

# Media Release

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## Construction of the Atlas Gas Pipeline Commences

Australian gas consumers will soon benefit from new gas supplies after leading energy infrastructure company, Jemena, commenced construction of the Atlas Gas Pipeline today.

Located approximately 20km south-west of Wandoan in Queensland, the Atlas Gas Pipeline Project will see Jemena and its partners construct a 60km, 8 inch steel-coated, buried gas pipeline and compressor station, which will connect gas from Senex Energy's Atlas gas field to the east-coast gas market via the Wallumbilla Gas Hub.

The Atlas acreage is Queensland's first domestic-only gas supply with all gas ear-marked for the domestic market.

Jemena's Executive General Manager of Gas Markets, Antoon Boey, said construction and commissioning of the Atlas project is expected to be complete before the end of 2019.

"We are currently in the early stages of construction, with around 90 people on site conducting clear and grade and stringing activities, and we expect this work to ramp up quickly over the coming weeks," said Mr Boey.

"The Atlas pipeline and processing facility have been designed to enable further expansion once additional gas reserves become available from the Atlas production area."

Jemena recently awarded Spiecapag Australia a \$20 million contract to construct the Atlas Gas Pipeline, while Australian energy and infrastructure services group, Valmec, has been appointed to construct the Atlas Compressor Station. In total, Jemena will invest around \$140 million to construct the Atlas Gas Pipeline Project which is expected to create around 150 to 200 jobs in Queensland.

### More gas on its way

Mr Boey said Jemena was working hard and in partnership with gas exploration companies to bring new gas to Australian homes and businesses.

"We are acutely aware that Australia faces a gas supply crisis and Jemena is investing heavily in new gas transmission infrastructure to bring new gas supplies into the market. Moving gas from where it is produced to the markets where it is needed at the lowest possible cost and doing so safely and reliably is of utmost importance to Jemena," said Mr Boey.

"As we transition to a low-carbon future gas will play an increasingly important role in complementing intermittent renewable technologies such as wind and solar generation that, currently, are unable to provide firming power. It will also continue to play an essential role for industries which rely on gas as a primary input into their production processes."

[Click here](#) for more information about the Atlas Gas Pipeline Project.

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## **About Jemena**

Jemena is an \$11 billion company that owns and manages some of Australia's most significant gas and electricity assets. These include:

- the Jemena Gas Network servicing 1.3 million customers around NSW
- the Eastern Gas Pipeline which delivers gas from Victoria's Gippsland basin to the ACT, Sydney and regional NSW
- the Queensland Gas Pipeline which supplies Gladstone and Rockhampton
- the Darling Downs Pipeline System which transports gas to the Wallumbilla gas trading hub, the 630MW Darling Downs Power Station, and to the feeder pipeline to the APLNG LNG liquefaction plant at Gladstone
- Jemena's Victorian electricity network which delivers electricity to over 330,000 homes and businesses in northern and western Melbourne
- the Northern Gas Pipeline from Tennant Creek in the Northern Territory to Mount Isa in Queensland.

Jemena also part-owns the ActewAGL electricity and gas distribution networks in the ACT and United Energy, which supplies electricity to more than 600,000 customers across south-eastern Melbourne and the Mornington Peninsula.

More information on Jemena can be found at [www.jemena.com.au](http://www.jemena.com.au)

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