



## OIL, GAS AND ENERGY RESOURCES GROWTH CENTRE

*The Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Growth Centre will grow collaboration and innovation to assist the energy resources sector manage cost structures, improve productivity, direct to industry needs, identify the future work skills required and promote proportionate fit-for-purpose regulation.*

### Overview

The Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Growth Centre, known as National Energy Resources Australia (NERA), is part of the \$250 million Industry Growth Centres Initiative.

A Growth Centre is an independent not-for-profit company that works with its sector to drive cultural change and build capability. Each Growth Centre has an industry-led Board, recognising that industry is best placed to overcome challenges to innovation, productivity and growth.

Growth Centres are enabling innovation in new and existing businesses, increasing levels of collaboration, smoothing the path to access international markets and global supply chains. They are enhancing management and workforce skills and optimising the regulatory environment. This will foster growth in Australia's smart, high value and export focused industries. NERA is developing a sector strategy and undertaking activities to put this into action.

NERA, led by Mr Ken Fitzpatrick and a Board of respected energy resources industry leaders, covers the Australian energy resources sector, including the exploration, development and extraction of energy and fuels from oil, gas (including unconventional gas, coal and uranium).

### *Driving innovation, productivity and global competitiveness*

The Growth Centre drives Australia's energy resources sector-wide competitiveness through six strategies:

1. Connecting industry stakeholders to promote collaboration.
2. Facilitating deeper engagement between industry and researchers.
3. Supporting industry growth through policy and regulation.
4. Promoting industry sustainability through fostering a greater understanding of the social, environmental, economic and operational consequences of industry activity, and by promoting trusted, inclusive custodians of scientific data.

5. Developing and supporting initiatives to focus on work skills of the future.
6. Identifying and facilitating growth of new opportunities for the energy and resources industry value chain domestically and globally.

### *National Energy Resources Australia in action*

Priority actions include:

- Developing and implementing a 10 year strategic plan in consultation with the sector.
- Developing Industry Knowledge Priorities to ensure there is an industry-pull to research being undertaken in Australia.
- Providing new funding for sector-led collaborative projects that focus on delivering commercial outcomes and achieving sector wide impact.
- Working with CORE Resources Innovation Hub and CRC CARE to encourage industry-focused research and unlock commercial opportunities.
- Aligning standards used in Australia's oil and gas industry with international best practice and across Australian jurisdictions.
- Developing an Industry Competitiveness Assessment and Dashboard for the oil, gas, coal and uranium industries.
- Facilitating collaboration across industry, government and academia to accelerate advances in exploration and appraisal to unlock Australia's future oil and gas reserves

### *National reach and focus*

NERA links hubs around Australia, leveraging existing relationships and infrastructure to strengthen the sector's national and international networks. NERA located at the Australian Resources Research Centre in Technology Park, Perth. In Brisbane, NERA has an office at the METS Ignited Growth Centre.



### Contact

To find out how businesses and researchers are already engaging with NERA email: [contact@nera.org.au](mailto:contact@nera.org.au).

To learn more about how NERA is building capability in its sector visit [www.nera.org.au](http://www.nera.org.au)

For more information on the Industry Growth Centres Initiative go to [www.industry.gov.au/IndustryGrowthCentres](http://www.industry.gov.au/IndustryGrowthCentres).