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Key Takeaways





Western Australia's domestic gas market to experience near-term tightness

- New gas supply is needed to offset declining production from legacy fields and meet growing demand.
- Market tightness is expected to persist until new supply led by Perth Basin and Scarborough volumes ramps up from 2026, but significant shortfall re-emerge from 2030.
- Gas demand will remain robust through to 2033, with new gas plants needed to support planned coal retirements and the expansion of renewables in the power sector alongside an almost doubling of demand for gas.

Access to export markets could unlock new gas supply for the domestic market

- The LNG Domestic Market Obligation (DMO) has supported gas supply and price stability in WA a gas price benefit of approx. 1.2 BAUD/year or 6.1 AUD/GJ to WA gas users between 2019-2023YTD.
- Close to 11BAUD of new gas investment is needed to sustain the long term supply outlook but policy stability and certainty, including the LNG DMO, remains vital.
- Allowing onshore gas projects to access export markets would expand the number of commercially viable projects, boosting investments and new supply. The access to larger export markets reduces the domestic price required for fields to become commercial while improving access to capital and financing.
- The government could unlock more domestic supply through incentives for exploration, investment, faster approvals processes, and establishing legal frameworks for unconventional gas development.

Domestic gas supply remains tight until 2027, before rebalancing as new supply comes online

Key Takeaways for Supply Outlook

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The domestic market is expected to see some supply tightness in the near term due to legacy fields' decline. Longer term, domestic supply is expected to grow underpinned by:

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Long term supply may see higher downside risks if Perth basin volumes are not sanctioned and developments for Scarborough and Waitsia 2 are delayed

Source: Rystad Energy research and analysis

Near term supply to plateau till 2026 before the entrants of new developments from the Perth Basin & Scarborough field; DMO remains crucial in enabling sufficient supply for domestic market

Estimated Overall Gas Supply Outlook by Market TJ/d



Estimated Domestic Gas Supply Outlook by Project TJ/d



Source: Rystad Energy research and analysis

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Source: Rystad Energy research and analysis

Robust forecast for domestic demand raises the need for additional supply



Key Drivers for WA Total Gas Demand

Estimated WA Total Domestic Gas Demand

TJ/day

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Market tightness in the short term with a supply imbalance if no new gas supply is brought forward



Estimated WA Domestic Gas Demand and Supply Balances

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Source: Rystad Energy research and analysis

The DMO has contributed to price and supply stability

Key Takeaways for Domestic Gas Obligation Policy Assessment

Key Takeaways



The DMO policy has enabled supply and gas price stability in WA.



Provision of an export allowance for onshore gas projects will improve both investments into the market and government revenue, due to better project economics from higher realised export prices.



Exploration and exploitation of potential low-cost discoveries (including unconventional resources) can increase supply, but this is likely to occur beyond 2033.

Source: Rystad Energy research and analysis

Western Australia has seen an average of 1.2 BAUD/year and 6.1 AUD/GJ of gas price benefits over 2019-2023E

Historical Absolute Gas Price Benefit^{1,2,3} Billion AUD, Nominal



(1) 2023 based on volume estimates and extrapolating price benefit number from YTD value.
(2) Until June 2023
(3) 2023 values partially estimated.

Source: Rystad Energy research and analysis

Historical Unit Gas Price Benefit^{2,3} AUD/GJ, Nominal



The government could focus on key initiatives to incentivise investments and bring new supply to the domestic gas market Approach to Unlocking Resource Potential in Western Australia

