



Dear Member,

**The Australian Oil and Gas industry should be kept open and considered an essential service.**

The potential for shutdowns in parts of the complex oil and gas supply chain will threaten the supply of energy across Australia at a critical time.

Around 75 per cent of Australia's east coast energy supply is from onshore gas development in regional Queensland and South Australia. The Gippsland Basin, Western Australia and Northern Territory also have substantial gas developments helping to power our nation. Our entire country depends on a reliable flow of energy and it's essential that we keep providing this essential service to our nation.

Our industry directly and indirectly employs around 80,000 workers, and its survival is essential to maintaining the health of Australia's economy.

**We are working around the clock with governments and employers to ensure that we can safely keep our industry open and running, while keeping thousands of AWU members employed.**

We are committed to protecting the health and safety of AWU members, and

are working with APPEA to implement strict health requirements on sites. We are also working to facilitate the safe movement of essential FIFO workers between their workplace and their homes.

To keep the industry open, it is extremely important that every worker in the industry is taking all necessary safety precautions to stop the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). If workers' aren't being safe, and exercising caution, it is more likely that the industry will be temporarily closed down. We need to avoid this so we can keep powering Australia.

In unity,

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