

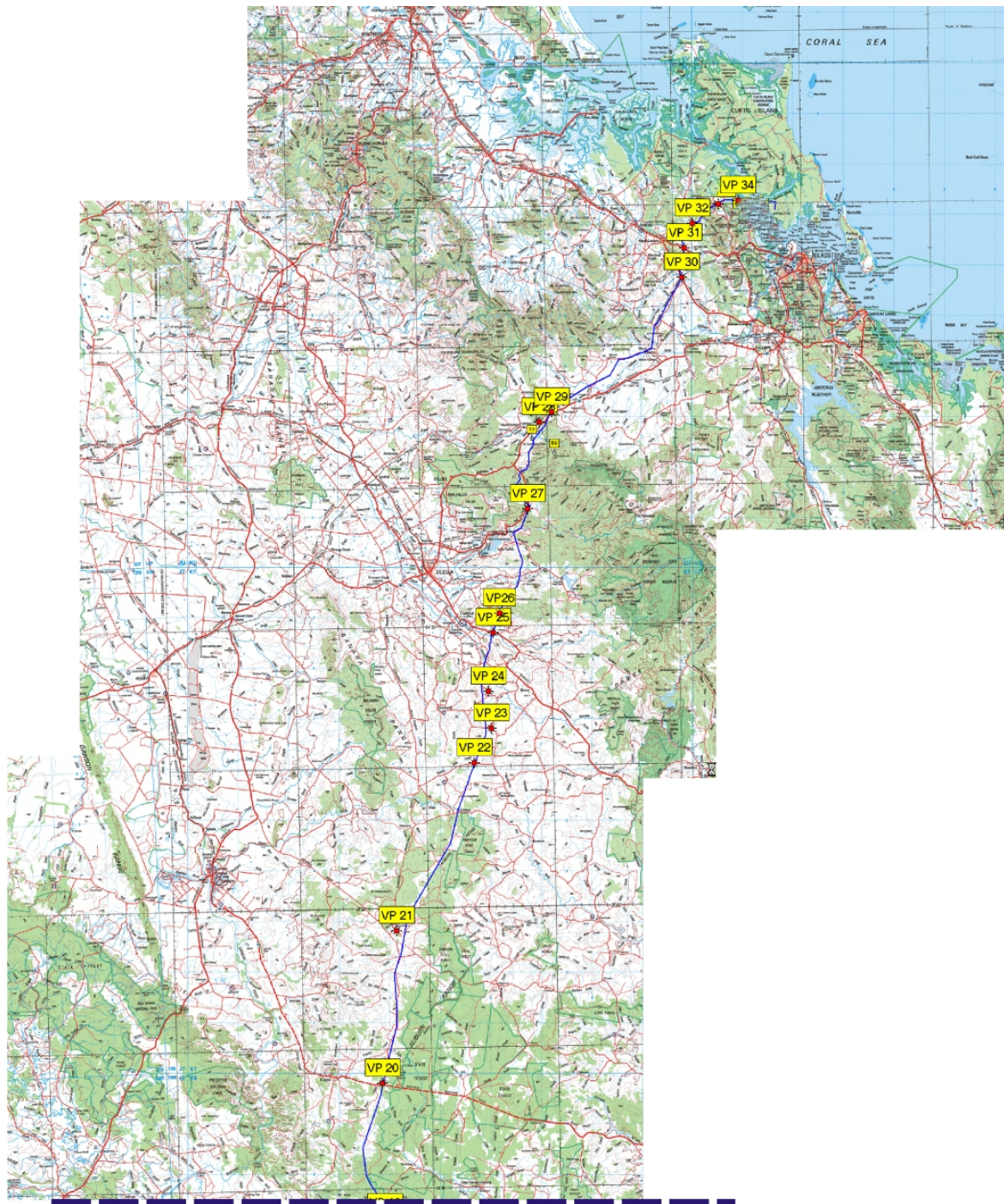


Figure 6.2 *Viewpoint locations north*

The following section examines Environmental values and associated impacts of the pipeline component. The following analysis will assist in providing an understanding of the extent of existing visual change in the landscape and the ability of the landscape in these areas to absorb further visual change associated with the proposed above ground infrastructure of the pipeline Project.

