

3 PROJECT APPROVALS

3.1 INTRODUCTION

The information presented builds on the EIS Volume 2, Chapter 3 Project Approvals and should be read in conjunction with the EIS chapter.

3.2 COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATION

3.3 STATE LEGISLATION

3.3.16 STATE PLANNING POLICIES

Development and the Conservation of Agricultural Land – 1/92

Having regard to submissions made on the EIS, it is necessary to clarify that the State Planning Policy for Development and Conservation of Agricultural Land – 1/92 (SPP 1/92) is based on the principle that land suitable for agricultural purposes is limited in Queensland, and that suitable 'good quality' land should be protected for agricultural uses.

GOAL mapping contained in the Planning Scheme for Taroom Shire 2006 (Land Characteristics Map - Good Quality Agricultural Land - Sheet 1 of 6) indicates that the pipeline will be located primarily within land designated as Class A GOAL and also within small tracts of Class B and Class C GOAL.

GOAL mapping contained in the Planning Scheme for Murilla Shire 2006 (Planning Scheme Land Characteristics Map – Good Quality Agricultural Land; Sheet 2 of 6) indicates that the pipeline section in the former Murilla Shire will be located within land designated as Class A and Class B GOAL.

The long-term viability and sustainability of the GOAL will not be significantly impacted by the pipeline. As discussed in Chapter 9 Geology, Mineral Resources, Overburden and Soils, section 9.5.5, the pipeline will be located underground and excavation and backfilling to facilitate the laying of pipeline would not materially affect premises or their use.

Similarly, from an operational perspective, the proposed pipeline will be contained within an unfenced easement across private land (in addition to road reserves) and therefore any existing rural practices will generally be able to continue.

Accordingly, it is considered that the proposed pipeline will not compromise the overall intent of SPP 1/92.

3.4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION

3.5 LIKELY PIPELINE APPROVALS SUMMARY

3.6 REFERENCES