Making Sense of Australian Gas Policy

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Securing domestic gas supply & social licence

"I can say that the gas companies, I have no doubt, are very well aware that they operate with the benefit of a social licence from the Australian people and they cannot expect to maintain that, if while billions of dollars of gas are being exported, Australians are left short."

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The state of the discourse

Marked by:

• conflict between stakeholders (govt, industry, communities, society, eNGOs)
• lack of trust in data and relationships/motives
• perceptions that governments are ‘captured’ by the revenues generated by CSG development
• local communities bear most impacts and little benefit
• affected communities and society lack unmediated ‘voice’ in important discussions about CSG development
A MODEL FOR SOCIAL LICENCE TO OPERATE

- Procedural fairness
- Distributional fairness
- Governance capacity

Trust in the mining industry

Acceptance of mining

Moffat et al., 2014
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