

**Summary Statement of Peer Review Advice
Waterway Crossing – Yea River at Castella
Environmental Management Plan
Sugarloaf Pipeline Project**

The Waterway Crossing – Yea River at Castella Environment Management Plan (EMP) covers construction activities associated with the Sugarloaf Pipeline Project (SPP) for the Category A waterway crossing at the Yea River at Castella. The pipe bridging technique is proposed to be used for the Yea River waterway crossing at Castella. Standard pipe trenching techniques are proposed for the remainder of the Castella EMP Section (either side of the pipe bridge).

The peer review process involved:

- Review of a draft of the Waterway Crossing – Yea River at Castella EMP.
- Review of the Management Programs for the EMP.
- Review of the risk registers for the Yea River at Castella crossing.
- Preparation of a peer review report identifying where the EMP required improvement.
- A check of the revised EMP to assess the adequacy of the responses to the peer review comments.

Arising from the review of the initial draft of the EMP, a number of aspects requiring refinement were identified. Key issues particularly related to insufficient detail of construction methods and threat mitigation procedures, as well as details of personnel proposed to undertake mitigation and monitoring tasks.

The revised Waterway Crossing – Yea River at Castella EMP and associated Management Programs have been checked and the key issues identified have been addressed to the satisfaction of the peer reviewer. On the basis of the revised documentation it is concluded that the Waterway Crossing – Yea River at Castella EMP is fit for purpose and adequately addresses the requirements of the approved Environmental Management Framework for the project.

The documentation outlines a suite of sound measures to monitor and control identified risks associated with the planned construction activities. Effective implementation of these measures together with a systematic audit program will provide a high level of assurance that the important environmental issues will be well managed.



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