

# SUPPORTING DECARBONISATION ACROSS THE NORTH WEST MINERALS PROVINCE

## UNLOCKING GAS AND CLEAN ENERGY OPPORTUNITIES TO POWER QUEENSLAND'S RESOURCE FUTURE

The North West Minerals Province is one of Australia's most resource-rich regions. It is central to Queensland's critical minerals future and plays a key role in the state's transition to net zero.

To stay competitive, the region needs practical solutions that help existing operations decarbonise while creating opportunities for new industry growth.

A coordinated gas and clean energy network across the province can deliver this.

### WHAT IS HAPPENING NOW

Mining regions face rising expectations to cut emissions, improve efficiency and prepare for a low-emissions economy.

Operations emitting more than 100,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> each year must now reduce emissions by nearly five per cent annually. Regulations are tightening and global markets are demanding cleaner supply chains.

At the same time, gas potential across North and Central Queensland remains underused. Extending the gas network west from the Moranbah-to-Townsville pipeline could unlock significant resources, improve energy security and support capture and reuse of fugitive gas from coal and minerals operations.

This approach drives both decarbonisation and diversification.

### WHY IT MATTERS

A coordinated energy transition in the North West Minerals Province would:

- Help existing industries cut emissions and meet regulatory requirements.
- Support future hydrogen, critical minerals and advanced manufacturing projects.

- Encourage private investment in gas capture, processing and renewable energy infrastructure.
- Strengthen Queensland's position in global clean supply chains.
- Create new regional jobs in energy, engineering and resource recovery.

This is about long-term industry sustainability and protecting the regional communities that support it.

### WHAT WE'RE ADVOCATING FOR

Isaac Regional Council supports a coordinated gas and decarbonisation strategy that links the North West Minerals Province to Queensland's broader energy and resource network. We are calling for:

- 1. Collaboration between State, industry and regional councils** on a connected gas and decarbonisation plan.
- 2. Investment in infrastructure** that enables gas capture, conversion and beneficial use.
- 3. Alignment** with Queensland's renewable energy and industrial transformation priorities.
- 4. A strong focus on regional jobs** and skills to support the transition.

This is a strategic opportunity to drive decarbonisation and regional development.

### WORKING TOGETHER

Isaac is ready to work with government, industry and regional partners to progress this initiative. A connected energy future will help ensure Queensland's resource regions remain strong, sustainable and central to the State's prosperity.

By investing in decarbonisation now, we can support today's industries and build the industries of tomorrow.