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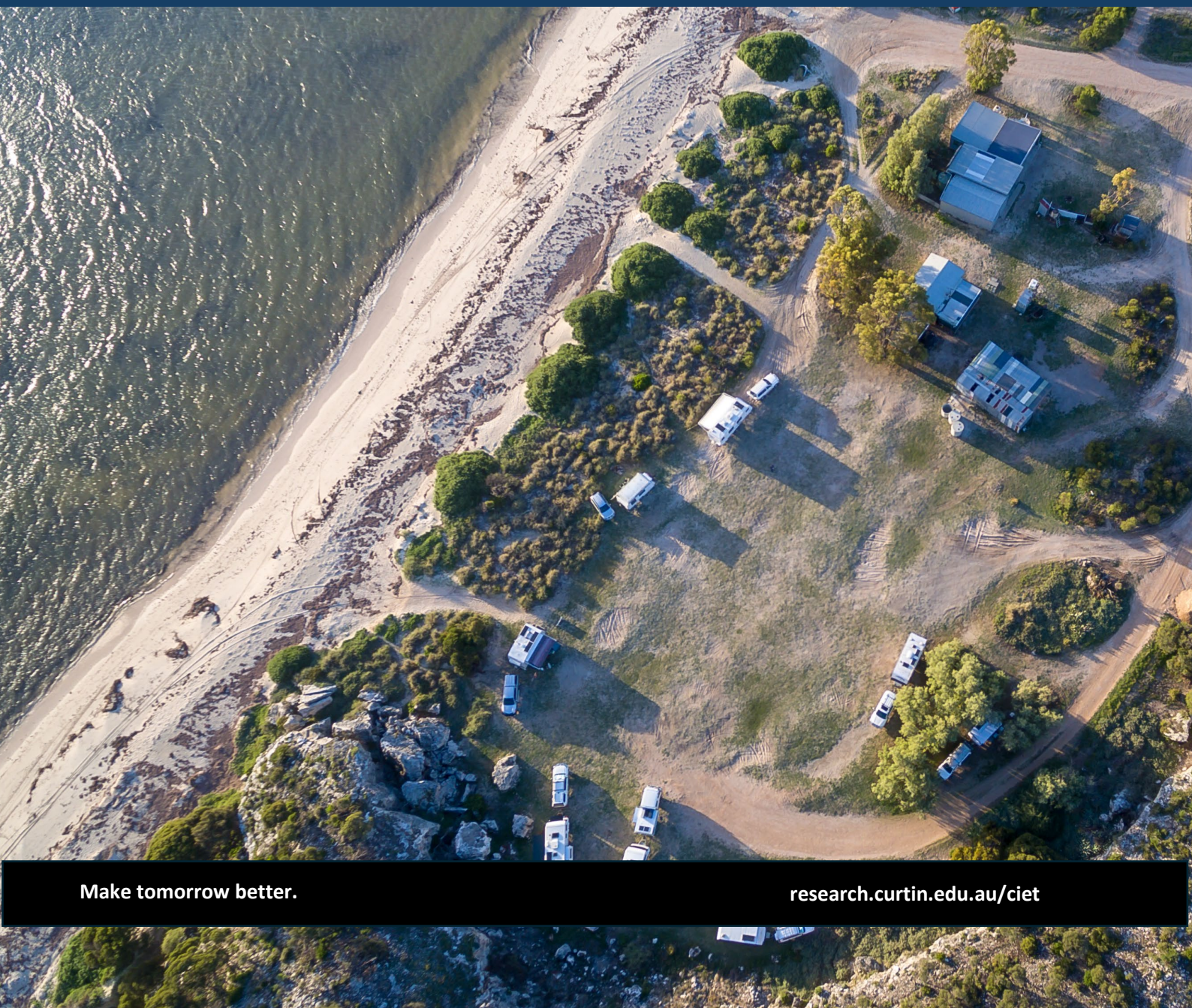

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Appendix 1: Survey questions

Community wellbeing and attitudes to the energy transition in the North Perth Basin

Thank you for taking part in this survey! 😊

We are interested in understanding and measuring community functioning and wellbeing in the context of an expanding energy industry (including conventional gas) in the North Perth Basin. You are being asked to complete this survey.

The survey will take 20-30 minutes to complete. Before you take part, please read why this research is being done and what it will involve in the Participant Information Sheet.

You must be at least 18 years old to take part.

Q1 Tick the box below to indicate that you're older than 18 and that you consent to participate in the survey.

☐ I declare that I have read the Participant Information Statement and consent to take part in this survey

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Q2 What is your postcode?

_____

Q3 Please select the name of the closest town (or suburb) where you live

☐ Dongara

☐ Eneabba

☐ Three Springs

☐ Mingenew

☐ City of Greater Geraldton

Q4 Which of the following best describes where you currently live?

- ☐ Town
- ☐ Farm
- ☐ Other _____

Q5 How long have you been living in the region (in total)?

- ☐ 5 years or less
- ☐ 6 – 10 years
- ☐ Over 10 years

Q6 What is your gender?

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Non-binary / third gender
- ☐ Prefer to describe my gender (please print below)

_____

- ☐ Prefer not to say

Q7 What year were you born?

