

NOTICE OF DECISION AND STATEMENT OF REASONS

Regulations 277D and 277E of the Environment Protection Regulations 2020 (EP Regulations)

Proposed action name	Sturt Plateau Pipeline
Proponent name	APA SPP Pty Ltd
NT EPA reference	EP2024/040
Nature of proposed action	Oil and gas, energy (other), utilities and services
Description of proposed action	<p>The proponent is proposing to construct and operate the Sturt Plateau Pipeline (proposal), which will transport gas from the Tamboran approved gas exploration and appraisal project in the Beetaloo Basin to the Amadeus Gas Pipeline that connects to Darwin, Alice Springs, and regional centres. The proposal comprises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Shenandoah Facility (receipt station), where the proposed pipeline connects to the Tamboran Sturt Plateau Compression Facility • the Sturt Plateau Facility (delivery station) where the proposed pipeline connects to the Amadeus Gas Pipeline • approximately 40 km buried transmission pipeline (300 mm diameter) and associated construction footprint for the construction right of way • a buried cathodic protection anode bed • temporary construction camp and associated facilities • additional work areas for construction including areas for truck turnarounds and vegetation storage, horizontal bore entry and exit locations, and line pipe storage areas. <p>The proposal is located approximately 50 km south of Daly Waters, and 80 km north of Elliott, in the Roper Gulf Region of the NT (NT Portion 7026, NT Portion 7513 and NT Portion 1077 and the Stuart Highway road reserve).</p> <p>The construction time will be approximately 6 months and the operational life will be approximately 40 years.</p>
Person authorised to make decision	<p>Dr Paul Vogel AM, Chairperson</p> <p>Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority (NT EPA)</p> <p>Delegate of the NT EPA under section 36 of the Northern Territory <i>Environment Protection Authority Act 2012</i></p>
Decision	Extend the submission period for the period applied for in accordance with regulation 277C(1)(a) of the EP Regulations

Signature



Date of decision 11 December 2024

Matters considered The NT EPA has considered the following:

- the accepted referral
- the proponent's application to extend the submission period by 10 business days, made under EP Regulation 277B, and
- the timing of the 20 business day statutory consultation period for the referral (16 December 2024 to 15 January 2025) which would span the Christmas period.

Statement of Reasons

Reasons

Under regulation 277C(3), the NT EPA considers that an extension of the submission period is necessary to meet the objects of the Act (section 3 of the *Environment Protection Act 2019*), and the purpose of the environmental impact assessment process (section 42 of the *Environment Protection Act 2019*).

In particular, the extension is necessary:

- Section 3(d) to provide for broad community involvement during the process of environmental impact assessment, and environmental approval, and
 - Section 42(d) the community is provided with an opportunity to participate, and have its views considered, in decisions on proposed actions.
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Conclusion

The NT EPA considers that the extension of the submission period for consultation on the referral to 30 business days is necessary and approves the proponent's request.