



The Taroom Trough Oil & Gas Conference

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The Hon Ann Leahy MP, Minister for Local Government and Water and Minister for Fire, Disaster Recovery and Volunteers, **Queensland Government**



Gerard Coggan, Coordinator General, **Queensland Government**



Councillor Andrew Smith, Mayor, **Western Downs Regional Council**



Senior Representative, **Shell QGC**



Keld Knudsen, General Manager States & Territories, Director Qld, **Australian Energy Producers**



Patrick Gibbons, Partner, **Orizontas**



Jo Sheppard, Chief Executive Officer, **Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprise (TSBE)**



Sean Fleming, EGM, Gas Transmission and Storage, **APA Group**



Andrew Bald, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, **Xstate Resources**



Drew Morland, Chief Executive Officer, **IOR**



Lucy Snelling, Chief Executive Officer, **OGT Energy**



David Lukas, Managing Director, **Eastern States Energy**



Alasdair Wood, Sales Manager, **Baker Hughes**



Matt Loth, East Coast and PNG Country Manager, **SLB**



Saul Kavonic, Head of Energy Research, **MST Financial**



Warwick Squire, Chief Executive Officer and Land Access Ombudsman, **Coexistence Queensland**

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Tuesday 24 November 2026

DAY 1

8:30 Registration & Morning Coffee

9:00 **DAY ONE OPENING**

9:05 **OPENING REMARKS** | Opening remarks from the Chair

9:10 **STATE GOVERNMENT KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

The Hon Ann Leahy MP, *Minister for Local Government and Water and Minister for Fire, Disaster Recovery and Volunteers, Queensland Government*

9:30 **Taroom Trough Development Plan**

Gerard Coggan, *Coordinator General, Queensland Government*

9:50 **Global wars necessitate sovereign energy supply chains**

Saul Kavonic, *Head of Energy Research, MST Financial*

10:10 **Regulatory Framework and Approvals Process**

10:30 Networking and refreshment break

11:10 **Shell QGC's exploration of the Taroom Trough**

Senior Representative, *Shell QGC*

11:30 **Unlocking potential: Exploring incentives and support mechanisms**

11:50 **Fuelling the future: The region's vital role in strengthening Queensland and Australia's energy security**

Jo Sheppard, *Chief Executive Officer, Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprise (TSBE)*

12:10 **Beyond Oil and Gas: What History Can Teach Us About Development in the Taroom Trough**

The Mayor will be looking at the Taroom Trough through the lens of previous energy development in regional Queensland, particularly the lessons we've learnt from coal seam gas development in the Western Downs. He'll talk about what history can tell us about the broader economic, business and community outcomes of large-scale resources development and the factors that contribute to the long-term success of a resource region. Essentially, why success should be measured by more than what comes out of the ground.

Councillor Andrew Smith, *Mayor, Western Downs Regional Council*

12:30 Lunch and networking break

13:30 **PANEL DISCUSSION**

Infrastructure and logistics: Building the supply chain

14:10 **Examining drilling and completion technologies for the development of the Taroom Trough**

Alasdair Wood, *Sales Manager, Baker Hughes*

14:30 **Innovative drilling techniques for unlocking the potential of the Taroom Trough**

Matt Loth, *East Coast and PNG Country Manager, SLB*

14:50 **The role of the Eromanga refinery in opening up the Taroom Trough oil field**

Drew Morland, *Chief Executive Officer, IOR*

15:10 Networking and refreshment break

15:50 **PANEL DISCUSSION**

Pipeline and transportation infrastructure requirements

Sean Fleming, *EGM, Gas Transmission and Storage, APA Group*

16:30 **Lessons from CSG industry in extracting gas in the Surat Basin**

16:50 **CLOSING REMARKS** | Closing remarks from the Chair

17:00 Networking Function 🍷



VENUE DETAILS

Stamford Plaza Brisbane
200 Creek St, Brisbane City, QLD 4000



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Wednesday 25 November 2026

DAY 2

9:00 DAY TWO OPENING

9:05 OPENING REMARKS | Opening remarks from the Chair

9:10 From the Persian Gulf to Taroom – How the Middle East conflict impacted Australia's energy security and what Taroom could do about it

Patrick Gibbons, *Partner, Orizontas*

9:30 The impact of the Taroom Trough on Australia's fuel security and economic resilience

Keld Knudsen, *General Manager States & Territories, Director Qld, Australian Energy Producers*

9:50 PANEL DISCUSSION

Markets and Offtake: Connecting Supply to Demand

- Domestic refinery requirements
- East Coast gas market dynamics
- Export opportunities
- Pricing mechanisms and contract structures

10:30 Networking and refreshment break

11:10 Facilitating community engagement in the Taroom Trough

Warwick Squire, *Chief Executive Officer and Land Access Ombudsman, Coexistence Queensland*

11:30 Strategic water management: Sustaining resources in the Taroom Trough

11:50 Xstate Resources' Diona Project

Andrew Bald, *Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Xstate Resources*

12:10 Eastern States Energy's plans in the Taroom Trough

David Lukas, *Managing Director, Eastern States Energy*

12:30 The Silver Springs project: Challenges and opportunities

Lucy Snelling, *Chief Executive Officer, OGT Energy*

12:50 Geology and Reservoir Characteristics of the Taroom Trough

13:10 CLOSING REMARKS | Closing remarks from the Chair

13:20 Lunch & End of Conference



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