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Gas users welcome Wheatstone gas commitment

Western Australia's peak energy user group has welcomed Chevron's commitment to supply domestic gas equivalent to 15 per cent of the Wheatstone Project's LNG exports.

As part of the Project, Chevron has committed to build a domestic gas processing plant with capacity and production equivalent to 15 per cent of LNG sales.

The foundation phase of the project will include two LNG trains with 8.9 million tonne per annum (mtpa) capacity, which would equate to around 187 terajoules per day (TJ/d) of domestic gas. First domestic gas supply is targeted for 2016 to coincide with first LNG production.

Domestic gas supply will increase over time to around 500 TJ/d with completion of the full 25 mtpa LNG export project.

DomGas Alliance Chairman, Tony Petersen, congratulated Chevron and the WA Government for committing the Project to domestic gas supply.

"Western Australia absolutely depends on natural gas to fuel investment, economic development, manufacturing and jobs," Mr Petersen said.

"Supplying the energy needs of local industry and households is part of how this major project can contribute to benefit all West Australians long after construction jobs are gone."

Mr Petersen commended Chevron for prioritising first delivery of domestic supply with LNG exports.

"This means domestic gas will flow into the WA market at the same time as LNG exports commence and will assist local industry as soon as possible." Mr Petersen said.

"The Project is an example of the State's 15 per cent domestic gas reservation policy in action. It is a win for LNG exports and for local gas users."

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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.

Alliance members represent around 80 percent of Western Australia's domestic gas consumption and transmission capacity, and supply gas and electricity to the State's 800,000 households and 200,000 small businesses.

