



Jemena Hunter Lateral Project

Project Update - November 2025

About us

Jemena owns and operates a diverse portfolio of energy transportation assets across the east coast of Australia. With more than \$12.4 billion worth of major utility infrastructure, we supply millions of households and businesses with these essential services every day.

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 and Newcastle.

The project includes the planning, construction and operation of a new 5.7km high-pressure gas pipeline and associated infrastructure between Hexham and Millers Forest, to connect Jemena's 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 and operation in 2027, subject to project approvals.

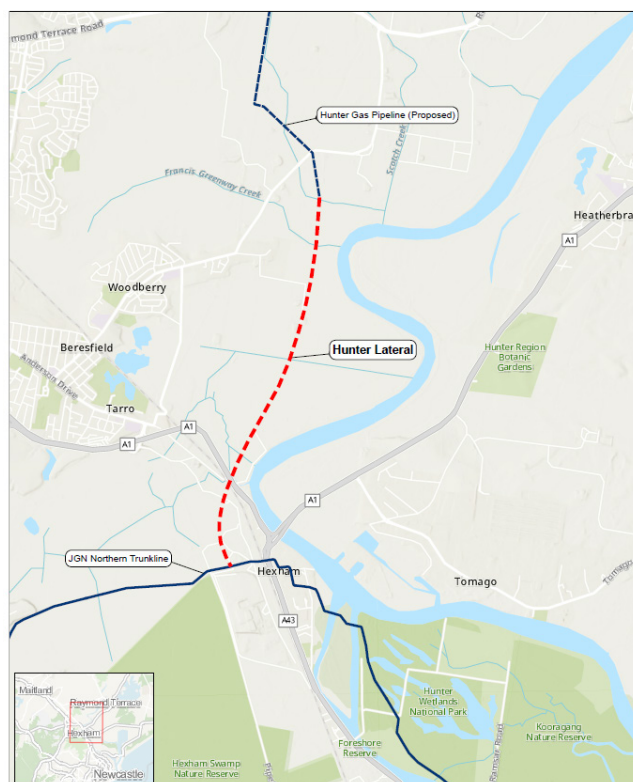


Figure 1 Proposed pipeline route for Hunter Lateral.

Field surveys for the project are mostly complete. Surveys were conducted in relation to biodiversity, cultural heritage, hydrology, soils and geotechnical investigations. Field survey results have informed the Hunter Lateral pipeline's design, alignment and construction methodology. Stakeholder and landowner feedback has been incorporated wherever possible.

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. This involves the preparation and lodgement of a Modification Report to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure.

The report will be publicly exhibited so that any individual or organisation can have their say on the project. 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.

Social Impact Assessment

As part of the Modification Report a Social Impact Assessment (SIA) is being undertaken to identify, predict and evaluate the potential social impacts and opportunities of the modification and to develop

appropriate management and enhancement strategies. 'Social impacts' are defined as the consequences experienced by individuals and communities when a new project introduces change, and may include changes to:

- Community cohesion and character
- Access to services and infrastructure
- Health and wellbeing
- Cultural values and heritage
- Employment and economic participation
- Housing availability and affordability
- Amenity, safety, and sense of place

The SIA is being prepared by Umwelt, a specialist environmental and social consultancy, in accordance with the NSW Social Impact Assessment Guideline. If you would like to provide input into the SIA, please contact the Umwelt social team on social-team@umwelt.com.au or 02 9867 9111.

Join the conversation

Stakeholder and community feedback is integral to the success of the Hunter Lateral and Jemena is committed to transparent and inclusive engagement throughout the project's lifecycle. Stakeholder and community engagement will help the project team to better understand opportunities and impacts, with feedback influencing project decisions relating to:

- Identification, mitigation and management of project impacts through construction and operations; and
- Engagement methods and timelines as the Project moves into the next phases.

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.

Project benefits



Increased competition in the domestic gas market



Improved access to reliable and affordable gas



Support the transition to renewables



Enhanced economic growth and energy security

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