disturbing activities, the proponent shall prepare a Fauna Management Plan, which includes a Fauna Interaction Protocol, in consultation with the Department of Environment and Conservation, to the requirements of the Minister for the Environment on advice of the Environmental Protection Authority, which shall include:
  - 1. Procedures to minimise and manage impacts on all native fauna, including conservation-significant fauna species identified in Bancroft and Bamford, *Fauna Values of Stage 5 of the Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline (DBNGP): A Review* (2006). (Report provided in Appendix 2 of the proponent's *Environmental Impact Assessment* document dated September 2006.); and
  - 2. Procedures for the management of water bodies within open trenches to minimise fauna death or injury.
- 9-2 The clearing of open trenches by the fauna-clearing persons is to be completed each day by no later than 4.5 hours after sunrise for Loops 0 to 7 and no later than 5 hours after sunrise for Loops 8 to 10 and at least half an hour prior to the backfilling of pipeline trenches.
- 9-3 Open trench lengths shall not exceed a length capable of being inspected and cleared by fauna clearing persons within the required times as set out in conditions 9-2, 10-2 and 10-4.
- 9-4 Significant habitat trees of sufficient age to form nesting hollows for hollow-nesting birds and mammals shall be marked, prior to construction, in consultation with the Department of Environment and Conservation;
- 9-5 Marked significant habitat trees as referred to in condition 9-4 shall be retained, except in the case where habitat trees occur in the direct line of the proposed pipeline;

9-6 The proponent shall monitor weather forecasts through the Bureau of Meteorology and in the event of a weather forecast indicating rainfall sufficient to cause flooding of trenches or drowning of fauna trapped in trenches, the proponent shall in consultation with the Department of Environment and Conservation backfill all lengths of open trench with a potential to be flooded or cause drowning of fauna.

9-7 Where wet trenching is conducted, trenches shall not remain open for periods longer than 48 hours within wetlands and environmentally sensitive areas and 7 days for all other areas.

Note: "Fauna-clearing persons" means an employee of the proponent whose responsibility it is to walk the open trench to recover and record fauna found within the trench.

9-8 The fauna clearing persons shall operate in teams of two with at least one fauna clearing person experienced in the following, to the requirements of DEC:

1. Fauna identification, capture and handling (including venomous snakes);
2. Identification of tracks, scats, burrows and nests of conservation significant species;
3. Fauna vouchering;
4. Assessing injured fauna for suitability for release, rehabilitation or euthanasia;
5. Familiarity with the ecology of the species that may be encountered in order to be able to appropriately translocate fauna encountered; and
6. Performing euthanasia.

9-9 The proponent shall be responsible for ensuring that basic fauna handling training is provided to fauna clearing persons who do not possess the skills and experience outlined in condition 9-8 prior to the fauna clearing person commencing employment.

9-10 The fauna handling training as outlined in condition 9-9 shall be developed in consultation with the Department of Environment and Conservation.

Note: "Bell holes" are defined within the Fauna Interaction Protocol (p 4-29) contained in the DBNGP Stage 5 Expansion Construction Environmental management Plan, October 2006.

9-11 No part of the trench shall remain open for more than 14 days except "bell holes", unless authorised by the CEO.

9-12 In environmentally sensitive areas, no part of the trench shall remain open for more than seven days, unless authorised by the CEO.

9-13 In order to comply with conditions 9-11 and 9-12, the proponent shall record each day in a log and on the ground the kilometre points of the start point and finish point of the trench opened on each day.

9-14 The proponent shall review and revise, as required, the Fauna Management Plan required by condition 9-1.

9-15 The proponent shall implement the Fauna Management Plan required by condition 9-1 and subsequent revisions of the Fauna Management Plan required by condition 9-16.

9-16 The proponent shall make the Fauna Management Plan required by condition 9-1 and subsequent revisions required by condition 9-14 publicly available in a manner approved by the CEO.

9-17 The proponent shall produce weekly performance monitoring reports on fauna management for each Loop. The Reports shall include but not necessarily limited to details of all fauna inspections, the number of fauna cleared from trenches, fauna interactions, fauna mortalities and all actions taken. These reports are to be provided to the CEO each week.

9-18 The proponent shall produce monthly performance monitoring reports on fauna management for each Loop. The Reports shall include but not necessarily limited to details of all fauna inspections, the number of fauna cleared from trenches, fauna interactions, fauna mortalities and all actions taken. These reports are to be made publicly available on completion of each Loop, in a manner approved by the CEO.

