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## **Submission: Northern Territory Coordinator**

The Australian Pipelines and Gas Association (APGA) represents the owners, operators, designers, constructors and service providers of Australia's pipeline infrastructure, connecting natural and renewable gas production to demand centres in cities and other locations across Australia. Offering a wide range of services to gas users, retailers and producers, APGA members ensure safe and reliable delivery of over 1,500 PJpa of gas consumed in Australia alongside over 4,500 PJpa of gas for export. We are at the forefront of Australia's renewable gas industry, helping achieve net-zero more quickly and affordably.

APGA welcomes the opportunity to provide comment to the Northern Territory Government on the proposed creation of a Territory Coordinator. APGA supports the proposal as a positive step in opening the way for gas infrastructure projects to develop in the NT.

The Territory Coordinator role is one that has arisen through necessity. The large-scale projects that will contribute to targeted economic development are necessarily complex and resource-intensive to oversee, both for proponents and for governments. A coordinator role to shepherd projects through disconnected processes with differing objectives will go a long way to ensuring that these projects are approved in a timely manner.

APGA cautions that implementation other 'one window to government' approaches have not necessarily worked as intended. For example, the *Hydrogen and Renewable Energy Act* (HRE Act) in South Australia – intended to streamline the interactions of renewable energy project proponents with Government – has experienced teething issues. For example, proponents must interact separately with the Essential Services Commission of South Australia for electricity works licensing, in addition to licensing under the HRE Act.

APGA recommends reviewing the implementation of the HRE Act to ensure the Territory Coordinator role has sufficient delegations to reduce administrative burden on proponents.

To discuss any of the above feedback further, please contact me on +61 409 489 814 or [crafael@apga.org.au](mailto:crafael@apga.org.au).

Yours sincerely,

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