_____

Q8 Thinking about where you live, how much do you agree with the following statements:

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
I feel that I belong to this area	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I am pleased to come back to this area, if I go away	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Overall, I feel very attached to this local area	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q9 Consider how you feel about your personal safety, how much do you agree that:

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
It is safe to be alone at home during the night	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
It is safe to walk alone outside at night	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
It is safe to leave the car on the side of the road at night	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Overall, I feel safe living in the area	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q10 Thinking about your household income, how much do you agree that:

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
Your income is enough for household expenses	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Your income is enough for the lifestyle you enjoy	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Your rent or mortgage repayments impact greatly on your household finances	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Overall, you are satisfied that your income covers living expenses	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q11 Thinking about your health and wellbeing, how satisfied are you with the following:

	Very dissatisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Very satisfied
Your diet and eating habits	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Your exercise habits	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Your physical health	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Your mental health	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Overall, how satisfied are you with your health and wellbeing	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q12 Thinking of services and facilities for your local area, how satisfied are you with the following services:

	Extremely dissatisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Extremely satisfied
Local schools	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Childcare facilities	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Sports and leisure facilities	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Cultural facilities	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Shopping for food and everyday items	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other shopping (e.g., clothes and household goods)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Medical and health services	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Community support services (e g meals on wheels, youth workers)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Overall, how satisfied are you with the services and facilities in your town?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q13 Thinking about the general appearance of the area you live, how satisfied are you with the following:

	Extremely dissatisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Extremely satisfied
Cleanliness of the town	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Greenery and parks in the town	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Overall, how satisfied are you with the general appearance of the town	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q14 Thinking about the roads outside of where you live, how satisfied are you with the following:

	Extremely dissatisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Extremely satisfied
Condition of the roads	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Safety on the roads	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Amount of traffic on the roads	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
The roads overall	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q15 Thinking about pollution in the general environment around where you live how satisfied are you with the following:

	Extremely dissatisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Extremely satisfied
Level of dust	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Level of noise	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Quality of the air	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Overall, quality of the general environment around where you live.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q16 Now thinking about the natural environment around where you live, how satisfied are you with the management of the following:

	Extremely dissatisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Extremely satisfied
Quality of underground water for the future	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Nature reserves for the future	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Sustainability of local farming land for the future	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Overall, the management of the natural environment for the future	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q17 Thinking about how decisions are made affecting the area you live and surrounds, how much do you agree that:

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
The local council informs residents of important developments	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
There are opportunities for your voice to be heard on issues that are important to you	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Overall I am satisfied with how decisions are made that affect where I live	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q18 Regarding employment and business opportunities in the local area, how much do you agree that:

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
There are good job opportunities	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Local businesses are doing well	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Overall, I am satisfied with employment and business opportunities in my local area	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q19 Thinking about community spirit in your local area, how much do you agree that:

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
People can rely upon one another for help	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
People have friendly relationships	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
There is good community spirit around here	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Overall, I am satisfied with community spirit in the area	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q20 Thinking about how inclusive your local community is, how much do you agree that:

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
Your community is welcoming of newcomers	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Your local community is welcoming of people of different cultures	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Your community is tolerant of peoples' different views	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Overall, your community includes everyone no matter who they are	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q21 Thinking about levels of trust in your local area, how much do you agree that:

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly Agree
There are local community leaders you can trust	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Your local council can be trusted	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
People that you see around where I live can generally be trusted	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Energy companies including gas companies in your local area can be trusted	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
State Government can be trusted to make decisions that impact my local area	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Overall I am satisfied with levels of trust in my local area	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q22 Thinking now about participating in local community groups around where you live (like school, sport and service groups), how much do you agree that:

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
You regularly help out a local group as a volunteer (e.g., once a week)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
You have attended several community events in the past year	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
You are a very active member of a local group or club	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Overall, you participate regularly in a variety of community activities	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q23 Thinking now about participating in local community groups around where you live (like school, sport and service groups), how much do agree that you do the following with others regularly:

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
Visit someone's home	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Go out together socially	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Speak or text on the phone	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Overall, you are satisfied with the amount of social interaction in the local area	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q24 Thinking about overall community wellbeing around where you live and surrounds, how much do you agree that:

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
This community is suitable for young children	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
This community is suitable for teenagers	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
This community is suitable for seniors	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Overall, this local area offers a good quality of life	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Overall, you are happy living in this local area	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q25 Imagining what it might be like in 3 years time, how much do you agree that:

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
Overall, I will be happy living in this local area	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Overall, this local area will offer a good quality of life	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q26 Over the next 3 years, do you think community wellbeing will...

☐ Decline

☐ Stay about the same

☐ Improve

Q27 What is your main reason for thinking this?

_____

_____

_____

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_____

Q28 At the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Dubai (2023), gas was identified as a transition fuel to facilitate the energy transition while ensuring energy security as we move away from coal fired power. Recently, there has been increasing interest from energy companies in exploring and expanding onshore conventional gas developments in your region. Conventional gas is trapped in naturally porous reservoir formations that are capped with impermeable rock strata. When intercepted by a well, gas is able to move to the surface without the need to pump.

