NSW Looming Gas Shortage. Fact or Fiction?

Half-day Forum
11:45 am – 5:30 pm Monday June 24, 2013.

Venue: Minter Ellison Lawyers
Level 19 Aurora Place, 88 Phillip Street
Sydney NSW

Introduction

Much has been said in recent times about a potential gas supply crunch facing NSW over the next few years. Large gas users are calling an imminent “supply crisis”. Producers and producer organisations initially responded with assurances that things aren’t as bad as all that – if gas reserves can be developed in a timely and cost-effective manner. Events, however, keep moving on.

The federal government’s Energy White Paper, for its part, refers to a period of “transitional tightness” of gas supply in Eastern Australia – as Gladstone’s (Qld) LNG plants start pulling in huge volumes of gas for export, much of it from new coal-seam gas (CSG) development. Its core policy prescription is to ensure that “the market” is free to do its work of balancing supply and demand via the price mechanism.

Meanwhile, NSW rural landholders and community groups are vigorously prosecuting their case for protection of agricultural and environmental values from CSG development.

And both state and federal governments have been busy developing and implementing gas policies – and commissioning further studies – with particular focus on land use and environmental concerns...

NSW currently imports 95% of its gas from interstate, arguably leaving the state at the back of the queue in the event of an LNG-driven gas shortage in Eastern Australia.

So, is a looming gas shortage in NSW avoidable? How? Would any shortage be merely transitional? Or prolonged? And what impacts would it have? Lasting damage? Or short term pain for long term gain?

In an increasingly politically fraught environment, this AIE half-day forum aims to promote informed discussion of gas supply and use in NSW, and key policy developments in this critical area.

We welcome your participation in this important event.

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Program Summary

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11:45am  Registration and networking. A light lunch will be served prior to commencement.

12:15pm  Welcome & Introduction – John Blik - AIE Sydney Branch Chair

Session 1 - Government, Market, Production and Infrastructure

1. 12:20 pm. Keynote address – NSW government policy perspective
   Supply, demand and stakeholders – what is the NSW Government doing?
   Andrew Lewis, Executive Director Energy, Division of Resources and Energy - NSW Trade & Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services

2. 12:40 pm. Gas in Eastern Australia – supply and demand – outlook and trends
   Overview of supply and demand in the gas market place. Current and future.
   Andrew McManus, Vice President – Australasia Energy Consulting, Wood Mackenzie

3. 1:05 pm. NSW Gas – Reserves Development
   Producers’ perspectives on development of NSW and other gas reserves.
   What is needed for timely and cost-effective development?
   Damian Dwyer, Director – Economics - Australian Petroleum Production & Exploration Association Limited (APPEA)

4. 1:30 pm. NSW Gas – Pipelines and Infrastructure Development
   NSW pipeline infrastructure – the current picture; future needs for future supplies; challenges and opportunities for development.
   David Green, General Manager Commercial and Business Development, Pipelines - Jemena

5. 1:55 pm. Panel Discussion
   Q&A with Session One Speakers + Chair/Moderator

2:20 pm  Afternoon Tea & Networking
Session 2 - Users, Land & Environment, Policy & Regulation

6. 2:45 pm. Gas Users perspective

Perspectives from gas users large and small. Potential impacts of gas shortages and/or higher prices. What might be possible under the “right” policy settings?

Phil Barresi, Chief Executive Officer, Energy Users Association of Australia

7. 3:10 pm. Land and Environment issues

What are the issues of concern for landholders and communities involved with CSG development. How can CSG be developed while safeguarding environmental values and recognising landholder and community interests and concerns. How can the perceived competing interests of gas producers, users and landholders be effectively balanced to achieve beneficial outcomes in the overall public interest.

Jock Laurie, NSW Land and Water Commissioner, NSW Trade & Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services

8. 3:35 pm. Policies and Regulatory frameworks

Overview of the current regulatory regime. What reforms are needed to improve regulatory certainty? Benefits of various reform options for stakeholders and the state of NSW.

Speaker from Minter Ellison Lawyers

9. 4:00 pm. Panel Discussion

Q&A with Session Two Speakers + Chair/Moderator

10. 4:25 pm. Summary and Wrap-up

Chair/Facilitator

Approx 4:45pm. Close

4:45 pm. Refreshments

Canapés, drinks and networking

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Note: All listed speakers are confirmed as of 4/6/2013. Program is current as of this date and is subject to change at any time.
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