	Key Initiatives	<u>Stakeholder(s)</u>	Details	Priority
Upstream	Incentivise Exploration	Government/ Operators	 Increase acreage offerings for petroleum & CCS exploration in underdeveloped basins and support exploration & development of lower emission production Facilitate M&A syndication and consolidate resources and investments to overcome high capital requirement of greenfield petrochemical developments 	•
	Drive Productivity Improvements	Operators	 Support EOR to prolong production lifetime and volumes for legacy fields (e.g. initiating collaboration among industry players to share "best practices") 	•
	Accelerate Approval Process	Government	 Expedite, streamline and simplify processes that are often costly due to delays¹ Increase communication between federal and state departments to reduce timeframes and red-tape associated with the approvals process 	
	Enable Development of Unconventionals	Government	 Accelerate development of new regulations based on the Independent Scientific Panel Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracture Stimulation in Western Australia Incentivise partnerships for existing operators to acquire technical expertise 	
	Enable Greater Capital Access & Financing	Investors	 Facilitate partnerships between government and financial institutions to provide some capital access Provide public forum to drive deeper understanding of key market risks, fundamentals for financial investors 	
Mid- stream	Develop Infrastructure	Government/ Infrastructure Player	 Develop pipeline infrastructure to connect large resource basins to key demand centres, thus increasing commerciality of previously stranded assets Drive collaboration initiatives (e.g. develop shared, large capacity gas processing plants) amongst players to de-risk, capitalise on economies of scale 	•
Down- stream	Spur New Gas Demand Market Opportunities	Government/ Investors/ Infrastructure Player	 Incentives and financing to spur vertical integration between upstream and downstream (e.g. assisting downstream operators in acquiring and developing develop upstream projects) Encourage downstream demand from new industries (e.g. blue hydrogen, ammonia) through up- and downstream collaboration – spurring markets to invest in new large-scale projects 	•

Note: (1) EPA decisions take an average of close to 3 years. This is based on a sample of 15 projects that were the most recently approved before the end of 2021 Source: Rystad Energy research and analysis; EPA

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Western Australia still retains significant gas resource potential, of which unconventionals (if proven) could present immense supply upside

Remaining Contingent Gas Resources by Resource Theme and Basin,



Notes: Resources are the remaining economically recoverable volumes; Reserves (2P basis) is based on proven plus probable reserves (resources with 50% likelihood and where assets are producing and/or under development); Others consist of Canning, Officer, Yilgarn, Bonaparte basins; 1 EJ = 1000 PJ

Source: EIA, SPE, Rystad Energy research & analysis

Remaining 2P Gas Reserves by Resource Theme and Basin,

Most of the unconventional resource sit in the Canning basin, of which further exploitation is limited by challenges

Key challenges in unlocking resource potential

Western Australia Unconventional Resource Potential (2023)



Source: Rystad Energy research and analysis

Gas supply outlook to remain flat through to 2030 with new developments and discoveries offsetting legacy field decline

Gas Supply Outlook by Lifecycle Category TJ/d



Source: Rystad Energy research & analysis

Lifecycle Category - Overview

LNG export growth is the key driver of supply growth and has also benefited the domestic market through its domestic market obligation

Estimated Gas Supply Outlook by Market TJ/d



Market - Overview

Source: Government of Western Australia; Rystad Energy research & analysis

Several new operators expected to enter the market post 2026. Chevron, Woodside and Santos to remain the dominant suppliers to the domestic market

Key Operators - Overview

Estimated Domestic Gas Supply Outlook by Operator TJ/d



Source: Rystad Energy research & analysis

Market to become increasingly diversified with more equity players in the gas market



Estimated Domestic Gas Supply Outlook by Working Interest TJ/d

Source: Rystad Energy research & analysis

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Key Owners - Overview

<u>Players</u>	Overview
Others	 Make up ~24% of the supply in 2033. Major interests are Beach Energy, Mineral Resources and Warrego Energy.
Mitsui	 Owner of 50% of Baharra Springs Deep and 50% of Waitsia (Stage 2).
Strike Energy	 Owns 100% of South Erregulla (Phase 1 and 2) and 50% of West Erregulla (Phase 1 and 2) and 55% of Walyering
ExxonMobil	 Owns 25% of Gorgon, supplying ~70 TJ/d to the domestic market.
Shell	 Owns 25% of Gorgon, representing 84.9% of their owned domestic supply.
Chevron	 Largest working interest (47.3%) of Gorgon, which attributes to more than 60% of Chevron's owned domestic supply.
Woodside	 Owns 71.4% of Macedon, accounting for 63.3% of their total domestic supply ownership.
Santos	 Largest working interest, owns 98.8% of Varanus Island and 28.6% of Macedon.