When thinking about onshore conventional gas development, how concerned would you be about the following:

	Not at all concerned	Slightly concerned	Moderately concerned	Very concerned	Extremely concerned
Farm property values	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Co-existence with agriculture	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Risk of fire	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Depletion of underground water	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Water contamination	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Air contamination	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
The natural environment	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Aboriginal cultural heritage	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Dust, noise, and light pollution	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Traffic on the roads	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Health impacts	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Cost of housing (i.e., renting or buying)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Community division over gas developments	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Pressure on services and facilities	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Contributing to climate change	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Overall, how concerned are you about potential negative impacts	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other concern	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q29 Thinking about possible *future issues related to onshore conventional gas developments*, how much of a concern do you believe the following may be:

	Not at all concerned	Slightly concerned	Moderately concerned	Very concerned	Extremely concerned
Conventional gas developments extending into other farming areas in WA	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Integrity of gas wells over time (e.g. leaks)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
The continued extraction of gas delays the transition to renewable energy	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q30 How much do you agree that any risks associated with onshore conventional gas developments:

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
Are understood by science	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Are understood by the community	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Are manageable	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Are potentially catastrophic	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

31 How much do you agree that onshore conventional gas development would provide significant local benefits for:

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
Local employment	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Opportunities for young people to stay in the region	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Local business opportunities	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Corporate support for local community activities (e.g. a gas company sponsoring local clubs)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Additional local services, facilities and infrastructure	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Diversifying local skills in the region	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Long lasting benefits for the region	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Creating new industries in the region	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Overall, how much do you agree conventional gas development would bring significant benefits to the local community	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q32 How much do you agree that onshore conventional gas developments in the region would provide wider societal benefits, such as:

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
A transition fuel between coal and renewable energy sources	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Increasing the energy supply in WA	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Providing gas for state industries (e.g., manufacturers)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Making the region more attractive to new business and industry	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Helping to reduce energy prices in WA	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Improving energy security for WA	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Boosting the wider state economy	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Boosting the wider Australian economy	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Overall conventional gas in the Mid West would provide significant benefits to wider society	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q33 How much do you agree that onshore conventional gas has an important role to play in:

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
Reducing reliance on coal for domestic energy	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Reducing carbon emissions by displacing coal	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Supporting the grid to be more reliable as renewable energies are added to the system	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Helping to keep energy more affordable as renewable energies are added to the system	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Australia's overall shift to a lower carbon energy system	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q34 How much do you agree that you would consider it fair to live near a conventional gas development if:

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
You were compensated accordingly?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Your local council were compensated accordingly?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Your community would receive a fair share of the benefits from the conventional gas development?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q35 Thinking about how decisions might be made about this conventional gas development, how much do you agree that gas companies would:

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
Listen to and respect the community's opinions	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Inform residents of important developments regarding the site	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Give opportunities for local people to participate in their decisions	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Be prepared to change its practices in response to community sentiment	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q36 How confident are you that the gas company would:

	Very unconfident	Slightly unconfident	Confident (3)	Slightly confident (4)	Extremely confident (5)
Be accessible or easy to contact	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Be open, honest and transparent	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Engage in genuine two way dialogue	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q37 How much do you agree that conventional gas companies:

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
Would be held accountable for any breaches by state regulators	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Would inform local communities of any issues with conventional gas activities as they arise	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Would listen to and respond to any community concerns	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Would comply with regulations, permits and licenses	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Would comply with land access agreements	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q38 Overall, to what extent can you trust state regulators overseeing conventional gas development?

- ☐ Not at all
- ☐ A little
- ☐ A moderate amount
- ☐ A lot
- ☐ A great deal

Q39 Thinking about a company operating this gas development, to what extent would you trust:

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
Them to act in the local community's best interests	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Them to act responsibly	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Their capability	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q40 Overall, to what extent can you trust conventional gas companies?

- ☐ Not at all
- ☐ A little
- ☐ A moderate amount
- ☐ A lot
- ☐ A great deal

Q41 How accepting are you of conventional gas development in the Mid West?

- ☐ Not at all accepting
- ☐ Somewhat accepting
- ☐ Neither accepting nor unaccepting
- ☐ Somewhat accepting
- ☐ Very accepting
- ☐ Don't know/not enough information

Q42 Overall, which best describes your attitude towards conventional gas developments in the Mid West? I would:

- ☐ Reject it
- ☐ Tolerate it
- ☐ Be OK with it
- ☐ Approve of it
- ☐ Embrace it

Q43 How would you feel about conventional gas developments in your area?

	1	2	3	4	5	
Displeased	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Pleased
Pessimistic	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Optimistic
Angry	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Calm
Worried	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Relaxed
Unsure	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Confident
Uninformed	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Informed

Q44 How much do you agree that your local community:

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
Would cope with conventional gas development	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Would adapt to conventional gas development	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q45 Which of the following best describes how where you live and its surrounds would respond to conventional gas developments: (select one)

- ☐ Resist
- ☐ Not cope
- ☐ Only just cope
- ☐ Adapt to the changes
- ☐ Change into something different but better

Q46 How would an onshore conventional gas development personally impact you? (select one)

- ☐ Negatively impacted
- ☐ Positively impacted
- ☐ Not really impacted

Q47 How much more information do you feel you need about the conventional gas industry? (select one)

- ☐ A lot more information
- ☐ Some more information
- ☐ A little more information
- ☐ No more information needed

Q48 How much more information do you feel you need about the energy transition? (select one)

- ☐ A lot more information
- ☐ Some more information
- ☐ A little more information
- ☐ No more information needed

Q49 How aware are you of the following: gas, renewable and other energy industries potentially operating in your local area?

	None at all	A little	A moderate amount	A lot	A great deal
Conventional gas	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Hydrogen	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Underground hydrogen storage	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Ammonia	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Wind	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Solar	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Geothermal	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q50 Overview of project types:

Conventional gas development *involves extracting natural gas from underground reservoirs using traditional drilling techniques. This type of gas is found in porous rock formations and is relatively easy to extract compared to unconventional sources.*

Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) *is a technology designed to capture carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions from industrial processes or power plants and store them underground in geological formations to prevent them from entering the atmosphere.*

Hydrogen *is a clean burning fuel that produces only water when consumed. It can be used as an energy carrier in various applications, including power generation, transportation, and industrial processes.*

Underground hydrogen storage *is the process of storing large volumes of hydrogen in underground geological formations such as salt caverns, aquifers, or depleted oil and gas*

fields for later use in energy systems or industrial applications. Seen as cost effective and easy to integrate with distribution pipelines.

