

Gas study not a flash in the pan

The shipping industry commends the Federal Government's \$7.6 million funding allocation which includes an examination of the constraints on increased gas supply on the east coast of Australia and also provides for a pre-feasibility study of pipelines into South Australia.

The economics alone demand that these studies **must** consider shipping, along with pipelines, as options for the long distance delivery of gas if they are to produce credible recommendations.

Studying the transfer of gas across the country will demonstrate how vital domestic shipping is in this equation. Australia is a huge country and there is no question that shipping is the most efficient form of long haul, bulk transport.

Teresa Lloyd, CEO of Maritime Industry Australia Ltd (MIAL), the country's largest representative of maritime interests, says "shipping is available immediately, the sea is a free highway and the ports already exist to accommodate the ship visits. There is no doubt that this study will prove that shipping is the most economic and efficient mode of transport for gas."

LNG has been safely shipped from Australia for over 40 years to destinations around the world.



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