Scarborough, Waitsia, and Erregulla are expected to drive incremental supply and offset the decline of legacy fields

Estimated Domestic Gas Supply Outlook by Project TJ/d



Largest Projects - Overview

Project	Overview
Others	 Consists of Pluto (Dom), Walyering, Devil's Creek
Lockyer Deep	• To ramp up post 2026
Scarborough	• Volumes to underpin Pluto T1-T2 in 2027
Greater Erregulla	Consists of South (2025) & West Erregulla (2026)
Waitsia	• Domestic supply from Stage 2 starting in 2029.
KGP	Gradual decline with Goodwyn field decline
Beharra Springs	Phase 1 & 2 to mitigate some production decline
Macedon	• To see decline with no new expansion
Varanus Island	John Brookes & Spartan to sustain LT decline
Wheatstone	• Gradual decline driven by Brunello field from 2026
Gorgon	 Jansz Stage 2 to compensate for Jansz/Io decline

Source: Rystad Energy research & analysis

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Domestic market to see investments close to 11 BAUD through to 2033 which is key to sustaining new gas supply

Investment Split - Overview

Investment Outlook for Domestic Projects by CAPEX/OPEX MAUD¹, Real 2023



We have considered ten key projects that could be sanctioned over 2023-2035

Project Outlook for Sanctioned/Pre-Sanctioned Domestic Gas Projects¹

Project	<u>Development</u> <u>Type</u>	<u>Potential</u> <u>Resources</u> <u>(PJ)</u>	<u>Development</u> <u>Status</u>	<u>Expected</u> <u>Start-Up</u> <u>Year</u>	<u>Peak</u> <u>Production</u> <u>Year</u>	Infrastructure Access to WA	Forecast CAPEX ² (MAUD)	<u>RE</u> Assessment ⁴
Waitsia Stage 2	Expansion	300	FID	2029	2030	Yes	96	•
Lockyer Deep	Backfill	551	Feasibility	2026	2029	Yes	607	•
Greater Erregulla	Greenfield	749	FID in 2023	2025	2029	Yes	838	•
Beharra Springs Expansion	Expansion	338	Feasibility	2026	2034	Yes	492	•
Rafael	Greenfield	232	Early	2028	2030	No	316	
Corvus	Backfill	112	Feasibility	2027	2028	Yes	292	
Browse	Backfill	1816	Feasibility	2033	2036	Yes	2,195	
Red Gully	Greenfield	7	Possible Restart	2027	2028	Yes	13	
Equus	Backfill	1931	Early	2028	2032	Yes	4,508	
Dorado	Backfill	640	Feasibility	2036	2038	No	1,228	
Ocean Hill	Greenfield	244	Early	2026	2029	Yes	294	

Notes: (1) Values shown are in real 2023 terms; expected start-up dates based on Rystad Energy's qualitative assessment. (2) USD converted to AUD at 1.476 conversion rate; CAPEX spent is based on a forward looking basis from 2023; (3) Weighted average based on potential resources and breakeven cost of all assets;

Likely development (4) RE assessment is based on various factors such as the development status, start-up year and above parameters – Probable development Possible development Unlikely development

Rystad Energy research & analysis Source:

Some of the more commercially challenging projects are unlikely to be online prior to 2033 with the onshore export ban in place

Projects supplying to the domestic market over 2020-33: Overview of commercial projects

Development Status	<u>Projects</u>	15% DMO (LNG Exports) + Export Ban (Dom Onshore)
	Davil Croak	
	Greater Gargen Area (DMO)	
	Macadan	
	KGD	
	Pluto (DMO)	
Producing	Varanus Island Hub	
	Waitsia Stage 1	
	Walvering	O
	Wheatstone (DMO)	
	Beharra Springs	
Under development	Scarborough (DMO)	
	Waitsia Stage 2	⊘
	Greater Erregulla	S
	Beharra Springs Expansions	
	Lockyer Deep	
	Varanus Island Hub (Spar Deep)	8
	Varanus Island Hub (Kultarr)	8
	Varanus Island Hub (Corvus)	8
Discovery ¹	Cash-Maple (Padthaway)	8
Discovery	Roc (Phoenix South)	8
	Okapi	8
	Yulleroo	8
	Browse (DMO)	8
	Equus Phase 1 (Nimblefoot)	8
	Equus Phase 1 (Mentorc)	8
	Equus Phase 2 (Glenloth)	8
	Equus Phase 2 (Glencoe)	8

Notes: (1) Despite commerciality, the Browse, Ocean Hill and Equus fields face challenges, and are not included in the economic analyses.