## **10 Timing of Construction Works**

10-1 The proponent shall avoid open trench work on Loops 0 to 2 from November to March inclusive unless otherwise allowed for in condition 10-2.

10-2 In the event the proponent undertakes open trench work on Loops 0 to 2 during November to March the proponent shall:

1. Provide a report to the Department of Environment and Conservation outlining the reasons why open trench work was necessary during the period November to March inclusive; and
2. Complete fauna clearing as described in condition 9-2 by 3 hours after sunrise or when daily temperatures are forecast by the Bureau of Meteorology to exceed 35°C fauna clearing shall be completed by 2.5 hours after sunrise.

10-3 The proponent shall avoid open trench work on Loops 8 to 10 from June to December (inclusive) unless otherwise allowed for in condition 10-4.

10-4. Where the proponent undertakes open trench work during June to December inclusive the proponent shall:

1. Provide a report to the Department of Environment and Conservation outlining the reasons why open trench work was necessary during the period June to December inclusive; and
2. Implement the Wetland Crossing Management Plan required by condition 12-1, and the Dieback and Weed Management Plan required by condition 13-2.

## **11 River Crossings**

- 11-1 The proponent shall delineate the riparian vegetation along watercourses which will be traversed on advice of the Department of Environment and Conservation.
- 11-2 Prior to ground-disturbing activities, the proponent shall prepare in consultation with the Department of Environment and Conservation, a Watercourse Crossing Management Plan to minimise disturbance of riparian vegetation.
- 11-3 The proponent shall implement the Watercourse Crossing Management Plan required by condition 11-2.
- 11-4 The proponent shall make the Watercourse Crossing Management Plan required by condition 11-2 publicly available in a manner approved by the CEO.

## **12 Wetland Crossings**

- 12-1 Prior to commencement of trenching work for Loops 9 and 10, the proponent shall prepare, in consultation with the Department of Environment and Conservation, a Wetland Crossing Management Plan.
- 12-2 The Wetland Crossing Management Plan shall set out procedures to protect any wetland crossed by the trench in the event that trenching is proposed where there is standing water in the wetland.
- 12-3 The proponent shall implement the Wetland Crossing Management Plan required by condition 12-1.
- 12-4 The proponent shall make the Wetland Crossing Management Plan required by condition 12-1 publicly available in a manner approved by the CEO.

## **13 Dieback and Weed Management**

- 13-1 The proponent shall delineate surveyed occurrences of high risk, medium risk and medium to low risk dieback areas.
- 13-2 Prior to ground disturbing activities the proponent shall prepare a Dieback and Weed Management Plan in consultation with the Department of Environment and Conservation, to the requirements of the Minister for the Environment on advice of the Environmental Protection Authority.
- 13-3 In consultation with the Department of Environment and Conservation, the proponent shall review and revise, as required, the Dieback and Weed Management Plan required by condition 13-2.

13-4 The proponent shall implement the Weed and Dieback Management Plan as required by condition 13-2 and any subsequent revisions of the Weed and Dieback Management Plan required by condition 13-3.

13-5 The proponent shall make the Weed and Dieback Management Plan required by condition 13-2 and any subsequent revisions required by condition 13-3 publicly available in a manner approved by the CEO.

#### **14 Rehabilitation**

14-1 Prior to ground-disturbing activities, the proponent shall prepare a Rehabilitation Management Plan in consultation with the Department of Environment and Conservation, to the requirements of the Minister for the Environment on advice of the Environment Protection Authority.

This Plan shall address:

1. weed management protocols;
2. dieback management protocols;
3. soil management protocols;
4. rehabilitation completion criteria; and
5. the need for propagule augmentation to achieve completion criteria.

14-2 The proponent shall manage rehabilitation of the pipeline route until the rehabilitation completion criteria, referred to in condition 14-1, have been achieved.

Note: The proponent has obligations under Department of Industry and Resources legislation to maintain the vehicle access track. Certain completion criteria may not be achievable within the access track.

14-3 In consultation with the Department of Environment and Conservation, the proponent shall review and revise, as required, the Rehabilitation Management Plan required by condition 14-1.

