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Julimar urged to supply WA consumers

WA's peak energy user group has urged government to ensure a proportion of gas from Apache's proposed Julimar development is set aside for local industry and households.

DomGas Alliance Chairman Stuart Hohnen said the Julimar field, which Apache aims to bring into production by 2012, could help meet Western Australia's critical gas shortage.

"Western Australia will require an additional 1100 terajoules of gas a day within the next six years to meet new and replacement demand," Mr Hohnen said.

"This is equivalent to the total size of the existing market.

"It is vital when developing fields like Julimar that producers meet the energy needs of the local market and not just overseas customers."

Earlier this week, the DomGas Alliance released a Domestic Gas Security Report highlighting serious challenges to the long term availability and security of gas supplies in Western Australia.

The report found availability and affordability of gas supply to be the most critical challenge facing Western Australia today.

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The DomGas Alliance

The DomGas Alliance represents natural gas users, infrastructure investors and prospective domestic gas producers in Western Australia. The Alliance aims to promote security, affordability and diversity of gas supply for industry and households.

The Alliance was formed in 2006 in response to a serious shortage of gas supply for new developments in WA. Alliance members represent around 80 percent of Western Australia's domestic gas consumption and gas transmission capacity, including smaller industrial and household users of gas. The Alliance also includes companies working to develop domestic gas fields.

Members include: Alcoa of Australia, Alinta, Burrup Fertilisers, Dampier Bunbury Pipeline, ERM Power / NewGen Power, Fortescue Metals Group, Horizon Power, Newmont Australia, Synergy, Verve Energy and Murphy Oil.

The Alliance works closely with State and Federal Government and other industry stakeholders to promote initiatives and debate on domestic gas supply issues.