6.1 VIEW POINT 1 - MOONIE HIGHWAY

Viewpoint 1 is located on the Moonie Highway near its intersection with Gulera Road.

The most visible landscape unit at this location is Landscape Unit 3 Forest.

The Moonie Highway runs between St George approximately 230 km to the south west and Dalby which is approximately 62 km to the north - east.

The Braemar State Forest is located on both sides of the Moonie Highway at this location.



VP1 (GPS 56J 370320, 572948)

The proposed gas upstream pipeline will cross the Moonie Highway near this location.

Figure 6.3 shows the view looking east along the Moonie Highway at this location.



Figure 6.3 Moonie Highway looking east

The Moonie Highway is a single lane two way sealed road within a wide road reserve. The vegetation found within the Braemar State Forest at this location confines views to within the Moonie Highway Road reserve.

Figure 6.4 view looking south - east from the Moonie Highway along the proposed gas collection line. The proposed pipeline will cross the Moonie Highway near to the farm entrance seen in the centre of *Figure 6.4*.



Figure 6.4 *View looking south - east from the Moonie Highway*

The vegetation found within the Moonie Highway Road reserve and adjoining paddocks assist to confine views to the highway.

The proposed Collection Header pipeline will cross the Moonie Highway at this location. The pipeline easement may be noticeable throughout construction due to the presence of construction activity and equipment. However due to the presence of existing infrastructure and roads; the proposed pipeline would be barely distinguishable in this landscape. Because the pipeline will cross at right angles to the highway, when travelling at approximately 100 km per hour there will be limited viewing opportunity of the pipeline easement. In addition to this, the existing vegetation located on both sides of the Moonie Highway will also assist to confine visibility of the pipeline to a short distance when travelling along the highway.

For these reasons, the visual impact at this location is assessed as low to negligible.

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VIEW POINT 2 - BRAEMAR STATE FOREST

Viewpoint 2 is located in the Braemar State Forest.

The most visible landscape unit at this location is Landscape Unit 3 - Forest.

The proposed collection lateral will run in a north-south direction at this location.

The ruins of the former Forest Station are also located to the east of this location.

Figure 6.5 shows the viewpoint location, the proposed Collection Header pipeline and existing tracks found in the area.



VP2 (GPS 56J 280254.6, 6990716.4)



Figure 6.5 *Aerial Photograph of viewpoint 2 and surrounding landscape*

There are also large areas of cleared vegetation to the north-west and north of this location.

Figure 6.6 shows the view looking east along an existing track that leads towards the former Forest Homestead.



Figure 6.6 *View looking east towards Forest Homestead*

The Forest Homestead site is a cleared area that contains building pads and stumps that indicate the location of structures once associated with the homestead.

6.7 shows the view looking south from this location along an existing access track. The proposed Collection Header will run parallel to this track at this location.



Figure 6.7 *View looking south along access track*

6.7 also shows the existing vegetation located along the access track.

Vegetation removal will be required to construct the proposed Collection Header south of this location.

Figure 6.8 shows the view looking north - west from this location.



Figure 6.8 View looking north - west

Vegetation removal will also be required to the north of this location to construct the Collection Header pipeline.

Landscape Unit 3 – Forest, is the most visible landscape unit at this location. The aerial photograph shown in *Figure 6.5* shows the vegetation that has been removed to enable the construction of the many tracks and paths that are already found in the area. This figure also shows the large areas of vegetation that have also been removed to the north-west and the north of this location.

Even though the surrounding landscape has a medium to high level of sensitive to visual change, there are already many instances of vegetation clearing and path construction near to this location. The construction of the proposed Collection Header pipeline is proposed to be located along an existing access track that has already been cleared of vegetation. Additional vegetation removal associated with the construction of the pipeline easement along this track will be noticeable through out construction due to the presence of construction equipment and activity.

After construction works are completed, the pipeline easement will be rehabilitated. The visual impact associated with the construction of the Collection Header at this location is considered to be low due to the vegetation removal and access tracks that are already found at this location.