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# Independent Auditor's Report to the Partners of the SEA Gas Partnership

#### Opinion

We have audited the Pipeline Financial Statements (the "Financial Statements") of the Port Campbell to Iona Pipeline (the "Pipeline") which comprises the Statement of Pipeline Revenues and Expenses for the year ended 30 June 2023, the Statement of Pipeline Assets as at 30 June 2023 disclosed in Tables 2, 3 and 6 and the basis of preparation.

In our opinion, the accompanying Financial Statements presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Port Campbell to Iona Pipeline as at 30 June 2023 and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the Financial Reporting Guideline for Non-Scheme Pipelines (the "Guideline") issued by the Australian Energy Regulator (the "AER") on 19 December 2017 and the basis of preparation.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the SEA Gas Partnership (the "Partnership") in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional & Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the *Financial Statements* in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution and Use

We draw attention to the basis of preparation to the Financial Statements for the year ended and as at 30 June 2023, which describes the basis of accounting and the "Responsibilities of Management and the Partners for the Financial Statements" paragraph below which states that the Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Guideline and the basis of preparation for the purpose of its submission to the AER. The Financial Statements have been prepared to assist the Partnership to meet the requirements of the Guideline. As a result, the Financial Statements may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for the Partners of the Partnership and should not be distributed or used by parties other than the Partners and the AER. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

#### Responsibilities of Management and the Partners for the Financial Statements

Management of the Partnership are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the Financial Statements in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the Guideline and have determined that the basis of preparation of the Financial Statements is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Guideline and is appropriate to meet the needs of the Partners for its submission to the AER. Management's responsibility also includes such internal control as management determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the Financial Statements that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the Financial Statements, management is responsible for assessing the ability of the Pipeline within the Partnership to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intend to liquidate the Pipeline within the Partnership or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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### Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Financial Statements as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the Financial Statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the Financial Statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Partnership's internal control in relation to the Pipeline.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Pipeline within the Partnership's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the Financial Statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Pipeline within the Partnership to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the Financial Statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial information represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with management and the Partners regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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Chartered Accountants Adelaide, 30 October 2023