

APA Networks on behalf of AGN Docklands Pigging Questions and Answers

Q: Where is the Docklands pigging project located?

A: Work will take place at the corner of Collins Street and Harbour Esplanade.

Q: What is pigging?

A: Pigging is a type of inspection procedure carried out by pipeline owners and operators to inspect and help maintain the integrity of the pipelines. A “PIG” is a **Pipeline Inspection Gauge**, which is sent through the pipeline to record any defects.

Q: What is the purpose of the Docklands pipeline?

A: The pipeline supplies natural gas to residences and businesses between Dandenong and Melbourne as well as the western suburbs and western districts of Victoria.

Q: What is the duration of the Docklands project?

A: The project will take approximately **8** weeks.

Q: How often does Networks check the integrity of its pipelines?

A: Pipeline integrity is constantly monitored using various techniques. Internal inspection of the pipelines is performed approximately every 10 years.

Q: What is flaring, how large are the flares and for how long will the flares burn?

A: Flaring is a process undertaken by industry specialists to ignite natural gas in order to prevent it from venting into the air. Flames may be up to two metres high and burn for up to 1 hour.

Q: Will people nearby be able to see and hear the flaring?

A: Yes, people walking by or in nearby homes and businesses may see a flame. People nearby will also be able to hear the noise accompanying the flaring. There is no danger to people’s health, residences or businesses during the flaring process.

Q: Why is flaring necessary?

A: To make the pipeline section safe for works to be carried out, the section must be isolated from gas. The gas is removed by burning it off rather than releasing it into the atmosphere.

Q: What is the environmental impact?

A: The environmental impact is minimal. It is much better to flare natural gas than to simply vent it into the atmosphere as flaring gas reduces the greenhouse gas intensity.

Q: Will there be any traffic interruptions?

A: You may experience some minor traffic interruptions in order to aid truck entry and exit from the site. This will only last for a few minutes at a time, with no permanent road closures or impact to pedestrian traffic.