



3 December 2013

## Almost 30,000 people now working in Queensland's natural gas industry

Liquefied natural gas (LNG) projects worth more than \$60 billion underway in Queensland are responsible for almost 30,000 jobs as the state gears up to deliver a cleaner energy source to the world from 2014, the Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association (APPEA) said.

The ['2013 Quarterly 2 Industry Data'](#) released today shows Queensland's natural gas industry is continuing to deliver jobs and regional investment in stark contrast to NSW where 122 jobs were lost from that state's gas industry in the first half of this year.

APPEA Chief Operating Officer Eastern Australia, Paul Fennelly said: "Natural gas is providing jobs for electrical fitters, caterers, project managers, mechanics, plumbers and engineers. People who would ordinarily leave country towns upon finishing school are staying because they can find well paid employment close to home.

"Queensland is leading the way through nation-building projects that will continue to deliver economic benefits for decades.

"The situation south of the border stands in direct contrast. NSW is heading towards a gas supply crunch through restrictive land use policies and Victoria remains the only state in Australia with a moratorium on gas exploration.

"It's time for other eastern Australia states to emulate Queensland's record to deliver a safe, reliable and abundant supply of natural gas to households and businesses.

"The economic benefits are clear for those willing to implement policies that create jobs, attract investment and allow for the safe production of natural gas."

### Gas industry data Q2 2013 - Queensland

- Total number of active natural CSG wells – 4842
- Total number of hydraulic fracturing or "fracking" operations to improve gas flow – 38
- Number of direct employees – 4664
- Number of contractor employees – 24,784
- Signed land access agreements – 4037
- Formal disputes over land access – zero
- Community funding contributions – approx. \$110 million
- Water monitoring bores – 676
- Community engagement/information events since 2011 - 1416



## Gas industry data Q2 2013 – NSW

- Total number of active natural CSG wells – 230
- Total number of hydraulic fracturing or “fracking” operations to improve gas flow – zero
- Number of direct employees – 178 (down by one third for the quarter)
- Number of contractor employees - 32
- Signed land access agreements – 287
- Formal disputes over land access – zero
- Community funding contributions - \$887,000
- Water monitoring bores - 367
- Community engagement/information events since 2011 - 665

Energy Skills Queensland recently noted the CSG-to-LNG industry will generate significant positive economic and social benefits on a national scale for Australia, Queensland and for the Mackay, Fitzroy, Wide Bay, Western Downs, Darling Downs and Maranoa regional economies as the industry continues to grow over the next 30 years.\*

\*Source: <http://www.energyskillsqld.com.au/wp-content/uploads/Queensland-CSG-to-LNG-Industry-Workforce-Plan-Energy-Skills-Qld.pdf>

**Media contact: Chris Ward 0408 033 422 or [cward@appea.com.au](mailto:cward@appea.com.au)**