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Rotowaro – East Tamaki Pipeline Route Designation



This designation was granted in 2004 by the four district councils (Manakau, Waikato, Franklin, Papakura) and then renewed for a further 10 years in 2014 by the Auckland Unitary Council.

A pipeline designation is a statutory mechanism which gives First Gas the right to undertake design, construction, operation, maintenance, repair, upgrade and renewal of its pipelines on a defined section of land (Designated Area). Pipeline designations are recorded in District Council District Plans, not on the property titles. The Council records will contain the details of the designation.

This designation applies to a pipeline route alongside the existing high-pressure transmission gas pipeline between Rotowaro near Huntly and Highbrook Drive in East Tamaki, Auckland.

It provides for a construction zone for a new pipeline to be installed within the existing 12m easement, 3m off the existing pipeline.

Generally, the designation widths are;

- 25m in rural areas (the majority of the route)
- 18m in land zoned other than rural e.g. lifestyle blocks
- 12m in special areas due to localized conditions

First Gas will work with landowners and developers of properties affected by the designation to achieve the most suitable outcome for both parties. This could include;

- possible realignment of the proposed pipeline
- modification of the construction designation e.g. changes to other side of existing pipeline or a reduction in width
- alternative construction methods
- alternative access around the proposed works

The designation controls activities within the designated corridor so that no person may do anything in relation to the land that would prevent or hinder the construction of the new pipeline without prior written approval from First Gas.

Types of activities that may require written approval are;

- buildings e.g. houses, sheds, garages
- planting of trees e.g. plantations, shelter belts, orchards
- subdivision
- installation of other services/utilities
- roading development

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