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The proving of the natural gasfield in South Australia has been a most important step in the State's programme of development and plans now are well advanced for bringing this economical and efficient fuel to Adelaide.

Members of the Natural Gas Pipelines Authority of South Australia were appointed on the 20th April this year and since have met on 12 occasions.

This week, I received a most satisfactory and encouraging report from the Authority which contains some good news which I would like to pass on to you.

Firstly, the date scheduled for completion of the pipeline has been determined as September, 1969. This, by a happy coincidence, is the earliest date at which the Electricity Trust will be able to use natural gas. As the construction is expected to commence next

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September this means that the 480 mile long pipeline will take only twelve months to lay beneath the surface of the ground in a long trench at an average of 40 miles a month.

The second item of good news is that the Authority has been able to assure the Government that the construction cost of the project will be contained within the original estimate of \$29 million and, in fact there appear to be good prospects of the cost being below that figure.

Considerable progress has been made with the detailed arrangements involved in establishing the right-of-way which will be needed for the pipeline installation. It is very pleasing to report the great degree of co-operation which has been extended to the Natural Gas Pipeline Authority by local government bodies and land owners.

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Good news item number three is that the Authority is receiving the full support of Canada's largest natural gas transmission company. This is Trans-Canada Pipelines Limited who control a system of over 3,000 miles.

Trans-Canada Pipelines has provided tangible evidence of this support by making available the services of one of its most experienced senior executives to act as General Manager of the South Australian Authority for a term of three years.

This new General Manager, Mr. R.D. Walker, and the Authority's Executive Officer, Mr. D.J. Clausby, will attend a conference this week in San Francisco. This conference will be a final and critical review of the design and detailed specification of the pipeline and facilities. We in South Australia are very fortunate to have access to the vast technical resources of such a world

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leader in natural gas transmission as the Trans-Canada Pipeline Company. In addition to this, most generously the very large Alberta Gas Trunk Line Company of Canada also has undertaken to supply any technical data and to train staff for the Authority if required. As a result, the South Australian natural gas pipeline will be the most modern and efficient in the world.

And, finally, a fourth piece of good news concerns the financing of the pipeline. The Pipeline Authority has held discussions with Australian Savings Banks and Life Societies concerning the capital cost of \$29 million. These financial institutions unhesitatingly have assured the Authority of their interest in the South Australian natural gas pipeline project and have undertaken collectively to subscribe no less than \$20 million to assist with the financing of the undertaking.

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Legal agreements and negotiations associated with the various phases of the Authority's programme have been drafted and excellent progress is being made.

All in all, the advances made by the Natural Gas Pipelines Authority of South Australia is most encouraging and heartening and the day is approaching rapidly when natural gas will be available to industrial and domestic consumers.

GOOD NIGHT.

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