Legislation amendments to be introduced in Parliament next week would create commercial certainty for the operators of pipelines that come onshore, like the proposed pipeline from Bayu-Undan to Wickham Point.

Business, Industry and Resource Development Minister Paul Henderson said the amendments to the Energy Pipelines Act would allow for pipeline licences to be granted for an indefinite period.

"In February, Parliament passed amendments to the NT Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act to allow for an indefinite term for offshore pipeline licences," Mr Henderson said.

"The legislation amendments I will be introducing next week will allow for consistency in delivering licences for pipelines that start offshore and then come onshore to processing plants."

Mr Henderson said the proposed amendments would bring the Northern Territory into line with Commonwealth legislation on onshore/offshore pipelines.

"In bringing gas onshore to Wickham Point, a pipeline running from the Bayu-Undan gas fields would cross both Commonwealth and Northern Territory jurisdiction," he said.

"These minor amendments to our Legislation create a more commercially viable environment for this important industry – and in the long run that will mean more jobs for Territorians."