

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

NATIONAL GAS (VICTORIA) AMENDMENT BILL 2025

(Amendments to be proposed in Committee by SARAH MANSFIELD)

1. Clause 3, page 5, after line 31 insert—
 - "(g) require a declared transmission system service provider or prospective declared transmission service provider to submit a gas transition plan for the specified improvement to the Minister;"
2. Clause 3, page 5, line 32, omit "(g)" and insert "(h)".
3. Clause 3, page 6, after line 26 insert—
 - "(4) In this section—
 - electricity distribution company* has the same meaning as *distribution company* has in the **Electricity Industry Act 2000**;
 - electricity retailer* has the same meaning as *retailer* has in the **Electricity Industry Act 2000**;
 - gas transition plan*, in relation to a specified improvement, means a written plan setting out—
 - (a) any actions proposed to be taken by a declared transmission system service provider or prospective declared transmission service provider to dismantle, decommission or remove the following—
 - (i) any part of a declared transmission system that is to be extended, or the capacity of which is to be expanded, in the carrying out of the specified improvement;
 - (ii) a pipeline or pipeline equipment that is to be improved, upgraded or connected in the carrying out of the specified improvement;
 - (ii) a facility for storing liquified natural gas that is to be improved or upgraded in the carrying out of the specified improvement; and
 - (b) details of the proposed timing of, or the circumstances required for, the carrying out of the actions described in paragraph (a); and
 - (c) how the specified improvement will reduce greenhouse gas emissions for the purposes of consistency with the long-term emissions reduction target; and

- (d) any consultation the declared transmission system service provider or prospective declared transmission service provider proposes to take before carrying out of the actions described in paragraph (a), including but not limited to consultation with an electricity distribution company or an electricity retailer; and
- (e) proposed strategies for managing economic loss resulting from any decrease in the value of any part of a declared transmission system, pipeline, pipeline equipment or facility described in paragraph (a);

long-term emissions reduction target has the same meaning as in the **Climate Action Act 2017**."

4. Clause 3, page 7, line 3, before "In" insert "(1)".
5. Clause 3, page 7, line 4, omit "may" and insert "must".
6. Clause 3, page 7, after line 32 insert—
 - "(g) the long-term emissions reduction target and the interim emissions reduction targets;
 - (h) any reasonable alternative options for achieving the Order's objective, including but not limited to measures designed to reduce customer demand for gas;"
7. Clause 3, page 7, line 33, omit "(g)" and insert "(i)".
8. Clause 3, page 7, after line 34 insert—
 - "(2) In this section—
 - interim emissions reduction target*** has the same meaning as in the **Climate Action Act 2017**;
 - long-term emissions reduction target*** has the same meaning as in the **Climate Action Act 2017**."
9. Clause 3, page 12, line 24, omit "58B.'" and insert "58B."
10. Clause 3, page 12, after line 24 insert—
 - "58K Minister may require gas network data to be provided**
 - (1) For the purposes of making an Order under section 58B, the Minister, by notice in writing, may require AEMO, a declared transmission system service provider or a prospective declared transmission system service provider to provide to the Minister details of the location, capacity, age or use of one or more of the following—
 - (a) a declared transmission system;
 - (b) pipeline equipment;
 - (b) a facility for storing liquified natural gas.

- (2) A notice under subsection (1) must—
 - (a) specify or describe the information that AEMO, the declared transmission system service provider or prospective declared transmission system service provider must provide to the Minister; and
 - (b) specify the date by which the information must be provided to the Minister;
 - (c) specify the manner in which the information must be provided to the Minister.
- (3) AEMO, the declared transmission system service provider or the prospective declared transmission system service provider must comply with the notice under subsection (1).
- (4) Subject to subsection (5), the Minister, as soon as reasonably practicable after receiving information under this section, must ensure that a copy of the information is published on the Department's internet site.
- (5) If the Minister considers that any information received under this section is confidential, the Minister must omit that information from the copy of the information published under subsection (4)."