

Experts agree: Australia's energy industry can and does successfully co-exist with local industries



According to studies, government officials and agricultural advocacy groups from around the country, Australia's energy industry not only co-exists with local industries but can also further improve regional communities by providing jobs, infrastructure, and improved services.



"With effective consultation addressing stakeholder concerns and appropriate levels of compensation, CSG development can provide new revenue streams for landholders and their communities. With appropriate support arrangements in place, landholders can make money from CSG production on their land. While local councils have to ensure their communities can cope with the industry influx, industry activity can bring benefits to communities, especially to rural communities, in terms of increased employment, rents and servicing opportunities."

- NSW Chief Scientist & Engineer, [Final Report of the Independent Review of Coal Seam Gas Activities in NSW](#)



"Lack of appropriate infrastructure was identified as a major constraint to development, with both social and economic consequences. Many people had expectations that the development of an oil industry would contribute to the improved development of infrastructure such as roads, rail, port facilities and airports. This in turn would have spin-off effects for tourism (through better access) and the exporting industries, as well as contributing to safety (through better roads) and better access to health services. Further, better airport infrastructure would facilitate the increase of fly-in-fly-out workers, with possible benefits to the local mining industry."

- The Great Australian Bight Research Program, [Building a Bigger Picture of the Bight](#)



"WAFarmers represent members who predominantly operate on freehold land; it is for this reason why WAFarmers advocates for farmer choice. It is best left to individual property owners to decide what occurs on their land. There have been instances where agriculture and resources company co-existing well together, with the resources company investing in on-farm infrastructure."

- Submission from Western Australian Farmers Federation to the [Independent Scientific Panel into Hydraulic Fracture Stimulation Western Australia](#)



"One of the pleasing things I see as a result of the so called coal seam (gas) boom is that parents are now seeing the opportunity for their children to travel away to university to gain degrees, to become trades people and then to return to their home district and have a future there amongst the family and friends they grew up with."

- Hon Ian Macfarlane MP, Minister and Resources and Energy Member for Groom, House of Representatives, 23 May 2012 as quoted in the Queensland Gasfields Commission's [On New Ground report](#)



"Several submissions expressed the view that any onshore shale gas industry would deliver lasting benefits to the NT by creating jobs and business opportunities and by improving infrastructure and services that in many areas are viewed as inadequate."

- Scientific Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracturing in the Northern Territory, [Final Report](#)



Case Study: Roma Airport Upgrade

"Roma airport underwent a \$14 million upgrade, with the new facility commencing operations in April 2012. The upgrade was supported by the state government and energy sector organisations Santos GLNG and Australia Pacific LNG, with contributions of \$4.7 million, \$2.5 million and \$1 million, respectively."

Queensland Gasfields Commission's [On New Ground report](#)

