



Government of **Western Australia**  
Department of **Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety**

# Oil and Gas in the Mid-West

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# State of the Global Industry

- Into the third year of the drop in oil prices
- Marked decrease in exploration globally
- Titles being surrendered across Australia
- Increasing difficulty in raising capital
- Global glut in Gas



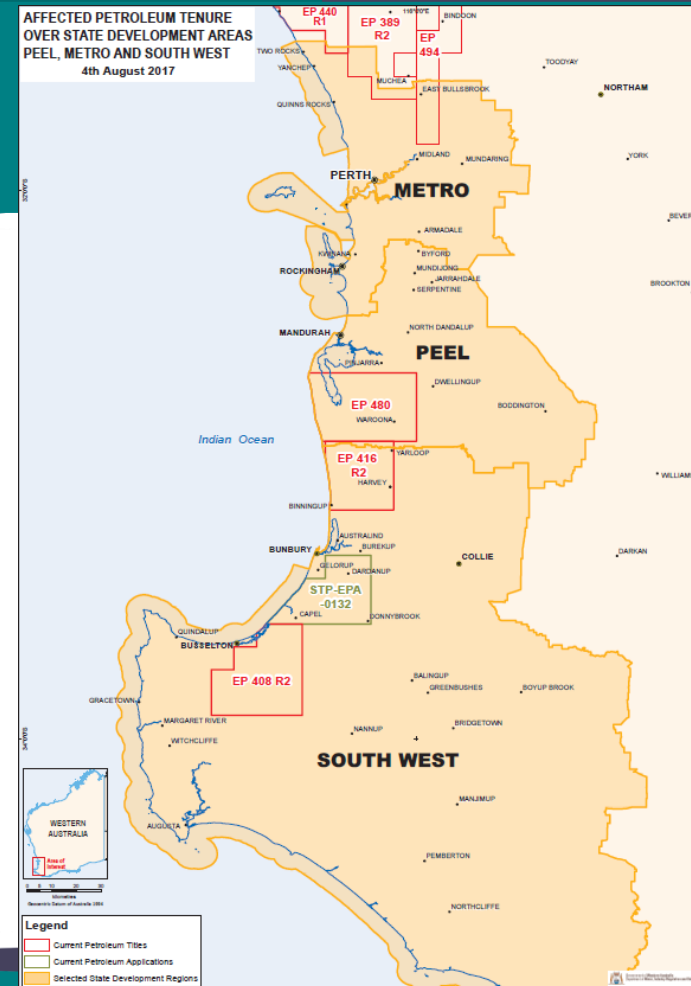
# Ban and Moratorium

## Ban

- South West, Peel and Perth Metropolitan
- 6 titles – directions given prohibiting hydraulic fracture stimulation
- Bunbury Energy title has a condition

## Moratorium

- The rest of the State
- Titleholders informed of the moratorium
- Regulations being drafted
- Amendments to work programs are being considered on a case-by-case basis



# Scientific Inquiry

- Conducted through section 25 of the EPA – Dr Tom Hatton is Chair
- The Panel will assess and report on the potential impacts on the environment arising from the use of hydraulic fracture stimulation (fracking) to develop onshore gas resources in regions currently under moratorium.
- The Panel will base its report and recommendations to Government on credible scientific and historical evidence related to risks, and their potential mitigation through appropriate regulation.
- <https://frackinginquiry.wa.gov.au/>

# Panel Members

**Dr Tom Hatton**  
**Chair**



**Philip Commander**



**Dr Ben Clennell**



**Dr. Fiona Haslam**  
**Mckenzie**



**Dr Jackie Wright**



# Community input

- The panel will seek submissions on potential environmental impacts and supporting evidence.
- The submission period will open on 27 November 2017 and close on 19 March 2018. All submissions will be published on the inquiry website.
- Public meetings will be held in Perth, the Midwest and Kimberley.
- The final report will be submitted to the Minister for Environment in August 2018.

# Regulation and Policy

## Resource Management and Administration Regulations review

- Minor amendments made making some areas clearer
- Transparency amendments

## Petroleum 2020

- Amalgamating the three State Acts reducing regulations from 8 sets to 3
- Reducing duplication and modernising the Act

# Thank You

