Flattening the Curve of Regulatory Instability

Stability vs Instability: A Case Study



A decade of regulatory stability provided the foundation for an unprecedented wave of investment (approximately \$350 billion) and activity through the early 2010s. The period saw the sanctioning of multiple significant new LNG projects. Such a scale of investment delivered direct and indirect/induced economic benefits in the form of long-term tax payments to governments, increased local employment, supply chain growth through the reliance of local communities to service workers, industrial activity to service construction, infrastructure build-out, education and upskilling of workers.

Regulatory instability, intervention and uncertainty since 2010, coupled with being a high-cost destination for doing business, has reduced the investment appetite of many industries, and not just the oil and gas industry.