Ammonia *whilst traditionally used as a key ingredient in fertilizers, ammonia is a compound combining hydrogen and nitrogen that can be used as an energy carrier, storage or carbon-free fuel. The production however has a high energy demand and uses natural gas*

Wind farms *consist of multiple wind turbines that convert the kinetic energy of wind into electrical power. These can be located onshore (land-based) or offshore (at sea).*

Solar photovoltaic (PV) *farms use solar panels to convert sunlight directly into electricity. These farms consist of numerous solar panels arranged in a large area to capture and convert solar energy efficiently.*

Geothermal *energy involves harnessing heat from deep within the Earth's crust to generate electricity or provide direct heating*

Transmission lines *are high-voltage power lines used to transport electricity over long distances from power generation sources to distribution networks and ultimately to consumers.*

Large battery storage *projects involve deploying large-scale battery systems to store electrical energy for later use. These systems help balance supply and demand, integrate renewable energy, and improve grid reliability.*

Distributed energy resources (DER) *refer to small scale generation units that are located on the consumer's side of the meter, they can including rooftop solar, wind generating units and battery storage.*

Q51 How strongly do you agree or disagree with the use of the following energy sources and related technologies as potential ways of decarbonising and generating Australia's future energy needs?

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
Conventional gas	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Hydrogen	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Underground hydrogen storage	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Ammonia	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Wind	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Solar PV	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Geothermal	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Transmission lines	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Large battery storage	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Distributed energy resources (DER)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q52 Thinking about an expanding energy industry (solar, wind, transmission lines, carbon capture and storage, conventional gas, new industry buildings/infrastructure), how much would you feel

	1	2	3	4	5	
Displeased	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Pleased
Pessimistic	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Optimistic
Angry	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Calm
Worried	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Relaxed

Q53 Overall, which best describes your attitude towards the expanding energy industry in the North Perth Basin. I would

- ☐ Reject it
- ☐ Tolerate it
- ☐ Be OK with it
- ☐ Approve of it
- ☐ Embrace it

Q54 What best describes your thoughts about climate change?

- ☐ I don't think climate change is happening
- ☐ I have no idea whether climate change is happening or not
- ☐ I think climate change is happening, but is just a natural fluctuation of the earth's temperatures
- ☐ I think climate change is happening, and I think humans are largely causing it

Q55 How do you expect the impacts of climate change to affect...

	Extremely bad	Somewhat bad	Neither good nor bad	Somewhat good	Extremely good
The world as a whole	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Australia	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
The Mid West	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Yourself	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q56 Which best describes your highest level of education you have completed?

- ☐ Year 10 or below
- ☐ Year 11 or equivalent
- ☐ Year 12 or equivalent
- ☐ Trade certificate or Apprenticeship
- ☐ Certificate I or II
- ☐ Certificate III or IV
- ☐ Advanced Diploma / Diploma
- ☐ Bachelor or Honours degree
- ☐ Postgraduate degree (e.g. Masters, PhD)
- ☐ Other (please specify) _____

Q57 Which of the following best describes your occupational status?

- ☐ Student
- ☐ Household duties
- ☐ Employed – Part Time
- ☐ Employed – Full Time
- ☐ Unemployed not looking for work
- ☐ Unemployed looking for work
- ☐ Retired
- ☐ Not able to work
- ☐ Other (please specify) _____

Q58 Which occupational sector do you work in (or worked in prior to ceasing work)?

- [ ] Agriculture, forestry, fishing
- [ ] Mining
- [ ] Manufacturing
- [ ] Electricity, gas, water, waste services
- [ ] Construction
- [ ] Wholesale trade
- [ ] Retail trade
- [ ] Accommodation and food services
- [ ] Transport, postal and warehousing
- [ ] Information, media and telecommunications
- [ ] Financial and Insurance services
- [ ] Rental, hiring and real estate services
- [ ] Professional, scientific, technical services
- [ ] Administrative and support workers
- [ ] Public administration and safety
- [ ] Education and training
- [ ] Health care and social assistance
- [ ] Arts and recreation services
- [ ] Other services
- [ ] Not applicable

Q59 Have you had any experience working for (either directly or on a contract)?

	Yes	No
The gas industry	☐	☐
Other mining industries	☐	☐
Have friends and family that have worked with CSG or other mining industries	☐	☐

Q60 Which of the following best describes your household?

- ☐ Group household
- ☐ Single person household
- ☐ One parent with children
- ☐ Couple with children
- ☐ Couple with no children
- ☐ Other family (e.g. extended family household)

Q61 Is your home...

- ☐ Owned outright
- ☐ Owned with a mortgage
- ☐ Purchased under a shared equity scheme
- ☐ Rented
- ☐ Occupied rent free
- ☐ Occupied under a life tenure scheme
- ☐ Other _____

Q62 Are you of Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin? (Will not be used for analysis – more for demographic reporting and observation)

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes, Aboriginal
- ☐ Yes, Torres Strait Islander
- ☐ Yes, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

Q63 Do you own a farm of 40 hectares or more (i.e., 100 acres or more)?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Q64 Have any negotiations, exploration, or production of conventional gas occurred on your farm?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Q65 If a national election was held tomorrow, who would you vote for?

