

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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asked on Wednesday, 6 October 2010

MR HOBBS ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES, MINES AND ENERGY AND MINISTER FOR TRADE (MR ROBERTSON)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Queensland LNG projects for gas export supply—

Are LNG companies able to develop to export capacity and supply, under domestic energy environmental management plans/authorities and, if this is the case, do the Coordinator-General's environmental conditions apply as they would if the export gas supply licence was in place for the LNG projects?

ANSWER:

Environmental authorities for coal seam gas (CSG) production are issued by the Department of Environment and Resource Management in accordance with the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*.

The existing environmental authorities held by CSG companies for domestic supply do not allow for expansion to a scale that would be necessary for the export of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG). For export-scale projects, new environmental authorities are required. Environmental authorities have not yet been issued for any CSG-LNG export projects in Queensland.