

Minerva Gas Plant - ownership transfer & construction works - FAQs

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Where will the proposed pipeline tie-in be located?

The proposed pipeline tie-in will be located at the crossover point of the Minerva gas pipeline and the Iona gas pipeline approximately 350m north of the existing Main Line Valve (MLV).

The proposed pipeline tie-in will be constructed within the existing easements and be located within a single parcel of privately-owned land.

When will the works start?

The proposed pipeline construction works are expected to commence from late-2020 following consultation with landowners and stakeholders and once regulatory approvals have been received.

Modification works at the Minerva Gas Plant will commence in mid-2020.

It is expected that construction works will take up to 12 months in total to complete.

Before works start, an Environmental Management Plan will be developed by Cooper Energy and approved by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning.

The Plan will set out the environmental performance objectives and standards for the activities and will describe how potential risks will be eliminated or minimised so far as reasonably practicable.

What are the plans for the Minerva Gas Plant?

Cooper Energy intends to continue the life of the Minerva Gas Plant by using it to process gas sourced from the offshore Casino, Henry and Netherby gas fields, as well as other offshore gas fields that may be developed in future.

The acquisition of the Minerva Gas Plant also represents welcome investment in the gas processing sector in south west Victoria and the continuation of local jobs at the plant.

Cooper Energy looks forward to working with the local community as the new operator of the Minerva Gas Plant.

When will first gas be produced from the upgraded Minerva Gas Plant?

It is expected that first gas will be produced at the modified, Cooper Energy-operated Minerva Gas Plant in mid-2021.

Timing is dependent on regulatory approvals and contractor availability.

Who will be using gas from the Minerva Gas Plant?

The Minerva Gas Plant supplies gas to Melbourne via the South West Pipeline and to Adelaide via the SEAGas Port Campbell to Adelaide Pipeline.

Gas processed at the Minerva Gas Plant is used for a variety of domestic purposes including manufacturing, industrial and domestic use.

What offshore drilling work has Cooper Energy recently undertaken in the Otway Basin?

In July 2019, Cooper Energy commenced offshore gas exploration in close proximity to its existing production operations offshore at Peterborough. Prior to drilling commencing offshore, Cooper Energy held community information sessions in Peterborough and Port Campbell.

Exploration activities included drilling the offshore gas exploration well, Annie-1 located approximately 16km from Port Campbell and 9km from Peterborough. The well resulted in a new gas field discovery in the Otway Basin for Cooper Energy.

Further information on these offshore drilling activities may be found on Cooper Energy's website.

Who is Cooper Energy?

Cooper Energy is an ASX-listed Australian oil and gas company whose principal activity is the development and supply of gas to the south-east Australia domestic market from conventional offshore Victorian gas reservoirs.

Cooper Energy's headquarters are located in Adelaide, South Australia.

What other projects does Cooper Energy have in Australia?

Cooper Energy has interests in the Otway Basin in South Australia and western Victoria, the Gippsland Basin in eastern Victoria, and the Cooper Basin in South Australia.

Consultation

Cooper Energy values stakeholder consultation and feedback. We are keen to understand the community's interests, especially areas of overlap with our operations so we can integrate this into our decision making.

If you would like to know more about our activities, we would like to hear from you. You can email us as 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



View from the rig, sunset, offshore Victoria, July 2018.