



Gorgon Gas Project Gets Approvals

The Gorgon Project will develop Australia's largest-known gas fields.

Chevron (operator) and its joint venture participants, ExxonMobil and Shell, will produce LNG and domestic gas at Barrow Island for our customers in Australia and around the world.

Colin Beckett, Chevron Australia General Manager

Well, we're here on Barrow Island. This is a small island off the west coast of Western Australia. It's about 23 kilometers long and about 10 kilometers wide or about 15 miles long by about 6 miles wide. It's a nature reserve, and that makes it a bit special. But what also makes it special is that it's also an oil field. And Chevron has been here for over 40 years now developing the oil field and maintaining the balance between the industrial activity of an oil field and managing the environment – and preserving the environment – here on Barrow Island. And this is the place where we're going to build an LNG plant, and we're going to be starting that fairly soon.

Liquefied natural gas is a very important part of the fuel mix in developed countries in Asia and in developing countries in Asia. The advantage of natural gas is it's a clean-burning fuel. It's very easy to use – it's good for home heating, it's good for cooking – and it's an excellent source of power generation as well. It has a fairly low greenhouse footprint, and for that reason it's in great demand.

Kevin Rudd, Prime Minister of Australia

Gorgon represents a massive injection into the Australian economy, which means jobs, which means growth, which means new opportunities for Australia.

Colin Beckett, Chevron Australia General Manager

What we've been doing here on Barrow Island is an example of how it's possible for oil and gas industry to coexist with the environment. The environment on Barrow Island is exceptional, but it remains exceptional 40 years after we started producing oil here. And that's because we have planned what we do on Barrow Island to make sure that the environment is unchanged by our presence. That is the way of the future; wherever we work as oil and gas companies, we must coexist with the environment, whether it's a nature reserve or not – or not. What we've done over the last 40 years we'll continue to do here on Barrow Island, and we'll do elsewhere around the world.