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**REASONS FOR DECISION UNDER *ENVIRONMENT EFFECTS ACT 1978***

**Title of Proposal: Halladale and Speculant Pipeline Project**

**Proponent: Origin Energy Resources Limited**

**Description of Project:**

Origin Energy Resources Limited proposes to construct a new 200mm in diameter pipeline, totalling 33km in length, to transport gas from the onshore well head south of Nirranda South to the Otway Gas Plant. The gas pipeline would be co-located in the same trench with a 50mm in diameter mono-ethylene glycol (MEG) pipeline and fibre optic cable. The project would be mainly located within an existing pipeline easement, however some sections of the pipeline would be located in new easements and on Crown land. The project is located 30km east of Warrnambool in the shires of Moyne and Corangamite. The project works will include upgraded access roads, a new high pressure gas pipeline and off site resource processing.

**Decision:**

The Minister for Planning has decided that an Environment Effects Statement (EES) is not required for the Halladale and Speculant Pipeline Project, as described in the referral accepted on 21 July 2015.

**Reasons for Decision:**

* The potential environmental effects of the project are largely localised and unlikely to be significant.
* The environmental assessments provided in the referral provide a sufficient basis to assess likely environmental effects and set out appropriate measures to mitigate these, which can be adequately addressed through statutory requirements under the *Pipelines Act 2005*.

**Date of Decision:** 26 August 2015