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Newlands-GAPE System Available Capacity
Stakeholder Communication

CNCC regularly receives information from Aurizon Network regarding producers' contractual volumes in each of the CQC systems. This information includes monthly capacity levels, contract expiry dates and whether capacity is the subject of renewal rights. Under the terms of UT5, in determining future contractual demand for ACAR purposes, the Independent Expert must assume that any capacity eligible for renewal will be renewed.

When reviewing the contract information provided by AN early in FY27, it is apparent to the IE that a substantial volume of capacity associated with the GAPE system is no longer renewable, indicating that the producers involved have waived their rights to renewal of that capacity. As a result, this contractual demand will no longer be included in capacity assessments of periods from FY28 onwards.

Given this development, the IE now considers that there will be Available Capacity in the Newlands-GAPE system from July 2027, and has advised Aurizon Network that re-assessment of the Newlands-GAPE capacity queue may now be appropriate.

The IE is not able to assess the exact volume of Available Capacity at this time, as this may be affected by the locations of any access granted as the result of the queue re-assessment, but considers that capacity of approximately 9 Mtpa may be available to access seekers (including those already in the Newlands-GAPE queue) from July 2027 onwards and a further 7 Mtpa from July 2028 onwards. These estimates do not include the benefits of improvements to the Collinsville loop that are currently underway. Attachment 1 overleaf provides the estimated deficit or available capacity for the ACAR26 assessment period of FY27 to FY31.

Those interested in new access within Newlands-GAPE should ensure that they register their interest with Aurizon Network to be included in any forthcoming queue re-assessment process.

Yours sincerely,



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