Esso Australia Pty Ltd (Esso) is developing the West Barracouta field, bringing new gas supplies to the Australian domestic market.

The West Barracouta gas development involves drilling two gas production wells and constructing associated subsea gas production facilities to access gas in the existing Barracouta field and efficiently leverages Esso’s existing oil and gas production infrastructure in Gippsland.

Once constructed, the West Barracouta subsea infrastructure will be controlled from the Barracouta platform over five kilometres away.

West Barracouta gas will be delivered through a 5km pipeline via a new connection into the existing Barracouta pipeline so that the gas flows directly to the Longford Gas Plants. The new pipeline will be connected using a hot-tap, which means that important Barracouta gas supplies via the existing pipeline can continue uninterrupted while the new pipeline is being connected.

**Investing in Australia’s gas future**

Esso Australia continues to be a key supplier of gas for the Australian domestic market, as it has been for more than 50 years.

Since drilling the first Bass Strait well in 1965, the Gippsland Basin Joint Venture operations have delivered more than four billion barrels of oil and 10 trillion cubic feet of natural gas to Australia. This is more than half of all the oil ever produced in Australia, and enough gas to power almost every home in Australia for a decade. Today, the Gippsland Basin Joint Venture is a crucial supplier to the nation as the largest supplier of gas to the eastern Australia market.

West Barracouta is yet another significant investment by Esso Australia to supply much-needed gas to the Australian the domestic gas market, and builds on more than $5.5 billion invested by the Gippsland Basin Joint Venture in other recent Victorian projects supplying gas for Australians, including the Kipper, Tuna, Turrum offshore project and the associated Longford Gas Conditioning Plant, completed in 2017.