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New gas discoveries to boost domestic supply

WA gas consumers have welcomed new gas discoveries by Chevron and Woodside and the flow-on benefits these will bring for domestic supply. This week, Chevron announced two major offshore discoveries with Woodside announcing a major discovery.

DomGas Alliance Chairman, Tony Petersen, said business and households look forward to 15 per cent of the gas being delivered to the domestic market.

“Offshore exploration activity has continued to expand since the introduction of the State’s 15 per cent reservation policy in 2006,” Mr Petersen said.

“LNG export developments are welcome and can provide an economic boost to the State, but improved domestic gas supply provides long term economic benefits and energy security.”

A recent report by Economics Consulting Services warns the State faces a decade or more of gas shortages. At least 1,100 terajoules per day of new gas supply will need to be sourced to meet demand growth in WA, and to replace existing supply as fields decline and contracts expire.

“Bringing new discoveries onshore is vital to meet the State’s energy needs and put downward pressure on gas prices,” Mr Petersen said.

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The DomGas Alliance

The DomGas Alliance is Western Australia's peak energy user group and represents natural gas users, infrastructure investors and prospective domestic gas producers. The Alliance promotes security and affordability of gas supply.

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

Alliance members represent around 80 percent of Western Australia's domestic gas consumption and transmission capacity, and supply gas and electricity to 200,000 small businesses and 2 million West Australians.

