

UNLOCKING QUEENSLAND'S ENERGY FUTURE

HARNESSING THE BOWEN BASIN GAS TO DELIVER THE ENERGY NEEDED FOR THE NORTH WEST MINERALS PROVINCE

The Bowen Basin is one of Queensland's most productive resource regions. It fuels the economy, supports thousands of workers and contributes billions to the State. It also holds the key to helping Queensland unlock the full potential of the North West Minerals Province.

The North West Minerals Province is rich in critical minerals needed for renewable energy, batteries and advanced manufacturing. But to reach its potential, it needs reliable access to energy and water. Without it, investment and production remain limited.

The Bowen Basin has the gas reserves, capability and experience to help make that happen.

THE OPPORTUNITY

By mapping our gas capacity and understanding how it can connect into Queensland's broader energy network, we can support the growth of both regions.

Developing the Bowen Basin's gas sector could provide a cleaner, more reliable energy source to support mineral processing and industrial development in the north west. It could also help existing industries decarbonise, strengthen regional infrastructure and attract new investment.

This opportunity depends on government, industry and regions working together. There are technical, regulatory and infrastructure challenges that need coordinated leadership to resolve.

WHY IT MATTERS

Queensland's future depends on energy security and a balanced transition. Supporting the gas potential of the Bowen Basin is about using the resources we have to build the industries of tomorrow. It is about delivering more opportunities for traditional resource communities to play a role in the future of Queensland and generate long term benefits.

- Unlocking this opportunity would:
- Help reduce emissions from existing operations through gas capture and transition technologies.

- Support energy supply for emerging mineral and manufacturing industries.
- Strengthen infrastructure networks that connect Queensland's regions.
- Create new regional jobs in construction, operations and engineering.
- Keep resource communities strong and liveable throughout the transition.

WHAT WE'RE ADVOCATING FOR

Isaac Regional Council supports the development of a coordinated approach to gas infrastructure in the Bowen Basin.

We are calling for:

- A clear State-led strategy to map, plan and invest in Bowen Basin gas infrastructure.
- State leadership and mediation to address the legislative and practical complexities of developing new energy projects.
- Collaboration between State, industry and regional councils to progress a connected gas and decarbonisation plan.
- Investment in infrastructure that enables gas capture, conversion and beneficial use across the province.
- A focus on regional jobs and skills development to support the Bowen Basin's role in unlocking the North West Minerals Province as part of Queensland's broader energy roadmap

WORKING TOGETHER

Isaac is ready to work alongside government, industry and neighbouring regions to unlock this opportunity.

By investing in gas infrastructure, planning and innovation today, we can help the Bowen Basin continue to power Queensland's economy while supporting the growth of the North West Minerals Province.