Source: Rystad Energy research and analysis



Allowing for export of gas from onshore fields could support the development of these discoveries through access to premium export prices and capital

١	Reduced 'domestic breakeven prices' as some gas is sold at
J	premium export LNG prices

- If gas produced from onshore fields is allowed to be sold on the export market at premium prices, it can reduce the domestic gas price required for the fields to become commercial.
- Consequently, certain fields that are currently deemed uncommercial (such as the ones listed on the previous page) could become commercial by allowing export.
- Access to significantly larger export markets allows producers to offer gas into the domestic market at a considerably lower price than the international market, we have seen this with the offshore LNG DMO policy, please see page 27.
- Allowing for exports will also give operators more certainty around access to markets, which will incentivise operators to explore for future gas supplies, see page 28.

2) Increased access to capital and improved financing terms

- By allowing for export of onshore gas as LNG, it will be easier to secure long-term contracts, as the LNG market is significantly larger than the Western Australia domestic market.
- This will make it easier for projects to obtain financing, as banks and other financial institutions are more supportive of projects with credit-worthy counterparts with a large potential customer base.
- This gives lenders more favourable financing terms, which could further lower a projects' breakeven gas price due to lower cost of capital expenditure.

Source: Rystad Energy research and analysis

WA has received an average price benefit of 6.1 AUD/GJ from the current LNG DMO policy between 2019-2023E

Historical^{1,3} Unit Gas Price Benefit

AUD/GJ, Nominal

Historical¹ Gas Price Benefit

AUD/GJ, Nominal



Source: Rystad Energy research and analysis, WA Gov DMIRS, gasTrading, FRED, Seeking Alpha, Macrotrends

An LNG export allowance for onshore operators could provide better market signals to incentivise future exploration

Estimated Exploration Activity in the Perth Basin¹ Wellbore Count



Notes: (1) Risked based on Rystad Energy research assessment; comprises of wildcat/exploration and appraisal drilling Source: Rystad Energy research and analysis

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Source: Rystad Energy research and analysis

We have adopted a sectorial demand forecast for Western Australia's demand outlook

Western Australia Demand Outlook Methodology

Focus Sectors	Identified Demand Drivers	Objectives
1 Power	 Scale of renewables penetration Coal-to-gas switching due to retirement of coal-fired power plants Planned additions to gas capacity 	
2 Mining and Minerals	 Additions to mining and mineral plants that consume gas Gas displacement from increased renewables uptake and decarbonisation efforts 	 Understand key demand trends and its underlying drivers Assess demand between 2023-2033
3 Industrial	 Upcoming greenfield projects increasing gas consumption Penetration of feedstock substitution displacing gas Buildout of renewables capacity 	
4 Residential and Commercial (R&C)	 Rate of population growth Electrification levels displacing gas Levels of hydrogen blending 	

Notes:(1) Non-ExhaustiveSource:Rystad Energy research and analysis

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Western Australia's domestic gas demand is expected to grow underpinned by developments in the power and industrial sector

Estimated WA Total Domestic Gas Demand TJ/day



Key Drivers for WA Total Gas Demand

Source: Rystad Energy research and analysis





Residential and Commercial

The Residential and Commercial sector is expected to see sustained growth underpinned by population growth and electrification

Overview of Assumptions

Estimated Gas Consumption for Residential and Commercial Sector TJ/day



(1) -0.1% is the CAGR between 2014 to 2020 Rystad Energy research and analysis; ATCO; Australia Bureau of Statistics

Note: Source:





Industrial

Industrial demand to increase towards 2033, with Perdaman driving majority of the increase



Note: Project Haber has an ammonia production capacity of 800 KTPA, urea production capacity of 1.4 MTPA. (1): Santos to supply > 120 PJ of natural gas over five years to Yara, from 2023. Source: Rystad Energy research and analysis

Two greenfield fertiliser projects to add >150 TJ/d of gas demand

Key Greenfield Projects within the Fertiliser Industry

	Main projects considere	d by RE	_	
Project Details	Perdaman Urea Project	CSBP Expansion Project	YURI Project	Project Haber
Operator	Perdaman	CSBP CSBP	YARA YARA	strike energy
Gas Consumption (TJ/d)	130	27	0	81.6
NH3 Capacity (KTPA)	1,300	300	800 (Green ammonia)	800
Start-up Year	H2 2027	2028	2027	2027
On-site Renewables	 A 100 MW solar facility is being proposed at the Perdaman project. 	 No on-site renewables due to limited access to renewables or cost effective green H2 in the vicinity. 	 2 GW of renewables capacity to be installed to produce green ammonia 	Possible integration of up to 170 MW of on-site renewable energy.
Project Status				
Remarks	Financing secured in Apr 2023 and has begun construction	Awaiting EPA approval	Construction for initial phase under way	In process of submitting environmental approvals
Source: Rystad Energy resea	Source: Rystad Energy research and analysis; CSBP; Yara; Strike Energy; Perdaman Pre-FEED/Proposed Pre-FEED/Proposed			

