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Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,

SA Treasurer Tom Koutsantonis claims domestic gas reservations would “kill investment stone dead” and would “keep gas in the ground.” (Reserved gas policy on the nose, The Australian, 27/02/15).

This is the same scare campaign that was mounted by multinational oil and gas producers in 2006 when Western Australia introduced a domestic gas reservation policy to protect local industry and jobs.

Since then WA has enjoyed year after year of record investment in exploration coupled with record exports of LNG.

As for gas staying in the ground, the Devils Creek, Macedon and Pluto projects have all gone ahead since 2006 with the Wheatstone and massive Gorgon projects soon to follow.

Australia needs a national energy policy that puts Australia’s national interest, not the interests of oil and gas companies, first.

Yours sincerely

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