14-4 The proponent shall implement the Rehabilitation Management Plan required by condition 14-1 and subsequent revisions of the Rehabilitation Management Plan required by condition 14-3 until such time as the completion criteria are met.

14-5 The proponent shall make the Rehabilitation Management Plan required by condition 14-1, and subsequent revisions required by condition 14-3, publicly available in a manner approved by the CEO.

## **15 Acid Sulphate Soils and Dewatering**

- 15-1 Prior to the commencement of soil disturbance or dewatering in an area, the proponent shall undertake field investigations within that area to clearly delineate areas of high, high to medium, medium to low risk acid sulphate soils.
- 15-2 The proponent shall ensure that within high, high to medium and medium to low acid sulphate soil risk areas, trenches will be excavated in lengths that permit trenches to be opened and closed within a 48 hour period.
- 15-3 Prior to trenching and excavation activities, the proponent shall prepare an Acid Sulphate Soils and Dewatering Management Plan to demonstrate that all practical measures have been included to manage the potential impacts of acid sulphate soils and dewatering activities, in consultation with the Department of Environment and Conservation to the requirements of the Minister for the Environment on advice of the Environmental Protection Authority.
- 15-4 The proponent shall review and revise, as required, the Acid Sulphate Soils and Dewatering Management Plan required by condition 15-3.
- 15-5 The proponent shall implement and comply with the Acid Sulphate Soils and Dewatering Management Plan required by condition 15-3 and subsequent revisions of the Acid Sulphate Soils and Dewatering Management Plan required by condition 15-4.
- 15-6 The proponent shall make the Acid Sulphate Soils and Dewatering Management Plan, required by condition 15-3 and subsequent revisions required by condition 15-4, publicly available in a manner approved by the CEO.

## **16 Decommissioning**

- 16-1 Prior to undertaking ground-disturbing activities, the proponent shall prepare a Preliminary Decommissioning Plan for approval by the CEO, which describes the framework and strategies to ensure that the site is left in an environmentally acceptable condition, and provides:
  - 1. the rationale for the siting and design of plant and infrastructure as relevant to environmental protection;
  - 2. a conceptual description of the final landform at closure;
  - 3. a plan for a care and maintenance phase; and
  - 4. initial plans for the management of noxious materials.
- 16-2 At least 12 months prior to the anticipated date of closure, or at a time approved by the Environmental Protection Authority, the proponent shall submit a Final Decommissioning Plan designed to ensure that the site is left in an environmentally acceptable condition prepared on advice of the Environmental Protection Authority, for approval of the CEO.



The Final Decommissioning Plan shall set out procedures and measures for:

1. removal or, if appropriate, retention of plant and infrastructure agreed in consultation with relevant stakeholders;
2. rehabilitation of all disturbed areas to a standard suitable for the agreed new land use(s); and
3. identification of contaminated areas, including provision of evidence of notification and proposed management measures to relevant statutory authorities.

16-3 The proponent shall implement the Final Decommissioning Plan required by condition 14-2 until such time as the Minister for the Environment determines, on advice of the CEO, that the proponent's decommissioning responsibilities have been fulfilled.

16-4 The proponent shall make the Final Decommissioning Plan required by condition 14-2 publicly available in a manner approved by the CEO.

#### Notes

1. Where a condition states "on advice of the Environmental Protection Authority", the Environmental Protection Authority will provide that advice to the Department of Environment and Conservation for the preparation of written notice to the proponent.
2. The Environmental Protection Authority may seek advice from other agencies or organisations, as required, in order to provide its advice to the Department of Environment and Conservation.
3. The Minister for the Environment will determine any dispute between the proponent and the Environmental Protection Authority or the Department of Environment and Conservation over the fulfilment of the requirements of the conditions.



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MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT;  
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## Schedule 1

### The Proposal (Assessment No. 1655)

The proposal is to construct and operate a number of looping sections of gas transmission pipeline adjacent and connected to the existing underground pipeline within the Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline (DBNGP) Corridor. There are eleven separate looping sections from south of Dampier to Wagerup West. Construction techniques will be in accordance with the requirements of *AS2885 Pipelines – Gas and Liquid Petroleum* and the Australian Pipeline Industry Association *Code of Environmental Practice*.