Industrial consumption of gas is still largely underpinned by technical and cost challenges of alternatives

Feedstock/fuel Substitution Methods Across Various Industries

	Feedstock/fuel Substitution Methods				
Industrial Sector	Electrification of heat	H2 Blue/green H2	Biomass as fuel/feedstock		
کم ۸۲۰ Ammonia	\bigotimes	\checkmark	\bigcirc		
↓ Cement	0	0	\bigcirc		
Iron and steel	\bigotimes	\checkmark	\bigcirc		
Petrochemical	$\mathbf{\diamond}$	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		
Other industries ¹	\checkmark	\checkmark	\bigcirc		
Note: (1): Includes heat dem	Note: (1): Includes heat demand in other sectors such as manufacturing, construction, food & tobacco;				

(2) E.g. ammonia, alumina, lithium hydroxide). Source: Rystad Energy research and analysis

- Displacement of gas by ٠ renewables is more **complex** and costly, especially for processes requiring gas as a feedstock or chemical processes². Substituting gas in their existing operations would require **major operational** redesign.
- Industrial processes that use gas for heat and steam processes may be able to **electrify** processes. However, this requires new heat process equipment to be incorporated.
- For blue/green H₂ as feedstock, cost is still a key obstacle, however, this is expected to decrease with wider adoption.

Unlikely to be adopted

at industrial scale

phase

R&D phase





3 Power

Up to 350 TJ/d of gas demand required to support the power sector by 2033 where gas will play a pivotal role in offsetting planned coal retirements and supporting intermittent renewables

Key drivers

Estimated Gas Demand in the Power Sector TJ/d



Source: Rystad Energy research and analysis; Rystad Energy RenewableCube, Australian Energy Statistics, Alinta Energy

Gas to stay relevant in the power sector by displacing coal and at the same time mitigating grid intermittency arising from higher renewables penetration

Key drivers by energy source

Estimated Power Generation Outlook² by Sector TWh



Notes: (1) Forecasts refers to solar PV uptake projections published by the Western Australia government in the Whole of System Plan and AEMO in the Wholesale Electricity Market, Electricity Statement of Opportunities 2022 (2) Power Generation Outlook excludes electricity generated for consumption in the Mining, Minerals Processing and Industrial sectors. Power for large-scale production of hydrogen is excluded as well. (3) Western Australia's top line power demand forecast has been estimated using historical power demand statistics at the state and country levels, as well as Australia's forecasted power demand up to 2035 (PowerCube). Source: Rystad Energy research and analysis; Rystad Energy RenewableCube, Rystad Energy PowerCube, Australian Energy Statistics





Mining and Minerals

Gas demand in the mining and minerals processing sector to decrease, driven by moderate renewable plans

Estimated WA Mining and Minerals Processing Gas Demand, TJ/day



Overview of Assumptions

Note: (1) 80% gas displacement from planned renewable capacity additions is based on discussion with industry experts and internal analysis. (2): MVR stands for Mechanical Vapour Recompression Source: Rystad Energy research and analysis; WA Gas Bulletin Board

The largest mining and minerals processing companies could displace a maximum of 170 TJ/day of gas by 2033 – of which it is assumed only 30% of such will be achieved

TJ/day

Risked Gas Displacement in WA's Mining and Minerals Sector

Announced Emission Reduction Targets for Selected Miners in WA¹ Million tonnes CO2e



Note: (1): Scope 1 and 2 emissions. The chart refers to net emissions which should not be interpreted as absolute zero emissions Source: Rystad Energy research and analysis; Fortescue Metals Group; Rio Tinto; BHP; Northern Star; Alcoa

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11 projects expected to add ~ 87 TJ/day of gas consumption between 2023 and 2033