- ☐ Liberal Party
- ☐ National Party
- ☐ Labor Party
- ☐ Greens
- ☐ Teal
- ☐ One Nation
- ☐ I would not vote
- ☐ Prefer not to say
- ☐ Another party (Please specify)

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Q66 An optional question: what is your household's taxable income per year, approximately?

- ☐ Less than $40,000
- ☐ $40,000 and $80,000
- ☐ $80,000 and $120,000
- ☐ $120,000 and $160,000
- ☐ More than $160,000
- ☐ Prefer not to say

Q67 If you would like your name entered into a random draw to win one of 20 vouchers worth $50 (GST inclusive) please add your email below. Your email will only be used to contact you for the draw.

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Appendix 2: Descriptive statistics

N.B. * E,M,TS = Eneabba, Mingenew & Three Springs

		GERALDTON	E, M, TS*	DONGARA	TOTAL MID WEST
STUDY SAMPLE					
	Responses	151	27	47	225
	Response %	67%	12%	21%	100%
	Population	39,489	890	1,393	41,772
	Sample %	0.38%	3.03%	3.37%	0.54%
DEMOGRAPHICS					
		GERALDTON	**E, M, TS**	**DONGARA**	**TOTAL MID WEST**
AGE	Age (Average)	54.7	50.6	62.5	55.9
	Age (1 Standard Deviation)	17.6	16.3	13.7	16.6
					Values shown below as % of column total
FIRST NATIONS	*Identified as ..*				
	Aboriginal	4.4%	6.7%	6.1%	5.0%
	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	0.0%	0.0%	3.0%	0.6%
GENDER		**GERALDTON**	**E, M, TS**	**DONGARA**	**TOTAL MID WEST**
	Female	31.4%	5.8%	12.1%	49.3%
	Male	30.5%	5.8%	8.5%	44.8%
	Non-binary / third gender	1.3%	0.0%	0.0%	1.3%
	Prefer not to say	2.7%	0.4%	0.0%	3.1%
	Prefer to describe my gender	0.9%	0.0%	0.4%	1.3%
EDUCATION		**GERALDTON**	**E, M, TS**	**DONGARA**	**TOTAL MID WEST**
	Postgraduate degree (e.g. Masters, PhD)	8.8%	11.8%	3.1%	8.0%
	Bachelor or Honours degree	23.9%	23.5%	21.9%	23.4%
	Advanced Diploma / Diploma	15.9%	5.9%	21.9%	16.0%
	Certificate III or IV	13.3%	11.8%	21.9%	14.9%
	Certificate I or II	0.9%	5.9%	0.0%	1.3%
	Trade certificate or Apprenticeship	7.1%	17.6%	6.3%	8.2%
	Year 12 or equivalent	12.4%	17.6%	12.5%	13.0%
	Year 11 or equivalent	7.1%	0.0%	0.0%	4.8%
	Year 10 or below	10.6%	5.9%	12.5%	10.4%
HOUSEHOLD TYPE		**GERALDTON**	**E, M, TS**	**DONGARA**	**TOTAL MID WEST**
	Single person household	17.7%	18.8%	9.1%	16.0%
	Couple with no children	41.6%	18.8%	60.6%	42.8%
	Couple with children	30.1%	50.0%	15.2%	29.4%
	One parent with children	0.9%	0.0%	3.0%	1.2%
	Other family (e.g. extended family household)	7.1%	6.3%	3.0%	6.1%
	Group household	2.7%	6.3%	9.1%	4.4%
EMPLOYMENT STATUS		**GERALDTON**	**E, M, TS**	**DONGARA**	**TOTAL MID WEST**
	Employed Full Time	41.3%	64.3%	23.3%	40.3%

	Employed Part Time	15.4%	14.3%	16.7%	15.5%
	Household duties	2.9%	0.0%	0.0%	1.9%
	Not able to work	2.9%	0.0%	3.3%	2.6%
	Retired	33.7%	21.4%	56.7%	37.0%
	Student	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%
	Unemployed looking for work	1.9%	0.0%	0.0%	1.3%
	Unemployed not looking for work	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%
INCOME		**GERALDTON**	**E, M, TS**	**DONGARA**	**TOTAL MID WEST**
	More than $160,000	17.6%	30.0%	13.6%	18.3%
	$120,000 and $160,000	23.5%	30.0%	9.1%	21.3%
	$80,000 and $120,000	18.8%	20.0%	13.6%	17.9%
	$40,000 and $80,000	22.4%	10.0%	31.8%	22.8%
	Less than $40,000	17.6%	10.0%	31.8%	19.7%
TIME LIVING IN REGION		**GERALDTON**	**E, M, TS**	**DONGARA**	**TOTAL MID WEST**
	5 years or less	15.3%	3.7%	34.0%	17.8%
	6 to 10 years	10.0%	7.4%	12.8%	10.3%
	Over 10 years	74.7%	88.9%	53.2%	71.9%
	Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
INDUSTRY EXPOSURE	*Have you had any experience working for (either directly or on a contract)..*				
	The gas industry	12%	4%	5%	0.10
	Other mining industries	36%	6%	12%	0.27
	Have friends and family that have worked with CSG or other mining industries	58%	6%	21%	0.44
COMMUNITY WELLBEING					
PLACE ATTACHMENT		**GERALDTON**	**E, M, TS**	**DONGARA**	**TOTAL MID WEST**
	Thinking about local area and its surrounds, how much do you agree with the following statements:				
	I feel that I belong to this area	3.91	3.96	3.93	3.92
	I am pleased to come back to this area, if I go away	4.14	4.15	4.15	4.14
	Overall, I feel very attached to this local area	3.98	4.26	3.98	4.01
	Total	**4.01**	**4.12**	**4.02**	**4.03**
PERSONAL SAFETY		**GERALDTON**	**E, M, TS**	**DONGARA**	**TOTAL MID WEST**
	Consider how you feel about your personal safety, how much do you agree that:				
	It is safe to be alone at home during the night	3.68	4.37	4.56	3.95
	It is safe to walk alone outside at night	2.73	4.15	4.11	3.19
	It is safe to leave the car on the side of the road at night	2.24	3.63	3.62	2.70
	Overall, I feel safe living in the area	3.60	4.41	4.40	3.86
	Total	**3.06**	**4.14**	**4.17**	**3.42**
INCOME SUFFICIENCY		**GERALDTON**	**E, M, TS**	**DONGARA**	**TOTAL MID WEST**
	Thinking about your household income, how much do you agree that:				
	Your income is enough for household expenses	3.33	3.63	3.72	3.45

