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Dear Deborah

Thank you for providing the Public Interest Advocacy Centre (PIAC) with the documentation for comment for the tender approval process for the proposed pipeline system which would supply natural gas to the Central Ranges region of NSW.

We do not have any comments to make on the tender approval request. However we are extremely pleased to see that CRNG&TAI have taken this initiative and as a result many households living on the central ranges may have access to an affordable natural gas supply.

We would be more than happy to provide comment if IPART needs to approve an access arrangement for the distribution section of the pipeline. We have also written in a similar vein to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission.

Yours sincerely
Public Interest Advocacy Centre

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