# EASTERN AUSTRALIA NATURAL GAS MARKET TODAY 4 DECEMBER 2015

The way gas is produced, traded and used is changing rapidly. We need competitive, efficient markets to keep the cost of gas supply to consumers as low as possible

# **GAS MARKETS ARE EVOLVING**



The east coast market is now interconnected and natural gas flows are more dynamic, moving across the entire network in response to demand



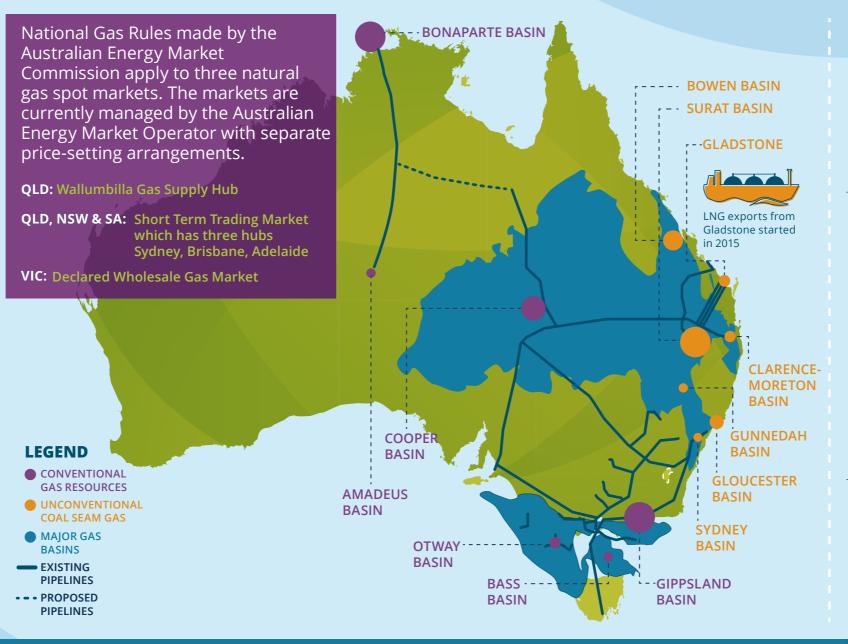
Long term contracts between gas producers and their customers are coming up for renewal



Customers today require more options around purchasing flexibility which can include a mix of long-term contracts and gas from spot markets



The domestic market is adjusting to emerging exposure to international gas prices



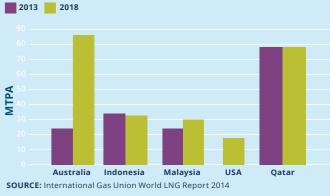
## **LNG GLOBAL TRADE**

#### A PERIOD OF SUPPLY GROWTH

- Australia is forecast to become the world's largest LNG exporter by 2018
- Gas used for LNG production at Gladstone will be nearly three times higher than east coast domestic demand

### LIQUEFACTION CAPACITY BY **COUNTRY IN 2013 AND 2018**

(Existing and under construction projects expected by 2018)



### **LNG PRICING**

- Australian LNG is exported to Asia, where LNG prices are linked to oil
- Some domestic gas contracts are being linked to oil due to the influence of LNG exports
- These pricing structures will create new challenges for gas users managing risk

# **HOW GAS IS BOUGHT AND SOLD**



#### **PRODUCERS**

Sell direct to retailers and big industrial customers







**RETAILERS AND BIG INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS** 

Once retailers and big industrial customers have sourced

their gas they negotiate other contracts with transmission

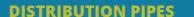
and distribution networks to transport gas to end users





#### TRANSMISSION PIPES

Mostly unregulated with negotiated contracts



The major distribution pipelines are regulated with reference prices set by the Australian Energy Regulator



**HOUSEHOLDS** AND BUSINESSES

Decisions on whether pipelines should be regulated are made by energy ministers in each jurisdiction depending on the degree of pipeline competition in specific areas and following