	Your income is enough for the lifestyle you enjoy	3.28	3.44	3.46	3.34
	Your rent or mortgage repayments impact greatly on your household finances	3.30	2.74	3.24	3.22
	Overall, you are satisfied that your income covers living expenses	3.40	3.48	3.48	3.43
	Total	**3.33**	**3.32**	**3.47**	**3.36**
HEALTH		**GERALDTON**	**E, M, TS**	**DONGARA**	**TOTAL MID WEST**
	Thinking about your health and wellbeing, how satisfied are you with the following:				
	Your diet and eating habits	3.80	3.67	3.86	3.80
	Your exercise habits	3.40	3.30	3.41	3.39
	Your physical health	3.42	3.63	3.55	3.47
	Your mental health	3.63	3.89	3.86	3.71
	Overall, how satisfied are you with your health and wellbeing	3.62	3.81	3.82	3.68
	Total	**3.57**	**3.66**	**3.70**	**3.61**
SERVICES AND FACILITIES		**GERALDTON**	**E, M, TS**	**DONGARA**	**TOTAL MID WEST**
	Thinking of services and facilities for your local area, how satisfied are you with the following services:				
	Local schools	3.60	3.48	3.30	3.52
	Childcare facilities	3.26	3.19	3.35	3.27
	Sports and leisure facilities	3.84	3.44	3.86	3.80
	Cultural facilities	3.35	3.15	3.40	3.34
	Shopping for food and everyday items	3.64	3.11	3.14	3.47
	Other shopping (e.g., clothes and household goods)	3.00	2.30	2.23	2.76
	Medical and health services	3.26	2.63	3.00	3.13
	Community support services (e g meals on wheels, youth workers)	3.08	2.70	3.30	3.08
	Overall, how satisfied are you with the services and facilities in your town?	3.33	2.89	3.40	3.29
	Total	**3.37**	**2.99**	**3.22**	**3.30**
TOWN APPEARANCE		**GERALDTON**	**E, M, TS**	**DONGARA**	**TOTAL MID WEST**
	Thinking about the local area's general appearance, how satisfied are you with the following:				
	Cleanliness of the town	3.22	3.28	4.16	3.43
	Greenery and parks in the town	3.51	3.56	4.05	3.63
	Overall, how satisfied are you with the general appearance of the town	3.39	3.36	4.09	3.53
	Total	**3.37**	**3.40**	**4.10**	**3.53**
ROADS		**GERALDTON**	**E, M, TS**	**DONGARA**	**TOTAL MID WEST**
	Thinking about the roads outside of local area, how satisfied are you with the following:				
	Condition of the roads	2.94	2.68	3.00	2.92
	Safety on the roads	2.79	3.08	2.93	2.85
	Amount of traffic on the roads	3.11	3.20	2.95	3.09
	The roads overall	3.02	2.96	3.14	3.04

	Total	**2.97**	**2.98**	**3.01**	**2.98**
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY		**GERALDTON**	**E, M, TS**	**DONGARA**	**TOTAL MID WEST**
	Thinking about pollution in the general environment around local area, how satisfied are you with the following:				
	Level of dust	2.57	3.16	2.88	2.70
	Level of noise	3.29	3.76	3.88	3.47
	Quality of the air	3.52	4.00	4.12	3.70
	Overall, quality of the general environment around your local area	3.34	3.84	4.05	3.55
	Total	**3.18**	**3.69**	**3.73**	**3.36**
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT		**GERALDTON**	**E, M, TS**	**DONGARA**	**TOTAL MID WEST**
	Now thinking about the natural environment around, how satisfied are you with the management of the following:				
	Quality of underground water for the future	2.73	3.52	3.10	2.90
	Nature reserves for the future	2.92	3.68	3.48	3.13
	Sustainability of local farming land for the future	2.95	3.64	3.33	3.11
	Overall, the management of the natural environment for the future	2.86	3.55	3.16	3.01
	Total	**2.87**	**3.60**	**3.26**	**3.04**
LOCAL DECISION MAKING		**GERALDTON**	**E, M, TS**	**DONGARA**	**TOTAL MID WEST**
	Thinking about how decisions are made affecting and surrounds, how much do you agree that:				
	The local council informs residents of important developments	2.96	3.23	2.57	2.91
	There are opportunities for your voice to be heard on issues that are important to you	2.85	3.50	2.77	2.91
	Overall I am satisfied with how decisions are made that affect your local area	2.78	3.00	2.55	2.76
	Total	**2.86**	**3.24**	**2.63**	**2.86**
ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES		**GERALDTON**	**E, M, TS**	**DONGARA**	**TOTAL MID WEST**
	Regarding employment and business opportunities in the local area, how much do you agree that:				
	There are good job opportunities	3.33	3.36	2.78	3.22
	Local businesses are doing well	2.92	3.32	2.95	2.98
	Overall, I am satisfied with employment and business opportunities in my local area	3.16	3.14	2.78	3.08
	Total	**3.14**	**3.27**	**2.84**	**3.09**
COMMUNITY SPIRIT		**GERALDTON**	**E, M, TS**	**DONGARA**	**TOTAL MID WEST**
	Thinking about community spirit in your local area, how much do you agree that				
	People can rely upon one another for help	3.58	4.27	4.23	3.80
	People have friendly relationships	3.77	4.32	4.27	3.94
	There is good community spirit around here	3.63	4.14	4.18	3.81
	Overall, I am satisfied with community spirit in the area	3.64	4.14	4.18	3.81
	Total	**3.65**	**4.22**	**4.21**	**3.84**

