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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### **Statement by Mitsui E&P Australia (MEPAU)**

Mitsui E&P Australia and Beach Energy as the Waitsia Joint Venture (JV) are committed to the domestic gas market and have a long history of supplying gas to Western Australians.

In late 2020, the JV invested in the expansion of Waitsia Stage 1 domestic gas production to triple its capacity from 10TJ/day up to 30TJ/day for Western Australian consumers.

The domestic contribution from the Waitsia Gas Project Stage 2 will supply the WA domestic market at a time when the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) is currently predicting an increase in demand.

As the AEMO Gas Statement of Opportunity notes, the contribution from Waitsia Stage 2 will be larger than previously expected at 125TJ/day as opposed to the previous forecast of 100TJ/day.

The Waitsia Gas Project Stage 2 will increase competition, supply diversity, and improve energy security in WA and the investment was made possible at the time by the ability to also serve export markets.

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