

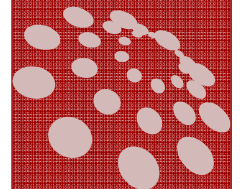


World Gas Conference

Art of Regulation Panel Session

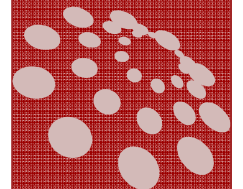
Energy Networks Association

- Electricity and gas distribution networks serving over 12 million customer connections
- 800 000 kms of electricity lines and 75 000 kms of gas networks
- Network assets valued at over \$AUD35 billion
- More than \$AUD5.5 billion invested annually in network growth and operation



Role of the Regulator

- Gas Code – basis was encouraging commercial negotiation
- Role to approve access terms that meet the Code requirements
- Not substitute its preferred terms
- Result – shorter decision-making, fewer disputes, focused regulatory task



Regulatory concessions - pipelines

- Productivity Commission inquiry – June 2004
- New ‘greenfield’ pipelines measures introduced 11 May 2006
- 15 year binding no economic regulation ruling available on application to Energy Minister
- 15 year no price regulation guarantee for international pipelines bringing new gas to Australia