COMMUNITY COHESION		GERALDTON	E, M, TS	DONGARA	TOTAL MID WEST
	Thinking about how inclusive your local community is, how much do you agree that:				
	Your community is welcoming of newcomers	3.43	4.05	3.88	3.60
	Your local community is welcoming of people of different cultures	3.45	4.05	3.58	3.54
	Your community is tolerant of peoples' different views	3.07	3.68	3.29	3.19
	Overall, your community includes everyone no matter who they are	3.23	3.64	3.65	3.37
	Total	**3.29**	**3.85**	**3.60**	**3.42**
COMMUNITY TRUST		**GERALDTON**	**E, M, TS**	**DONGARA**	**TOTAL MID WEST**
	Thinking about levels of trust in your local area, how much do you agree that:				
	There are local community leaders you can trust	3.08	3.59	3.24	3.18
	Your local council can be trusted	2.85	3.41	2.71	2.89
	People that you see around your local area can generally be trusted	3.18	3.86	3.97	3.43
	Energy companies including gas companies in your local area can be trusted	2.67	2.32	2.72	2.64
	State Government can be trusted to make decisions that impact my local area	2.03	2.00	2.13	2.05
	Overall I am satisfied with levels of trust in my local area	2.71	3.05	3.08	2.83
	Total	**2.76**	**3.04**	**2.97**	**2.84**
COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION		**GERALDTON**	**E, M, TS**	**DONGARA**	**TOTAL MID WEST**
	Thinking now about participating in local community groups around your local area (like school, sport and service groups), how much do you agree that:				
	You regularly help out a local group as a volunteer (e.g., once a week)	2.77	3.77	3.34	3.01
	You have attended several community events in the past year	3.38	4.18	3.74	3.55
	You are a very active member of a local group or club	3.20	3.86	3.33	3.31
	Overall, you participate regularly in a variety of community activities	3.12	3.86	3.21	3.23
	Total	**3.12**	**3.92**	**3.41**	**3.27**
SOCIAL INTERACTION		**GERALDTON**	**E, M, TS**	**DONGARA**	**TOTAL MID WEST**
	Thinking now about participating in local community groups around your local area (like school, sport and service groups), how much do agree that you do the following with others regularly:				
	Visit someone's home	3.47	3.91	3.57	3.54
	Go out together socially	3.56	3.91	3.62	3.62
	Speak or text on the phone	4.07	4.18	4.35	4.14
	Overall, you are satisfied with the amount of social interaction in the local area	3.73	3.95	3.92	3.79
	Total	**3.71**	**3.99**	**3.86**	**3.77**
OVERALL COMMUNITY WELLBEING		**GERALDTON**	**E, M, TS**	**DONGARA**	**TOTAL MID WEST**
	Thinking about overall community wellbeing around your local area and surrounds, how much do you agree that:				

	This community is suitable for young children	3.84	4.29	4.22	3.97
	This community is suitable for teenagers	3.22	3.14	3.57	3.28
	This community is suitable for seniors	3.69	3.33	4.22	3.76
	Overall, this local area offers a good quality of life	3.91	3.67	4.22	3.95
	Overall, you are happy living in this local area	3.96	4.14	4.51	4.10
	Total	**3.73**	**3.71**	**4.15**	**3.81**
EXPECTED FUTURE LIVEABILITY		**GERALDTON**	**E, M, TS**	**DONGARA**	**TOTAL MID WEST**
	Imagining what it might be like in 3 years time, how much do you agree that:				
	Overall, I will be happy living in this local area	3.84	4.05	4.34	3.97
	Overall, this local area will offer a good quality of life	3.78	4.05	4.26	3.92
	Over the next 3 years, do you think community wellbeing will decline/stay the same/improve	1.87	1.86	1.97	1.89
	Total	**3.16**	**3.32**	**3.53**	**3.26**
CONVENTIONAL GAS PERCEPTIONS AND ATTITUDES					
PERCEIVED IMPACTS 1		**GERALDTON**	**E, M, TS**	**DONGARA**	**TOTAL MID WEST**
	When thinking about onshore conventional gas development, how concerned would you be about the following:				
	Farm property values	2.89	3.15	2.92	2.93
	Co-existence with agriculture	3.10	3.35	3.32	3.18
	Risk of fire	3.02	3.55	3.11	3.10
	Depletion of underground water	3.64	3.80	3.68	3.67
	Water contamination	3.76	3.90	3.71	3.77
	Air contamination	3.37	3.50	3.50	3.41
	The natural environment	3.65	3.60	3.58	3.63
	Aboriginal cultural heritage	2.62	2.25	2.76	2.61
	Dust, noise, and light pollution	3.24	3.55	3.34	3.30
	Traffic on the roads	2.99	3.80	3.32	3.16
	Health impacts	3.31	3.45	3.32	3.33
	Cost of housing (i.e., renting or buying)	3.28	2.80	3.55	3.28
	Community division over gas developments	3.12	2.80	3.26	3.11
	Pressure on services and facilities	3.14	3.10	3.61	3.23
	Contributing to climate change	3.24	2.90	3.24	3.20
	Overall, how concerned are you about potential negative impacts	3.31	3.75	3.26	3.36
PERCEIVED IMPACTS 2		**GERALDTON**	**E, M, TS**	**DONGARA**	**TOTAL MID WEST**
	Thinking about possible future issues related to onshore conventional gas developments, how much of a concern do you believe the following may be:				
	Conventional gas developments extending into other farming areas in WA	3.24	3.35	3.11	3.23
	Integrity of gas wells over time (e.g. leaks)	3.46	3.30	3.42	3.43
	The continued extraction of gas delays the transition	3.08	2.65	3.11	3.03

