

Australia's investment into understanding onshore drilling and hydraulic fracturing

Australia has invested significantly into understanding onshore gas activities:



14 separate inquiries and investigations conducted in Australia since 2011



Australia has a long history of safe hydraulic fracturing and onshore drilling - since the 1960s



The inquiries allow governments to understand onshore drilling and use of hydraulic fracturing, the risks and best practice



WA and NT recently removed temporary moratoriums on hydraulic fracturing after conducting independent inquiries



Australia benefits from employment and economic opportunities provided by the onshore gas sector

"Overall, the findings support a broad conclusion that the international standards for the design, construction and operation of an individual petroleum well (incorporating hydraulic fracture stimulation) if properly executed and located, generally limit risks to the environment and people to a low level."

- Expert Panel findings in the Western Australian Government's [Independent Scientific Panel Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracture Stimulation in Western Australia](#)

"The independent scientific report into hydraulic fracturing found that risks could be mitigated if all the recommendations of their report were implemented. This implementation plan is a comprehensive response to these recommendations. We will be making sure that any fracking that occurs ensures our unique natural environment is protected and creates local jobs."

- Northern Territory Chief Minister Michael Gunner in relation to the NT Government's [Scientific Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracturing in the Northern Territory](#)