

Securing the corridor

About the project

South East Queensland (SEQ) is one of the fastest growing regions in Australia, with the population set to increase significantly in the next 25 years. A secure water supply is essential.

The Northern Pipeline Interconnector (NPI) – Stage 2 is a vital piece of infrastructure designed to help secure the water supply for the Sunshine Coast region.

It involves the construction of an underground, reverse-flow pipeline from the Noosa water treatment plant to NPI – Stage 1 at Eudlo.

The Northern Network Alliance (NNA) has been engaged by LinkWater Projects, a government-owned company, to design and construct NPI – Stage 2. The NNA consists of LinkWater Projects, McConnell Dowell, Abigroup and KBR. **NNA**



Project update

The public comment period for the environmental impact statement (EIS) closed on 9 March 2009. During the nine-week public consultation period, submissions were received from members of the public as well as state and federal government agencies such as the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Transport and Main Roads.

Issues and concerns raised by the public and government agencies will be addressed in the supplementary environmental impact statement (SEIS). Once complete, the SEIS will be forwarded to the state and federal governments for review and approval.

During this time, the NNA is continuing in-field studies along the corridor to assist in the programming and scheduling of the project. Work underway includes:

- Construction environmental planning. In understanding the corridor environment, the NNA can better plan what environmental control measures are needed to reduce the construction footprint.
- Construction ground truthing. The team will assess the corridor for potential construction access and preferred construction methodologies in key locations. **NNA**


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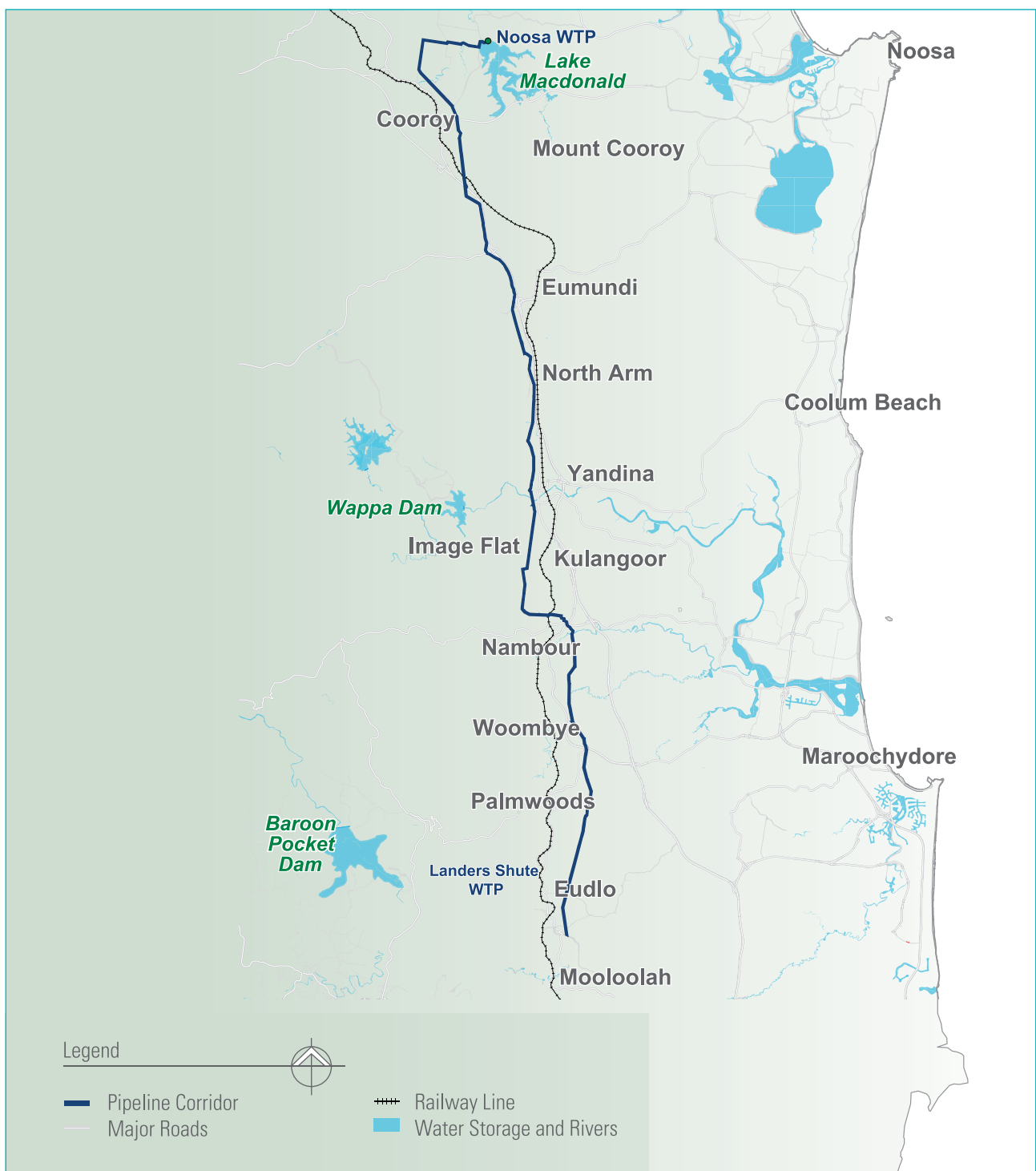
The pipeline corridor for NPI – Stage 2 (below) was selected following careful consideration of land use, location of existing homes and other buildings, and environmental sensitivity. Wherever possible, the corridor follows existing electricity easements and road reserves

