Operation Update

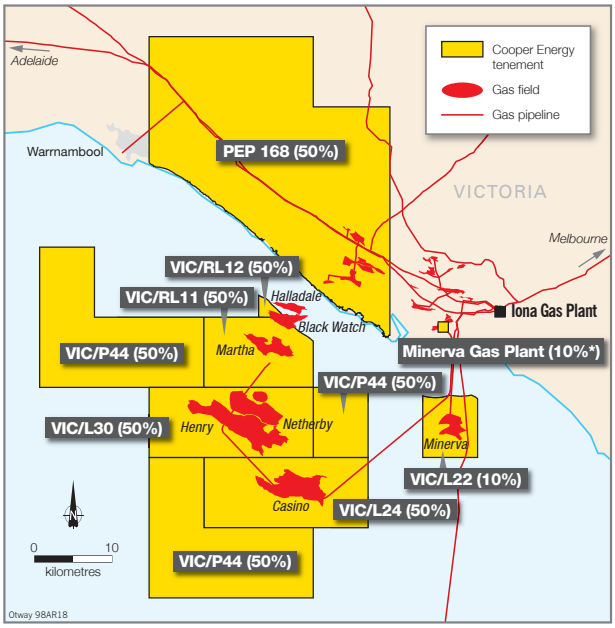
Introducing Cooper Energy

Cooper Energy is an Australian company whose principal business is the discovery and development of gas for supply to south-east Australia.

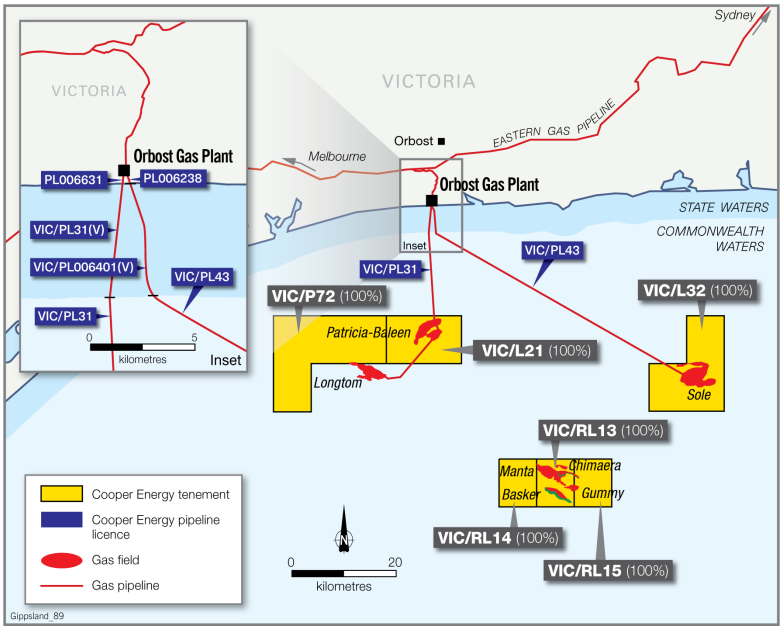
We believe the most economic source of gas for south-east Australia is south-east Australia. We are active in the Otway and Gippsland Basins offshore Victoria where we hold and operate a number of petroleum titles. From here we produce and supply gas to Victoria, develop new gas projects such as the Sole gas field and conduct exploration for new reserves to bring to market.

We are committed to working with care for the safety of the people, communities and environments where we conduct our activities.

Cooper Energy Otway Basin interests



Cooper Energy Gippsland Basin interests



Sole-3 production well-head being lowered into place

How to contact us

We are working with peak industry bodies including Seafood Industry Victoria to engage with the fishing community and encourage open communication around our activities. We are keen to understand the community's interests, especially areas of overlap with our plans so we can integrate this into our decision making.

If you fish in the areas we operate and would like to know more about our activities or are concerned that you may be affected, we would like to hear from you. You can email us at **stakeholder@cooperenergy.com.au** or call us on **(08) 8100 4900**.

You can also find more information on the Community page of our website **www.cooperenergy.com.au**.

Our Activities in 2019

Otway

Our assets in Otway Basin include the Casino Henry Netherby (CHN) facilities south west of Port Campbell which commenced operation in 2006. There are four sub-sea gas wells and approximately 50 km of pipeline from the wells to the onshore Iona gas plant.

What's happening in 2019?

Maintenance and Repair

Repair work is planned for the CHN facilities between March and June next year. This is likely to be up to 20-30 days of work (24 hours per day) in offshore Commonwealth waters. Modifications will be made to parts of the CHN umbilical system in between the wells using a large construction support vessel to lift and replace equipment.

Drilling

We plan to drill two exploration wells, Annie-1 and Elanora-1 nearby to our existing facilities at CHN. The wells will be drilled by a semi-submersible drilling rig (likely the Ocean Monarch). The rig will be supported by two or three offshore vessels. Drilling is planned to commence between March and May and is expected to take approximately 30 days per well excluding weather and operational delays. Operations are 24hrs/day. A temporary 500m safety zone will be established around the rig.

All infrastructure associated with the wells will be removed at the completion of the drilling activities. There will be no safety zones at the well sites once the rig has departed.

Inspections – late 2019

We are planning to undertake general visual inspections of our CHN facilities in Commonwealth and State waters. We will use a remotely operated vehicle deployed from a vessel to capture footage over an approximate one-week period (24hrs per day). The vessel will be a dive support vessel such as the Silver Star, Bass Trek, or similar.

Gippsland

Our assets in Gippsland include the existing Patricia Baleen and Basker Manta Gummy facilities and the Sole field which has been under development from 2017.

What's happening in 2019?

Sole - Construction, commissioning and operation

We will continue to construct and commission the Sole Development during 2019. Sole comprises two subsea gas wells (Sole-3 and Sole-4) tied back to the existing Orbost Gas Plant via a 65km subsea pipeline. The pipeline was installed during 2018; further construction and commissioning works will continue through January-April 2019 with several vessels including the Seven Oceans and Skandi Acergy. These activities will take place along the length of the pipeline in both State and Commonwealth Waters. The subsea facilities will be operated from the Orbost Gas Plant.

Inspections – late 2019

We are planning to undertake general visual inspections of our Gippsland facilities in Commonwealth and State waters. We will use a remotely operated vehicle deployed from a vessel to capture footage over an approximate one-week period (24hrs per day). The vessel will be a dive support vessel such as the Silver Star, Bass Trek or similar.