**Table 1 - Summarised description of the proposal**

Element	Description
Location	Eleven loops, the first one starts approximately 2 kilometres south of Dampier; the last loop is south of compressor station 10, which starts at about 17 kilometres south-east of Rockingham, and ends at Wagerup West (Main Line Valve 144).
Proposed action	Construct eleven pipeline looping lengths of 660 mm diameter, buried adjacent to the existing DBNGP and looped to the existing DBNGP to increase flow of natural gas.
Total length of looping	Not more than 1300 kilometres, varying from 60 to 140 kilometres per loop (approximately).
Biogeographical regions	Pilbara, Carnarvon, Gascoyne, Yalgoo, Geraldton Sand Plains, Swan Coastal Plain.
Local government authorities	Roebourne, Ashburton, Carnarvon, Upper Gascoyne, Shark Bay, Northampton, Chapman Valley, Mullewa, Irwin, Carnamah, Coorow, Dandaragan, Gingin, Chittering, City of Swan, City of Belmont, Kalamunda, Gosnells, City of Armadale, City of Cockburn, Town of Kwinana, Serpentine-Jarrahdale, Murray and Waroona.
Tenure	The pipeline will be constructed wholly within the existing DBNGP easement which is gazetted under the <i>Dampier to Bunbury Pipeline Act 1997</i> .
Easement width	The existing easement is 30 metres wide. The area to be cleared and graded in the northern loops (Dampier to Muchea) will be approximately 30 metres and south of Muchea, the area cleared will be 20 to 30 metres. In environmentally sensitive areas, working widths will be 20 metres.
Activities outside the easement	Turnaround bays, campsites, turkey nests, laydown areas, water supply sources, access roads (approximately 139 hectares, all to be rehabilitated).
Temporary area of disturbance within easement	Not more than 3200 hectares (including not more than 1300 hectares of vegetation).

