



Jemena Hunter Lateral Project

Project Update - August 2026

The Hunter Lateral Project involves the expansion of Jemena's gas distribution network in New South Wales' Hunter Region to bring new sources of gas to Sydney, Newcastle and the broader east coast gas market.

The project includes the construction and operation of approximately 5.7 km of buried high-pressure gas pipeline and associated infrastructure between Hexham and Millers Forest, to connect Jemena's existing Killingworth to Kooragang Island Gas Pipeline (Northern Trunk Pipeline) to Santos' proposed Hunter Gas Pipeline.

It involves:

- Construction of the gas transmission pipeline
- Connection to the proposed Hunter Gas Pipeline at Millers Forest, including pig launching facilities
- Connection to the Northern Trunk Pipeline at Hexham, including pig receiving facilities.

Figure 1 shows the proposed route for the pipeline, which would commence construction in late-2026 or late-2027, subject to project approvals. Construction is anticipated to take approximately six months and is proposed over the warmer months of the year.

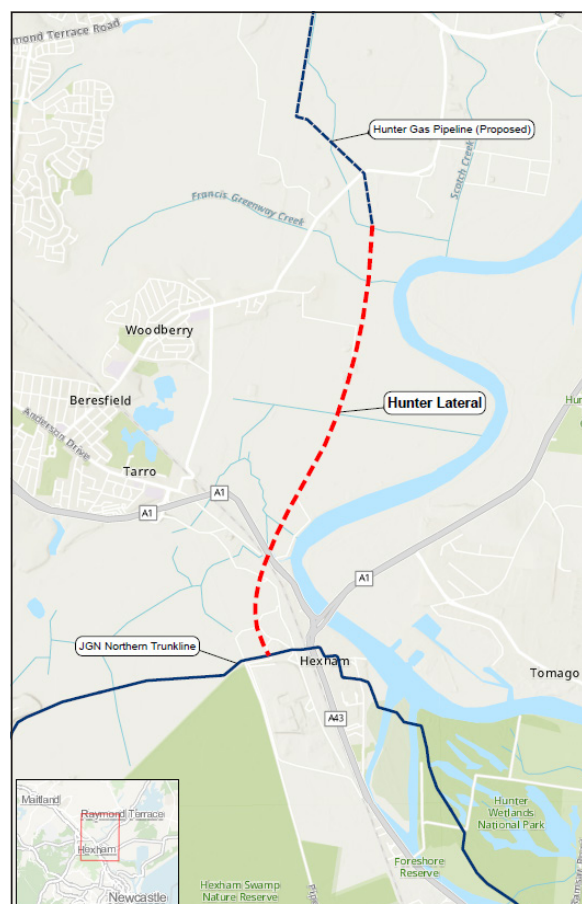


Figure 1 Proposed pipeline route for Hunter Lateral.

Project benefits



Increased competition in the domestic gas market

Diversifies gas sources available to the domestic market



Improved access to reliable and affordable gas

Stabilises operational gas pressure within the network and reduces supply gaps forecasted from 2026 onwards



Support the transition to renewables

Provides enhanced gas supply suitable for grid-firming services that provide dispatchable energy during periods of low renewable energy generation



Enhanced economic growth and energy security

Improves gas supply to urban and regional centres, industries with intensive energy needs, and gas electricity generation facilities

Approvals and licencing

The Killingworth to Kooragang Island Gas Pipeline is a natural gas pipeline that forms part of the Northern Trunk Pipeline. It has been operating under Licence No. 8 granted under the Pipelines Act 1967 and was transitioned to a State Significant Infrastructure project in June 2022.

The Hunter Lateral Project requires modification of the existing approval for the Killingworth to Kooragang Island Pipeline under Section 5.25 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act which involves the preparation and lodgement of a Modification Report to NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI). The Modification Report was submitted to DPHI in July 2026 and placed on public exhibition so that any individual or organisation can have their say on the project. The Modification Report is supported by specialist assessments including biodiversity, heritage, social, traffic, noise, groundwater and surface water studies. These investigations have informed project design and mitigation measures proposed for the project.

Community, stakeholder and government agency feedback received during exhibition will be considered as part of the assessment process. The Minister for Planning will consider the Modification Report and associated feedback when deciding whether to approve the project. The Hunter Lateral will then be licenced and regulated under the Pipelines Act 1967 by variation to Pipeline Licence No. 8.

Stakeholder Engagement

Since project planning commenced, Jemena has worked closely with landowners, government agencies, Traditional Owners and community stakeholders to understand local issues and opportunities. Feedback has informed project design, environmental assessments and proposed mitigation measures. Jemena remains committed to transparent communication as the project progresses through the approvals process.

To speak to someone from the project team, please email hunterlateral@jemena.com.au or call 0409 740 618. For more information, visit www.jemena.com.au/gas/jemena-gas-network/hunter-lateral.

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