



Gas Supply Strategy Implementation Plan Evaluation Statement

On 10 August 2018, the COAG Energy Council considered the evaluation report on the Gas Supply Strategy (GSS) Implementation Plan for Collaborative Actions. The Council noted the progress of the collaborative actions, with 17 actions either complete or underway. The Council welcomed efforts of individual jurisdictions to accelerate key complementary actions to improve the functioning and performance of the gas market.

The Council agreed to continue the implementation of the GSS and have tasked officials to refine the GSS Implementation Plan, in line with the findings and recommendations in the evaluation, by late 2018.

COAG Energy Council agree that future implementation efforts should be focused on the following themes and outcomes:

- a. Pre-competitive geoscience – Improve information exchange and sharing knowledge on onshore and offshore gas reserves and production potential, and potential underground gas storage sites.
- b. Fostering public trust and confidence – Improve cooperation between jurisdictions in responding to community concerns about potential local impacts of gas development.
- c. Leading practice regulation – Leading practice regulatory frameworks in place to guide regulators in managing risks, reducing red tape and addressing technical and public trust/confidence issues related to the development of onshore gas, offshore gas and underground gas storage.

COAG Energy Council further agrees to the removal of already completed collaborative actions from the implementation plan and implementation approaches being refined for outstanding actions, to reflect the following priorities:

- a. Further encourage/enable the national expansion of the Gas Industry Social and Environmental Research Alliance (GISERA) to help build base level of trusted, neutral information within jurisdictions.
- b. Develop and promote broad principles that apply to all types of onshore gas resource developments.
- c. Develop broad principles for collaborative cross-jurisdictional programs to inform future offshore acreage releases and facilitate gas exploration and development in priority areas in Commonwealth offshore and State and Territory offshore waters.
- d. Evaluate efforts to foster community trust, confidence and engagement in Queensland and share findings amongst Resources Working Groups.

- e. Communicate information for landholders and communities about the onshore gas industry, including information to assist landholders in negotiating access to land for gas developments.
- f. Improve data and information sharing between jurisdictions to reduce the number of times/costs industry is approached to provide existing information.
- g. Improve basin-level understanding of hydrocarbon (gas) resource potential in onshore and offshore basins that cross jurisdictional boundaries to:
 - i. improve knowledge of basin-level geology, gas resource potential, baseline environmental conditions and potential environmental impacts
 - ii. inform consideration of consistent regulatory conditions on both sides of the border for future gas projects.
- h. Identify geological formations that have the potential to be developed for gas storage to improve security of gas supply.

COAG Energy Council reaffirms it will continue to:

- share information and experiences, regardless of individual Government policy on gas development.
- identify and monitor opportunities for more ambitious cross-jurisdictional collaborative actions, in the context of the role GSS implementation plays within COAG Energy Council's broader priorities, to encourage future gas supply.

COAG Energy Council acknowledges that jurisdictions will continue to determine their level of participation in gas market development and how they will use the outcomes of the GSS.