### Figure (attached)

Figure 1 - Pipeline Location

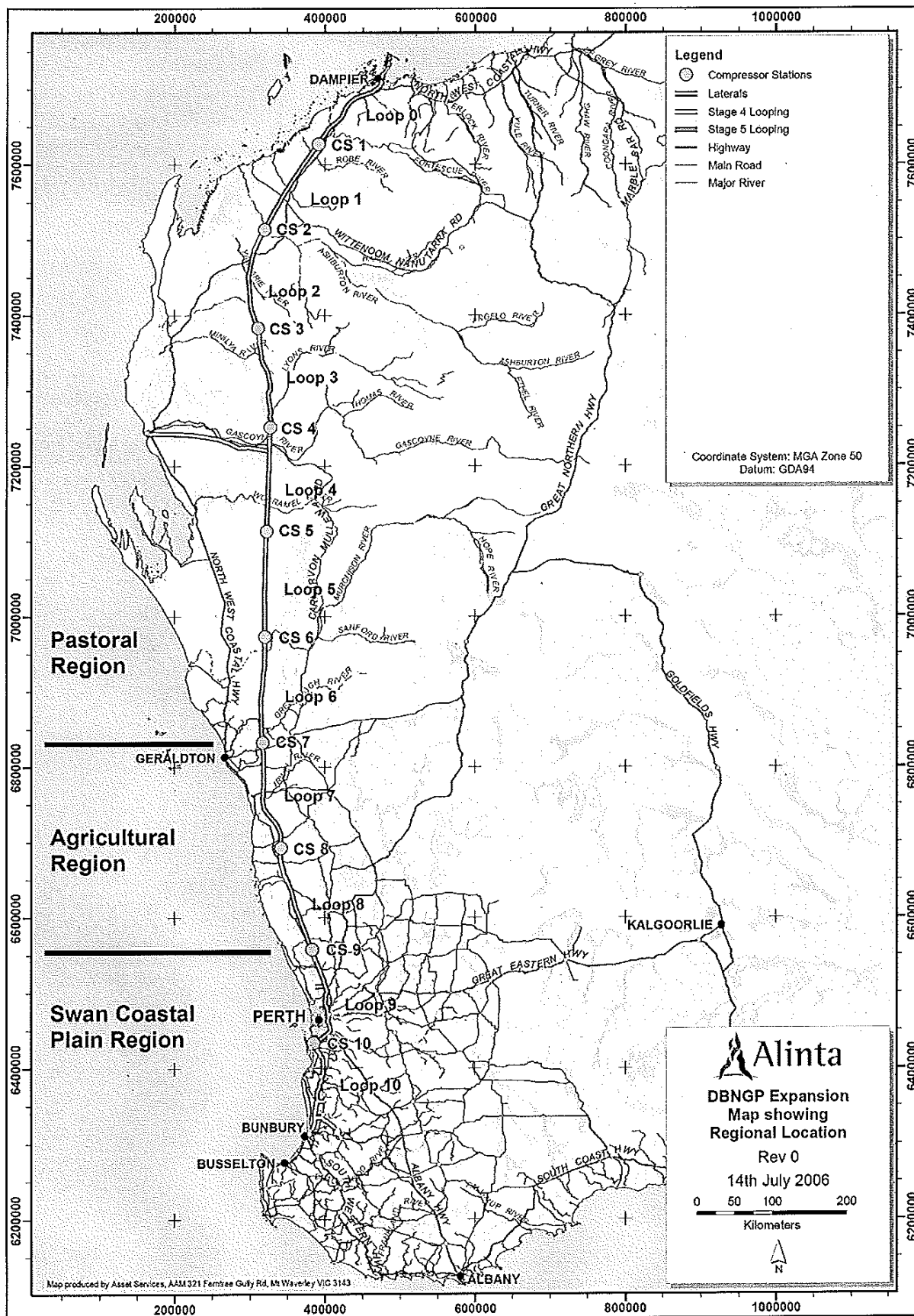


Figure 1: Pipeline Location

Attachment 1 to Statement No. 735

Change to Proposal

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**Proposal:** The construction of eleven loops adjacent to the existing underground gas transmission pipeline within the existing corridor to raise the capacity of the system.

**Proponent:** DBNGP (WA) Nominees Pty Limited trading as the Dampier Bunbury Pipeline.

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**Change:** To allow for construction within additional easements granted for the purposes of the Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline.

**Key Characteristics Table:**

Element	Description	Description of the Proposed Change
Location	Eleven loops, the first one starts approximately 2 kilometres south of Dampier, the last loop is south of compressor station 10, which starts at about 17 kilometres south-east of Rockingham, and ends at Wagerup West (Main Line valve 144).	No Change.
Proposed action	Construct eleven pipeline looping lengths of 660mm diameter, buried adjacent to the existing DBNGP and looped to the existing DBNGP to increase flow of natural gas.	No Change.
Total length of looping	Not more than 1300 kilometres, varying from 60-140 kilometres per loop (approximately).	No Change.
Biogeographical regions	Pilbara, Carnarvon, Gascoyne, Yalgoo, Geraldton Sand Plains, Swan Coastal Plain.	No Change.
Local government authorities	Roebourne, Ashburton, Carnarvon, Upper Gascoyne, Shark Bay, Northampton, Chapman Valley, Mullewa, Irwin, Carnamah, Coorow, Dandaragan, Gingin, Chittering, City of Swan, City of Belmont, Kalamunda, Gosnells, City of Armadale, City of Cockburn, Town of Kwinana, Serpentine-Jarrahdale, Murray and Waroona.	No Change.

Tenure	The pipeline will be constructed wholly within the existing DBNGP easement which is gazetted under the <i>Dampier to Bunbury Pipeline Act 1997</i> .	The pipeline will be constructed wholly within the existing DBNGP easement which is gazetted under the <i>Dampier to Bunbury Pipeline Act 1997</i> <b>and the easement identified as Easement A as shown on the deposited plan numbered DP 67493 (figure 2).</b>
Easement width	The existing easement is 30 metres wide. The area to be cleared and graded in the northern loops (Dampier to Muchea) will be approximately 30 metres and south of Muchea, the area cleared will be 20 to 30 metres. IN environmentally sensitive areas, working widths will be 20 metres.	The existing <b>DBNGP corridor</b> is 30 metres wide. The area to be cleared and graded in the northern loops (Dampier to Muchea) will be approximately 30 metres and south of Muchea, the area cleared will be 20 to 30 metres. In environmentally sensitive areas, working widths will be 20 metres. <b>Additional easements may vary in width and all clearing will be subject to the conditions of the Ministerial Statement.</b>
Activities outside the easement	Turnaround bays, campsites, turkeys nests, laydown areas, water supply sources, access roads (approximately 139ha, all to be rehabilitated).	No Change.
Temporary area of disturbance within easement	Not more than 3200 hectares (including not more than 1300 hectares of vegetation).	No Change.

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CHAIRMAN  
Environmental Protection Authority  
under delegated authority

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