WA Mining and Minerals Processing Project Pipeline

<u>Mineral/Metal</u>	Gas Consumption (TJ/day)	Project Details
lron ore	25	 Includes Iron Bridge (22 TJ/day) and Ashburton Hub (2.6 TJ/day)
Aluminum	22	 Worsley coal plant replacement adds 22.5 TJ/day of gas consumption
Lithium	25	 Abra Lead-Silver Project (1.9 TJ/day), Mount Holland Lithium mine (6.9 TJ/day), Kemerton Lithium Plant (12.9 TJ/day and Kathleen Valley (3.9TJ/day)
Gold	6	 Includes Bellevue Gold (2.6 TJ/day) and Thunderbox Mill Expansion (3.3 TJ/day).
Copper	4	 Nifty copper mine expected to restart its mine in mid-2024 with a gas demand of 3.9 TJ/day.
Nickel	4	 Odysseus Nickel mine to add 3.8 TJ/day of gas.
Total	87	

Source: Rystad Energy research and analysis; Australia Government Department of Industry, Science and Resources

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Source: Rystad Energy research and analysis

Storage a key enabler of balancing market flows and prices especially post 2020 due to slower production growth



Tubridgi Cumulative Storage Level and Net Flows



Mondarra Cumulative Storage Level and Net Flows

Source: Rystad Energy research and analysis; AEMO; WA Gas Bulletin Board

Any market imbalances likely to disproportionately impact industry more than households

Impact of Demand-Supply Imbalances on End Sectors

Market Situation	Impacted Sector	<u>Sub-Sector</u>	<u>Volume Offtake/</u> Prices	Assessment
	Industries	Existing		• Existing industries would see limited volume and pricing risk given that their gas is likely to be contracted on a fixed basis. Any volume/price impact on industry likely to be delayed (when contract expires)
Surplus		New		 New industries could see higher economic incentives from lower feedgas cost/prices and supply availability, which could spur FID/development thus driving up long term gas demand.
	Households	Existing/New		 Impact of increased volume/prices unlikely to materially change household demand given low demand inelasticity. However, prolonged, lower prices could incentivise LT switching to gas
	Industries	Existing		 Existing industries would see limited volume and pricing risk given that their gas is likely to be contracted on a fixed basis. Any volume/price impact on industry likely to be delayed (when contract expires)
Deficit	Deficit New Households Existing/New	New		 Prolonged deficit may result in elevated prices which can deter long term investments into new demand industries
			 Impact of increased volume/prices unlikely to materially change household demand given low demand inelasticity. However, prolonged, high prices could incentivise faster switching to electrification 	
Sources Dusted Energy research and analysis				Positive Impact Positive Impact

Source: Rystad Energy research and analysis

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The WA Domestic Market Obligation policy is designed to ensure sufficient supply for the domestic market and simultaneously foster continued investments in the sector

Key Highlights of Western Australia's DMO² Policy

Other aspects of the Domestic Gas Policy

<u>Detail</u>	Overview
Scope	 WA Government will not agree to the export of gas via the domestic WA pipeline network other than in exceptional circumstances. Supply of gas to markets on the Australian east coast, whether via an LNG import terminal or pipeline connection to east coast gas markets, is considered export. LNG used in international shipping is also considered export.
$\underset{Offsets^1}{\longleftrightarrow}$	 LNG exporters may propose to offset their commitments by supplying gas or other energy from alternative sources, rather than supplying gas from their own LNG projects. The WA Government will assess offset proposals, considering whether an offset agreement provides an equivalent level of energy security and is consistent with the net additionality requirement of the policy.
Reporting	 LNG exporters report annually on the implementation of their domestic gas commitments, including: LNG export approval and contracting Domestic gas commitment, sale & supply Reserve adequacy Domestic gas infrastructure and marketing in good faith

- project approval.
- Projects are required to undertake actions to coincide with start of LNG production.

(1) Despite legislation, there are no disclosed records of companies utilising offsets in the event of non-compliance to DMO targets. Notes: (2) DMO refers to the Domestic Market Obligation

Rystad Energy research and analysis, Rystad Energy Ucube, Government of Western Australia, Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation Source:

The DMO has contributed to price and supply stability

Key Takeaways for Domestic Gas Obligation Policy Assessment

Key Takeaways

The DMO policy has enabled supply and gas price stability in WA.

Provision of an export allowance for onshore gas projects will improve both investments into the market and government revenue, due to better project economics from higher realised export prices.

Exploration and exploitation of potential low-cost discoveries (including unconventional resources) can increase supply, but this is likely to occur beyond 2033.

