

**ANNOUNCEMENT****6 November 2025****Statement by Mitsui E&P Australia (MEPAU)****Milestone Achieved: Ready For Start-Up (RFSU)**

The Waitsia Joint Venture is proud to announce a major milestone in the development of the Waitsia Gas Project; the achievement of Ready For Start-Up (RFSU) for the Waitsia Gas Plant, located near Dongara in Western Australia.

This milestone marks a pivotal step forward in one of Australia's largest onshore gas developments, transitioning to production operations. First gas export is expected over the coming weeks, followed by ramp-up to nameplate capacity over 1-2 months. The Waitsia Gas Project is a joint venture between Mitsui E&P Australia (MEPAU), as operator, and Beach Energy, and is designed to deliver a reliable supply of domestic gas to Western Australia and liquefied natural gas (LNG) to international markets. The project supports both regional energy security and the global transition to cleaner energy sources.

**Background**

The Waitsia Gas Project is located ~16km southeast of Dongara and 350km north of Perth. The project unlocks significant value for the Mid West region and the State of Western Australia by providing local jobs, community benefits and opportunities for local business.

The project has been developed over a staged roll-out and includes the construction of the Waitsia Gas Plant, which will increase the output of the Waitsia Gas Field to 280 terajoules day with the combined output of the Xyris Production Facility.

The Waitsia Gas Field is a conventional reservoir situated on privately owned agricultural land. The Waitsia Gas Project is a joint venture with non-operator partner Beach Energy, providing significant opportunity in the Mid West Region.

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