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Australia's Gas Pipelines Connected to a Low Emissions Future

The Energy Networks Association welcomes further progress to connected Australian gas markets with the announcement today that Jemena has been selected to build and operate the North East Gas Interconnector pipeline

ENA CEO John Bradley said the ENA welcomed the opportunities for Australia's gas-hungry industry, commercial and residential customers to be connected to new supply sources via efficient network infrastructure.

"Australia's gas supplies have a vital role to play in lowering the carbon intensity of Australia's industry, commercial and residential customers as part of our long-term energy transition.

"Unlocking gas resources through efficient infrastructure connections will spur economic development opportunities from the wellhead to the customer and it is great news for Northern Australia.

Mr Bradley noted Jemena had a natural interest in securing timely access to upstream gas supply development as it was also the distribution network supporting New South Wales gas customers.

"This exciting proposal highlights the role of network connections in facilitating more competitive energy supply markets, in both gas and electricity.

"This is a great development for gas consumers in NSW and Eastern Australia, who could be exposed to costly supply shortfalls without timely access to wholesale gas sources," Mr Bradley said.

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ENA is the peak national body for Australia's energy networks; and represents gas distribution and electricity network businesses on economic, technical, environment and safety regulation as well as national energy policy issues.