

26th March 2026

Secretary
Legislative Scrutiny Committee
DARWIN NT 0801

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Dear Secretary,

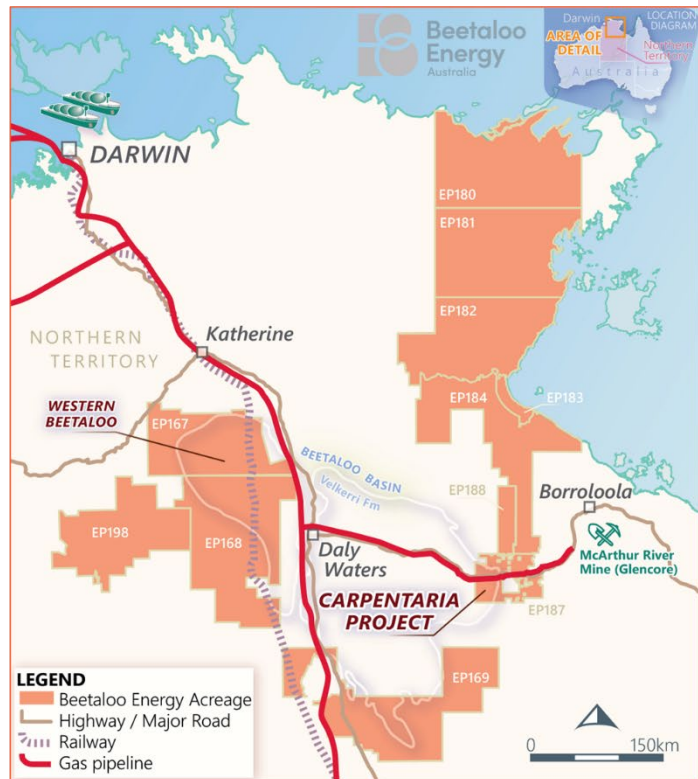
**Re: Pipelines and Petroleum Legislation Amendment (Industry Development)
Bill 2026**

Beetaloo Energy Australia welcomes the invitation to make a submission to the Legislative Scrutiny Committee inquiry into the Pipelines and Petroleum Legislation Amendment (Industry Development) Bill 2026.

The Beetaloo Basin is one of the world's largest shale gas deposits with world-class geological characteristics, low CO₂ content and located in proximity to the world's largest gas demand centres.

Beetaloo Energy's Beetaloo basin portfolio comprises two core areas: Carpentaria (EP187) and the Western Beetaloo (EP167 and EP168). Together these assets represent large and highly strategic positions within one of Australia's most prospective onshore gas basins and emerging global shale plays.

The broader permit portfolio spans the greater McArthur Basin and provides long-term exploration and development optionality with multiple shale targets. The maps provided, illustrate the scale, location and strategic positioning of Beetaloo Energy's acreage within the Northern Territory and their access to gas markets. Beetaloo Energy holds one of the largest shale gas acreage positions globally.



Beetaloo Energy acreage and access to gas markets

Onshore gas development has the potential to deliver sustained economic growth and long-term development opportunities for the Northern Territory. The current legislative instruments governing the industry are complex and dispersed across multiple Acts, many of which were designed for a different development model than that of an onshore gas development application. Beetaloo Energy supports regulatory reform that is fit for purpose and aligned with a long-term onshore gas development framework.

Specifically, the proposed Pipelines and Petroleum Legislation Amendment (Industry Development) Bill will:

- modernise compliance and enforcement arrangements under the Energy Pipelines Act 1981 and the Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1981 .
- Allowing gas to be transferred between different interest areas which will encourage efficiency and co-operation.

- amend retention licence arrangements to better suit shale gas development and provide flexibility to divide and amalgamate retention licence areas to support industry development strategies.
- make practical improvements, such as removing duplicative consent requirements.

Beetaloo Energy welcomes the government's commitment to streamlining regulatory processes to provide greater investment certainty and deliver long-term economic benefits for all Territorians. The company supports the passage of this Bill through Parliament.

If you have any queries in relation to this correspondence, please contact me on email [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

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