

## APA to develop Crib Point (VIC) pipeline

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APA Group has entered into a Development Agreement (DA) and a 20-year Gas Transportation Agreement (GTA) with AGL for the Crib Point Pakenham Pipeline (CPPP).

The CPPP is estimated to cost between \$160 and \$200 million, with the transaction still subject to a final investment decision (FID) from AGL on the development of a LNG floating storage regasification unit (FSRU) and related offshore facilities.

The CPPP would be approximately 60 km and have a capacity of at least 550TJ/d, connecting AGL's proposed FSRU at Crib Point, located on Western Port Bay in Victoria, into APA's East Coast Grid via the Victorian Transmission System.

"It's been very pleasing to work with AGL as its pipeline partner on this pioneering project," said APA Managing Director Mick McCormack.

"I've said for some time now that the East Coast gas issues are about a lack of affordable gas supply, and this innovative solution championed and progressed by AGL certainly goes towards injecting a flexible source of new gas supply into the tight domestic market in eastern Australia."

If AGL decides to proceed with the project, first gas delivery to the domestic market is expected by FY2021.

## Australian manufacturing recovering well in 2018, contributing to national growth and jobs

Ai Group media release Wednesday 6 June 2018

"Official data has confirmed this year's strong performance for the manufacturing industry. We have already seen this in over 20 months of Ai Group's [Australian PMI®](#), which is an accurate real-time indicator of activity in Australian manufacturing and a 'leading indicator' of these ABS numbers. The solid recovery in manufacturing output is positive news for this big employing sector and it reflects the confidence building across the economy," Ai Group Chief Executive, Innes Willox said today.

"This industrial growth has come despite the winding down in auto production over the past year. The industry's performance reflects the changing face of manufacturing in Australia and especially the strengthening focus on innovation, exports and advanced manufacturing technologies," Mr Willox said.

Manufacturing output recovered by a further 2.4% in the March quarter of 2018, to be 6.4% higher than one year earlier, according to *ABS National Accounts* data released today (in seasonally adjusted and inflation adjusted terms). Manufacturing contributed 0.1 percentage points to total GDP growth of 1.0% in the quarter. Read more [here](#)

## Port Kembla gas import terminal another step to gas security

Ai Group media release Tuesday 5 June 2018

The Liquefied Natural Gas import terminal that Australian Industrial Energy and its partners propose to locate at Port Kembla is good news at a difficult time for industrial energy users, Australian Industry Group Chief Executive Innes Willox said today.

"As the Port Kembla terminal and other sources of gas supply take shape, they most obviously bring some comfort to heavy industries reliant on gas: more supply, more competition and a shakeup to an often-opaque market are welcome. But there are also important benefits for the larger number of businesses who depend on electricity.

"Prices for electricity and gas are easing from the highs of 2017, but they remain far above historical levels and are a big concern for industry. Read more [here](#)



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