to help minimise impacts on local communities.

The preferred corridor report for NPI – Stage 2 was publicly released in July 2008. After further localised refinements to the corridor, it was again presented to

the public in the environmental impact statement (EIS) in January 2009.

The final corridor will be presented in the SEIS for state and federal governments' approval. 



Project program

Below provides a broad overview of the process and key activities involved in the delivery of the NPI Stage 2.



Land access

An easement must be established to enable construction of the NPI – Stage 2. For information on how an easement is established, please refer to the Department of Infrastructure and Planning (DIP) land acquisition brochure.

Will I be compensated even though the pipeline is being built within an existing easement?

While in many areas the pipeline will be built within an existing easement, you will be compensated for the additional encumbrance and disturbance caused by having a pipeline on your property.

How much land will the pipeline easement take up?

The majority of the pipeline corridor follows Energex easements and road reserves. The width of the easement varies between 30–40 metres. The exact width of the easement will be the same as the current easement on your



What is the process for negotiating compensation?

For information on compensation, please refer to the DIP land acquisition brochure.

What types of things will be covered in the easement terms and conditions?

The easement terms and conditions will be detailed in a legal document for landowners.

As the owners and operators of the pipeline, LinkWater will also provide consent guidelines for future activities you are wishing to conduct on the easement. This will cover things such as tree planting, buildings and cropping.

How will construction impacts be managed on my property?

For issues that are not covered under the compensation and the easement agreement, the NNA will explain their commitments to you before starting construction. The commitments can include access during construction, livestock management, temporary fencing, water sources and a plan for rehabilitation of the land post construction.

In addition to these commitments, a pre-condition survey will be conducted. The survey will be carried out as close as possible to the start of construction on your property in order to understand the condition of your property prior to any work commencing. A copy of the property condition survey can be provided to you for your records.

When will the easement be rehabilitated on my property?

Following construction, the pipeline corridor will be rehabilitated as soon as practical. Rehabilitation along the pipeline corridor will be based on ongoing operations of the pipeline, agreement with landowners and site-specific rehabilitation plans.

What if I'm not happy with what has been done on my property when you are finished?

If you have any issues with the condition of your property post construction, an independent verifier will be engaged to assess your property.

What if I don't agree to the easement on my property?

The NPI – Stage 2 is being designed to make use of existing infrastructure easements wherever possible.

The tenure of your land will affect your ability to lodge an objection to the acquisition of land. For more information see the DIP land acquisition brochure.


When will the project be completed?

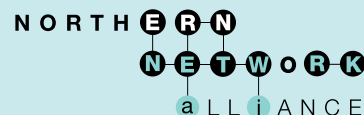
The project has a regulated completion date of 31 December 2011.

Will I be notified before construction commences?

You and the community in your area will be notified before construction commences. A construction reminder will be issued before works start.

Who is building the pipeline?

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