

# Western Australian Onshore Gas Code of Practice for Hydraulic Fracturing

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Western Australia's gas industry is confident it can explore, develop and produce onshore gas resources safely and responsibly. The industry commits to these guiding principles as a framework for its activities, as well as supporting and abiding by all regulations governing well safety and integrity, hydraulic fracturing, water use and water protection.

The over-riding commitment is to collaborate with regulators and local communities to ensure that the economic and environmental benefits of onshore gas do not come at the expense of safety or protection of water resources or the environment.

1– We will communicate openly and as early as practicable with landholders, local communities and other stakeholders, including explaining how risks are being managed to minimise any potential unwanted or adverse impacts.

2 – We will ensure that well design and implementation practices include protection of aquifers or groundwater which may be accessed for commercial or residential water supply.

3 – We will efficiently and responsibly use groundwater resources where it is required.

4 – We will minimise the use of chemicals in well stimulation operations, provide clear and accurate information on any chemicals that may be used, and promote the safe and responsible use of chemicals.

5 – We will ensure that post-stimulation clean-up flowback or produced fluids (the fluid that returns to the surface after stimulation operations) cannot come into contact with production aquifers or pollute soil or soil substrate.

6 – We will ensure the fugitive emissions from stimulated wells during flowback and testing activities are minimised.

7 – We will ensure continuous performance improvement, and share information with regulators and other stakeholders to continuously improve fracture stimulation operations.

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