# Gas markets – a bridge too far?



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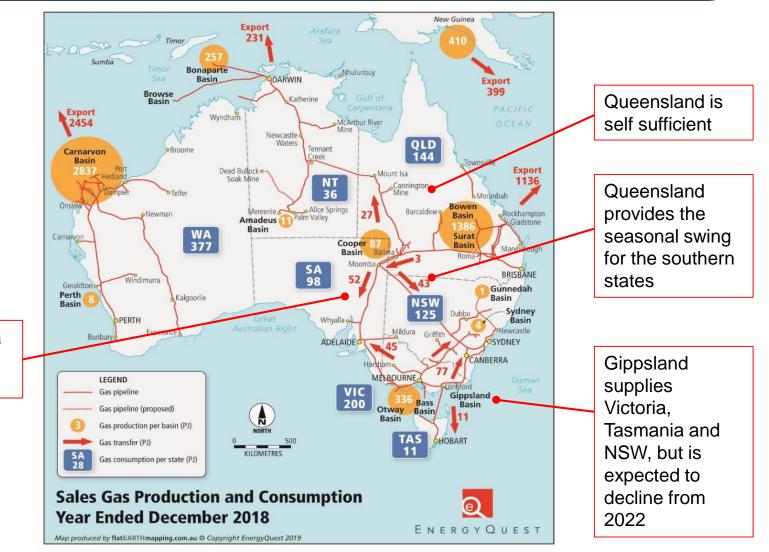




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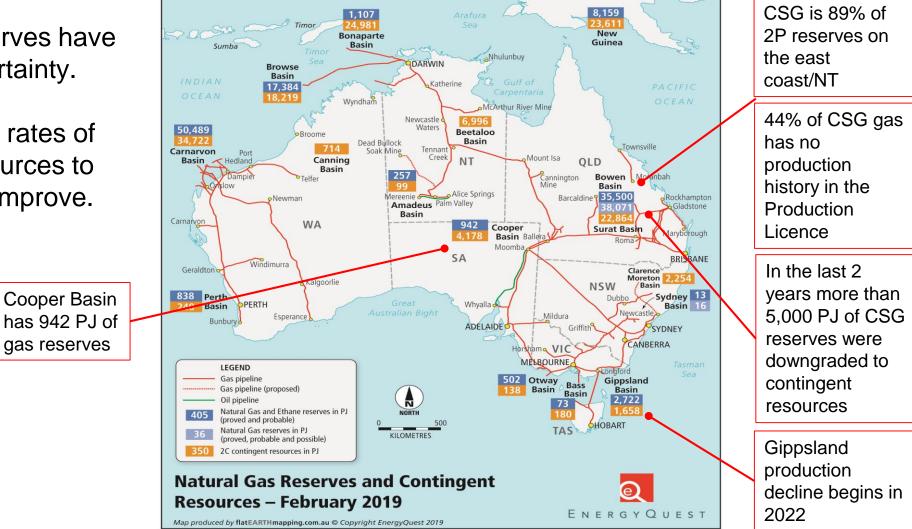
- The east coast is currently balanced, albeit at historically high prices.
- The west coast has gas prices comparable to Henry Hub.

South Australia is a small volume importer of gas



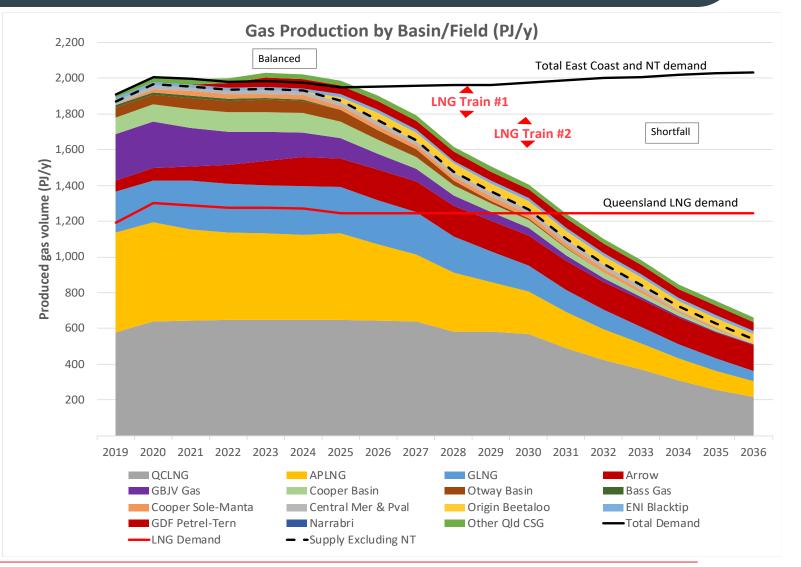
### Australian Gas Reserves and Resources

- East coast reserves have additional uncertainty.
- The conversion rates of contingent resources to reserves must improve.



# Gas Supply and Demand

- East coast and NT demand is expected to be short gas from 2026.
- Without additional gas, prices will remain high...
- ... and demand will fall.
- LNG trains may be mothballed.



### The Bridge to Renewables

The gas bridge to renewables is yet to appear

• Coal is holding up.

12 months to end

• Renewables are replacing gas-fired power generation.

TWh	March 2019		March 2018		% Change
Coal	146	72%	147	73%	-1%
Gas	16	8%	21	10%	-24%
Hydro	16	8%	13	7%	19%
Wind	15	7%	12	6%	25%
Solar farm	2	1%	1	0%	341%
Rooftop PV	9	4%	7	4%	25%
Total	204	100%	200	100%	2%

Jan-Mar 19	Jan-Mar 18	% Change
37.3	37.8	-1%
5.2	4.8	7%
2.7	3.1	-14%
3.5	3.1	12%
1.0	0.2	465%
2.7	2.1	29%
52.4	51.1	2%

Renewables	42	21%	33	16%	28%	10	8
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#### Electricity generation by fuel type

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16%

### Three Bridge Pylons

There are three options for the this outlook...

- Increase exploration, and bring on large volumes (multi Tcf) of low cost gas
  - North Bowen
  - Beetaloo
  - Offshore
  - New plays
  - ... but distance matters.
- Import LNG
- Decrease demand
  - Shut down one or two LNG trains
  - Higher gas prices work through the market
    - ... or all of the above.





### Infrastructure and Investment

- Capital is global, not just markets.
  - if Australia gets too hard, or there are more profits in other countries, this will impact the industry development



- The CSG production profile relies on an investment of \$2-3 billion each year.
- Australian pipelines cover vast distances with relatively small volumes of gas.

- LNG import infrastructure has a place in Australia's gas supply.
  - Ready peak supply capacity near demand centres
  - Competition for long distance pipelines
  - Ability to write long term gas supply contracts
  - Arbitrage opportunities to import low priced LNG
  - Flexibility to increase volumes with more shipments

## **Bridge Strategies**

### Some headlines:

- Good times for explorers and producers who have gas, with high prices and strong demand
- <u>Technical innovation</u> to lower costs and tap the more difficult fields and new unconventionals
- Smarter commercial deals with gas buyers to lower risk and increase options
- Pipeline success will (as always) depend on where the gas supply is
- LNG imports will change gas flows, and potentially strand assets
- Buyers should use a portfolio approach to gas supply
- Have long term gas in the portfolio, even when it costs more
- For lowest price gas, consider locating in WA

Gas Supply

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Gas Demand





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