



# Scientific Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracturing of Onshore Unconventional Reservoirs in the Northern Territory

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# **Ch.5 Shale Gas Development and management**

#### **Well Integrity**

- Wells have multiple barriers to prevent leaks.
- Each barrier can protect the well. If a barrier fails, the next barrier ensures containment.
- Barrier failure is *not* well failure. A well only fails when all barriers fail.
- Well failure is rare for modern wells c. 0.004%.





# **Ch.5 Shale Gas Development and management**



#### **Queensland**

- Gasfields Commission 6,734 wells "...The likelihood and therefore risk of a subsurface breach of well integrity is thus assessed to be very low to near zero." (2014)
- CSIRO 2014 study of 43 wells "..no evidence of leakage of methane around the outside of the well casings.." (Day et al, 2014)

#### Western Australia

• Department of Mines and Petroleum. 1035 wells – "There have been no failures of surface or conductor casings"

#### <u>Texas</u>

 253,090 wells in Texas by King and King (2013) – 10 wells (~0.004%) constructed to modern standards experienced a loss of well integrity, compared to 0.2% for older wells.

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### **Well Remediation**

- A well at the end of its operating life is remediated.
- Two key areas:
  - Mechanical Plug
  - Downhole Integrity
- Studies show cement degradation will not breach integrity in 10,000 years, even under severe conditions.
- Mechanical setting of plug is more significant than degradation. Plugs tested extensively at decommissioning.





#### **Ch.5 Shale Gas Development and management**



After plugging and remediation, the surface is returned to its previous state.

# Remediated well site in Queensland.



### **Ch.9 Greenhouse Gas Emissions**

- Since 2007, national reporting legislation has been in place and the industry has measured and reported all of its emissions over the lifecycle of projects – i.e. emissions from production, supply and use.
- The methods for calculating emissions are set by the Department of the Environment and Energy and reviewed annually by experts selected by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.
- Latest CSIRO field research into CSG wells confirms accuracy of existing methods, with Australian emissions rates much lower than in the US. Nevertheless, industry supports ongoing research in this field.
- Activist claims of massively higher fugitive emissions, citing outlier numbers from the US, are not supported by data.



#### **Ch.13 Economic Impacts**





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#### **Ch.13 Economic Impacts**

#### 2015-2016 financial year WHAT IS QUEENSLAND'S OIL & GAS INDUSTRY WORTH TO QUEENSLAND? INDUSTRY'S DIRECT FLOW-ON CONTRIBUTIONS BENEFITS IN 2015-16, THE QUEENSLAND OIL AND GAS SECTOR PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT TO QUEENSLAND: LOCAL SPENDING AND EMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS: - \$745 MILLION IN WAGES PAID TO **∦**₩ 60,582 ADDITIONAL FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES 14 4,727 FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES QUEENSLAND'S PROSPERITY + ADDITIONAL VALUE THE TOTAL ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION ADD OF TO THE QUEENSLAND ECONOMY IN 2015-16 - \$5.3 BILLION SPENT BILLIO 🖀 3,198 **GROSS REGIONAL PRODUCT** LOCAL BUSINESSES PURCHASED LOCALLY BENEFITED 4% QUEENSLAND'S TOTAL GRP LOCAL BUSINESSES SOURCED CONTRIBUTIONS 168 COMMUNITY OR CONTRIBUTIONS 65,309 EMPLOYEES BENEFITED LOCAL SPENDING FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES \* SHARED ACROSS O IN ROYALTIES QUEENSLAND 3% TOTAL QUEENSLAND'S (OF A QLD TOTAL OF \$2.2 BILLION) QUEENSLAND'S LAND MASS USING ONLY THE RESOURCES SECTOR DELIVERS BETTER OUTCOMES FOR QUEENSLAND: 🚖 EDUCATION 😤 LAW & ORDER 🛛 👫 HEALTH 🗥 ROADS For a more detailed breakdown of your local area or region, click here | For modeling and data, click here resources © Queensland Resources Council 2016



Source: Gasfields Commission



#### **Ch.13 Economic Impacts**

#### FORECAST GAS AND ELECTRICITY SHORTFALLS

Additional gas production will be required to meet the needs of gas-powered generation and residential, commercial and industrial gas consumers.

The short falls may occur...





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(UPDATING THE ENERGY ADEQUACY ASSESSMENT PROJECTION, AND GAS AND ELECTRICITY STATEMENTS OF OPPORTUNITIES)

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#### AEMO 2017 Gas Statement of Opportunities



**Ch.13 Economic Impacts** 

#### World LNG imports by region, 2012-22





#### **Ch.14 Regulatory Reform**

#### **Regulatory Structure**







RECOMMENDATION OF THE COUNCIL ON REGULATORY POLICY AND GOVERNANCE



### **Ch.14 Regulatory Reform**

# Land Access (14.5)

- APPEA strongly supports policies that foster coexistence
- 50 land access agreements in place in the Northern Territory.
- 5,000 land access agreements in QLD.
  - 2,100 of these actively hosting activity.





# Questions