

Northern Territory Gas Plan

– A pathway to 2030



Introduction

The **Northern Territory Gas Plan** aims to modernise and streamline our focus, ensuring NT seizes economic and environmental opportunities over the next five years. By prioritising Economic Growth, Energy Security, and Environmental Sustainability, we will foster a prosperous and sustainable future for the Territory and contribute to Australia's and the region's resilience.

Economic Growth

Key Initiatives:

- Increased Territory Revenue
- Boost business growth
- Promote regional development

These initiatives will increase investment, create jobs, improve infrastructure, and build a resilient local economy.

Energy Security

Focus Areas:

- Territory
- National
- Regional

Developing the Beetaloo Sub-basin will ensure energy security for NT, Australia, and regional partners by expanding domestic supply and cementing our role as a reliable LNG supplier.

Environmental Sustainability

Strategies:

- Reduce emissions through Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS), including for regional trading partners
- Displace coal nationally and regionally
- Use blue energy to support a green future

These strategies will drive a sustainable green energy future.

The Northern Territory and Natural Gas

Our gas journey began in the 1960s with the onshore Amadeus Basin and now includes offshore projects like the INPEX and Santos LNG facilities. Recent developments, such as the Barossa Gas Project and pilots in the Beetaloo sub-basin, promise further growth and a new era of prosperity for NT.

Complementary Technologies

Integrating natural gas, solar energy and CCS is vital. By 2030, NT's solar energy potential will be significant, supported by CCS opportunities.

Evolving Gas Landscape – Opportunities Ahead

Strategic Shifts:

- Global shift to decarbonisation and a pathway to net zero emissions
- World-Class CCS opportunities: Utilise depleted gas fields and geological formations near Darwin for carbon storage
- Development of key gas projects: Move from 'proposed' to 'in development' to ensure substantial gas supply

Plan for Action – 2024-2030

Accountability Measure:

Success will be measured by the growth of a diverse industrial base that increases energy production, decreases emissions and generates sustained local economic growth.

Enablers	Objectives
Partnerships	Ensure a secure, stable gas supply for NT, Australia and the region, supported by CCS
Local Workforce and Supply Chains	Develop a skilled workforce and a service and supply industry focused on sustainable growth
Planning and Infrastructure	Coordinate planning and delivery of supporting infrastructure
Regulation	An effective regulatory framework that meets Government policy and community expectations
Investment	Invest in capacity and capability for sustained industrial growth