



# Geelong Energy Hub

## UPDATE



26 April 2021

The Australian gas market operator AEMO recently confirmed that Victorian gas production is declining, and more gas will be required in the future to supply Victorian households and businesses.

Viva Energy is well positioned to deliver more gas ahead of projected shortfalls, and is moving ahead with planning for a new Gas Terminal at Geelong Refinery.

Our terminal, adjacent to the refinery, will be within an existing industrial area and working port. As an experienced operator of Major Hazard Facilities, with a history of safe and responsible operations, we are well positioned to build and safely operate the new gas terminal.

We have started work on completing an Environmental Effects Statement (EES), a rigorous process which will look in detail at all potential environmental, economic and social impacts or effects of the proposed project. The process is regulated under the Victorian Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP), and will also address requirements under Commonwealth regulations.

A Technical Reference Group (TRG) for the EES has been set up, with representatives from several state government agencies. The group commenced monthly meetings in February, and will provide technical expertise and advice throughout the EES process.

A number of technical studies and assessments will be carried out as part of the EES. These are outlined in the scoping requirements document, and cover the key areas of marine environment and water; waste; biodiversity; energy efficiency; security; affordability; safety; cultural heritage; social; economic; amenity and land use.

The community has the opportunity to provide feedback on the Project as the EES develops, and throughout the EES process. The draft Scoping Requirements document

is the first major opportunity to provide formal input – and is [now available for public comment](#) from 26 April until 17 May 2021.

Following the consultation period, the Minister will release the final EES scoping requirements. Viva Energy will then finalise its study program outlining all proposed studies and investigations to be undertaken for the EES. As this work proceeds we will continue to provide you with updates and seek your input.

Viva Energy recognises the interest from local community and business groups in this important project for Geelong and Victoria, and we are committed to providing multiple opportunities for community engagement, including community forums at various stages in the project timeline. Below outlines some upcoming opportunities for how you can be involved.

## Have your say and find out more

### Attend our next Community Sessions

*Working Lunch Discussion:  
How the EES process will explore the  
Marine and Ramsar environments*

*Thursday 13 May 12:00-1:00pm  
Norlane Community Centre  
39 Rose Ave, Norlane*

*Gas Terminal Safety*

*Monday 12 July, 5:00-6:00pm  
Geelong West Town Hall  
153 Pakington St, Geelong*

Registration via email at [energyhub@vivaenergy.com.au](mailto:energyhub@vivaenergy.com.au) is required for COVID-Safe compliance

*Community Booth  
Meet the team & ask a question*

*Thursday 17 June, 12:00-1:30pm  
Westfield Shopping Centre  
95 Malop St, Geelong*

### Comment on the draft scoping requirements of our EES

As mentioned above, as part of our EES we will be undertaking a range of studies and investigations. We will consider topics such as marine environment and water; waste; biodiversity; energy efficiency; security; affordability; safety; cultural heritage; social; economic; amenity and land use. The draft scope requirements

document which outlines this work is [available for your comment](#) from 26 April until 17 May.

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