

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Lambley to the Minister for Mining and Industry:

McArthur River Pipeline

- 1. Does the NT Government hold an easement or other equivalent legal interest in land along the full length of the McArthur River Pipeline?**

The NT Government owns a parcel of land along the pipeline corridor (Crown Land Estate NT Portion 3661). The *Energy Pipelines Act 1981* provides for a 25 metre corridor along the length of the pipeline to prevent interference with the operation of the pipeline.

- 2. If so, does this easement or legal interest allow for full access to conduct repairs and other works on the McArthur River Pipeline?**

The McArthur River Pipeline is owned by Power and Water Corporation. Power and Water Corporation has accessed the McArthur River Pipeline to perform routine inspections, repairs and maintenance since the pipeline was constructed in 1995.

- 3. How much gas is currently transported along the McArthur River Pipeline?**

Power and Water Corporation advises between 8 and 10 terajoules per day are transported.

- 4. Is the McArthur River Pipeline operating at or close to its maximum capacity?**

The McArthur River Pipeline is operating at near full capacity under its current configuration.

- 5. Are there any plans to upgrade or expand the capacity of the McArthur River Pipeline?**

No.

6. Is the NT Government aware of any maintenance issues with the McArthur River Pipeline?

The McArthur River Pipeline is managed in accordance with the *Energy Pipelines Act 1981*. The pipeline is in good condition with no significant issues requiring remediation at this time.

7. Is the NT Government aware of any approaches made by gas companies holding interests in the Beetaloo Basin to the Government regarding use of the McArthur River Pipeline to transport gas from the Beetaloo?

On 1 November 2021, Empire Energy made an announcement to the Australian Securities Exchange regarding a Memorandum of Understanding with Power and Water Corporation that will facilitate negotiations in good faith for potential gas sales and transportation arrangements.

8. Is the NT Government in discussions with any gas companies regarding use of the McArthur River Pipeline?

A Memorandum of Understanding is in place between Empire Energy and Power and Water Corporation to facilitate negotiations in good faith for potential gas sales and transportation arrangements.