



# Gas Fired Recovery Plan

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## Consultation note

We are consulting with stakeholders to inform the development of two measures:

- the National Gas Infrastructure Plan (NGIP)
- establishing Wallumbilla as Australia's Gas Hub.

## National Gas Infrastructure Plan

The National Gas Infrastructure Plan (NGIP) will identify priority pipelines and critical infrastructure (such as compression facilities, storage facilities and LNG import terminals) for Australia's east coast gas market.

The NGIP will signal to the market priority infrastructure investments. The NGIP will identify priorities through an assessment of costs and benefits, and market modelling. By doing so, the NGIP will help ensure adequate gas supply for customers connected to the east coast gas market at affordable, globally competitive prices.

The Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources is developing the NGIP. As a first step, we are developing an interim NGIP by the first quarter of 2021. It will focus on infrastructure projects that can address emerging southern supply constraints, or deliver other significant benefits to the market in the near term.

The department welcomes stakeholders' views on projects that should be considered in developing the interim NGIP. We encourage stakeholders to provide:

- general information about the project including cost, size, location, project type, timeframes and stage of development
- the gaps or constraints that it would address
- benefits of the project including opportunities or co-benefits that could emerge
- the barriers or risks associated with the project, or gas infrastructure developments more broadly, and how they could be overcome
- views or information about changes in demand over the short to medium term, including the benefits, if any, of co-locating existing or new demand with sources of supply.

## Wallumbilla Hub

The Government has announced that it will be taking steps towards a transparent gas trading system through improving our most strategically located and connected gas trading hub – Wallumbilla – as the Australian Gas Hub.

The aim is to deliver an open, transparent and liquid gas trading system through the Hub to ensure it can act as a truly effective price benchmark, improve gas consumers' ability to purchase gas at a fair price, and improve investment across the gas market.

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The department welcomes stakeholder views about constraints to more liquid trade through the Wallumbilla Gas Supply Hub, and options for how they could be addressed. In particular, we are seeking views on potential constraints to:

- Commodity supply to the hub, including current and potential future production and transport constraints and how these constraints could be alleviated
- Access to, and availability of transport and related infrastructure to efficiently move gas through the hub, including potential constraints due to the physical layout and function of the Wallumbilla hub, and constraints associated with pipelines, compression and storage
- Efficient transport of gas from the hub, including interconnection and commercial arrangements across the east coast that may impact on the ability of a hub participant to access hub prices
- Increasing the number and diversity of participants in the hub
- Establishing and maintaining highly liquid commodity trading and a deep forward market
- Efficient administration of and participation in the hub, including potential constraints associated with registration, membership and participation processes and costs, utility of trading interfaces, analytical and information tools.