Source: Rystad Energy research and analysis

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WA Domestic Gas Prices: Continued upward trajectory of domestic gas prices largely driven by demand-supply imbalances and rising production costs

Historical¹ Monthly/Quarterly² Domestic Gas Prices

AUD/GJ, Nominal

Source: Rystad Energy research and analysis, WA Gov DMIRS, gasTrading

Major Field/Storage Start-up

Tight Market

Surplus Market

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Global LNG Prices: Continued market developments, geopolitical events have introduced substantial volatility in LNG prices especially in recent years

Historical¹ Monthly LNG Asia Spot and Asian Oil–Indexed²

USD/mmbtu, Nominal

Notes: (1) Until June 2023.

(2) Asian Oil-Index Is based on historical oil slopes assessed from Rystad Energy LNG Contract Database multiplied with the historical Brent price plus an assumed shipping constant of 1.2 USD/mmbtu

Source: Rystad Energy research and analysis, FRED, Seeking Alpha

Seller's market

Buyer's market

The LNG DMO has also enabled WA to receive about 1.2 BAUD of benefits annually over 2019-2023E

Volume of LNG DMO and Portion of Total Dom Gas from 2010-2023E¹ TJ/d (LHS), % of DMO Volumes versus Total Supply (RHS)

Total level of benefits from 2010-2023E²

Notes: (1) 2023 values partially estimated.

(2) 2023 based on volume estimates and extrapolating price benefit number from YTD value. Rystad Energy research and analysis, WA Gov DMIRS, gasTrading, FRED, Seeking Alpha, Macrotrends Source:

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Limited integrated gas projects thus far due to low operators' downstream involvement

Location of Key Gas Reserves/Resources and Demand Centers/Sites¹ and Key Integrated Gas Project Status

Note:(1) Non-exhaustiveSource:Rystad Energy research and analysis

Other Sectors' Impact

Captive demand remains limited across most sectors, though may see some uptake in the mining sector if field development plans proceed

Analysis of Captive Gas Use by Sector

<u>Sector</u>	2023 Sector Demand (TJ/day)	<u>Players which have</u> <u>announced plans for</u> <u>captive gas use</u>	Current Captive Gas Use	<u>RE Assessment for Future Captive Gas Use</u>
Mining and Minerals	571	Minerals Resources; Hancock	Nil ; The mining and minerals sector remains non-integrated with no companies consuming gas from their upstream portfolio for own use	 Few companies have expressed initial interest in utilising gas its mining and minerals operation and have included them in future development plans. Fields of interest are located near mines. However, these projects development have been gradual.
Power	256	Nil	<i>Nil;</i> The power sector remains non- integrated with no power companies holding any stakes in gas projects as of today	No known plans have been expressed by power companies to acquire upstream project stakes
Industrial	193	Strike Energy; Buru Energy; Woodside	<i>Nil</i> ; The industrial sector remains non- integrated with no companies consuming gas from their upstream portfolio for own use	Some companies with stakes in upstream gas fields have indicated interest in using gas for downstream use, particularly to gain a foothold in new energies (e.g. hydrogen, ammonia, methanol). However, developments remain speculative.
Source: Rystad Energy research and analysis				

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Glossary

Key Abbreviations

<u>Term</u>	Definition			
AUD	Australian Dollars			
CAGR	Compound Annual Growth Rate			
CO2	CO ₂ Carbon Dioxide			
DMO	Domestic Market Obligation			
EPCI	Engineering, Procurement, Construction, Installation			
FEED	Front End Engineering and Design			
FID	Final Investment Decision			
FMG	Fortescue Metals Group			
GW	Gigawatt			
GJ	Gigajoule			
H ₂	Hydrogen			
KGP	Karratha Gas Plant			
КТРА	Kilo Tonnes per Annum			
LHS	Left Hand Side			
LNG	Liquefied Natural Gas			
LRMC	Long Run Marginal Cost			

<u>Term</u>	Definition
MW	Megawatt
MWh	Megawatt Hour
MVR	Mechanical Vapour Recompression
ΜΤΡΑ	Million Tonnes per Annum
NGI	Northern Goldfields Interconnect
NH ₃	Ammonia
PJ	Petajoule
PV	Photovoltaic
RE	Rystad Energy
RHS	Right Hand Side
SWIS	South West Interconnected System
TJ	Terajoule
TW	Terawatt
TWh	Terawatt Hour
U/D	Under Development
WA	Western Australia

Source: Rystad Energy research and analysis

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