	to renewable energy				
PERCEIVED RISKS		**GERALDTON**	**E, M, TS**	**DONGARA**	**TOTAL MID WEST**
	How much do you agree that any risks associated with onshore conventional gas developments:				
	Are understood by science	3.43	3.50	3.32	3.42
	Are understood by the community	2.43	2.70	2.51	2.48
	Are manageable	3.11	3.30	3.03	3.12
	Are potentially catastrophic	3.50	3.55	3.27	3.46
PERCEIVED LOCAL BENEFITS		**GERALDTON**	**E, M, TS**	**DONGARA**	**TOTAL MID WEST**
	How much do you agree that onshore conventional gas development would provide significant local benefits for:				
	Local employment	3.49	2.75	3.42	3.38
	Opportunities for young people to stay in the region	3.36	2.70	3.56	3.32
	Local business opportunities	3.48	2.70	3.61	3.42
	Corporate support for local community activities (e.g. a gas company sponsoring local clubs)	3.54	3.30	3.67	3.54
	Additional local services, facilities and infrastructure	3.39	3.05	3.50	3.37
	Diversifying local skills in the region	3.31	3.00	3.39	3.29
	Long lasting benefits for the region	2.95	2.75	3.06	2.95
	Creating new industries in the region	3.40	2.95	3.44	3.36
	Overall, how much do you agree conventional gas development would bring significant benefits to the local community	3.07	2.70	3.14	3.04
PERCEIVED SOCIAL BENEFITS		**GERALDTON**	**E, M, TS**	**DONGARA**	**TOTAL MID WEST**
	How much do you agree that onshore conventional gas developments in the region would provide wider societal benefits, such as:				
	A transition fuel between coal and renewable energy sources	3.20	3.53	3.34	3.27
	Increasing the energy supply in WA	3.46	3.68	3.51	3.50
	Providing gas for state industries (e.g., manufacturers)	3.55	3.63	3.54	3.56
	Making the region more attractive to new business and industry	3.42	3.32	3.29	3.38
	Helping to reduce energy prices in WA	2.91	2.84	2.83	2.88
	Improving energy security for WA	3.52	3.32	3.43	3.47
	Boosting the wider state economy	3.47	3.53	3.51	3.48
	Boosting the wider Australian economy	3.29	3.53	3.46	3.35
	Overall conventional gas in the Mid West would provide significant benefits to wider society	3.14	3.21	3.31	3.18
ROLE FOR GAS IN THE ENERGY TRANSITION		**GERALDTON**	**E, M, TS**	**DONGARA**	**TOTAL MID WEST**
	How much do you agree that onshore conventional gas has an important role to play in:				
	Reducing reliance on coal for domestic energy	3.53	3.68	3.72	3.59
	Reducing carbon emissions by displacing coal	3.17	3.37	3.43	3.25

	Supporting the grid to be more reliable as renewable energies are added to the system	3.46	3.53	3.51	3.48
	Helping to keep energy more affordable as renewable energies are added to the system	3.07	2.95	3.20	3.08
	Australia's overall shift to a lower carbon energy system	3.07	3.05	3.31	3.12
DISTRIBUTIONAL FAIRNESS		**GERALDTON**	**E, M, TS**	**DONGARA**	**TOTAL MID WEST**
	How much do you agree that you would consider it fair to live near a conventional gas development if:				
	You were compensated accordingly?	2.83	3.89	2.71	2.94
	Your local council were compensated accordingly?	2.77	3.78	2.54	2.84
	Your community would receive a fair share of the benefits from the conventional gas development?	3.23	3.89	3.11	3.28
PROCEDURAL FAIRNESS		**GERALDTON**	**E, M, TS**	**DONGARA**	**TOTAL MID WEST**
	Thinking about how decisions might be made about this conventional gas development, how much do you agree that gas companies would:				
	Listen to and respect the community's opinions	2.20	2.22	2.43	2.25
	Inform residents of important developments regarding the site	2.47	2.61	2.77	2.55
	Give opportunities for local people to participate in their decisions	2.35	2.11	2.31	2.31
	Be prepared to change its practices in response to community sentiment	2.23	1.94	2.23	2.19
RELATIONSHIP QUALITY		**GERALDTON**	**E, M, TS**	**DONGARA**	**TOTAL MID WEST**
	How confident are you that the gas company would:				
	Be accessible or easy to contact	2.16	2.28	2.34	2.21
	Be open, honest and transparent	1.88	1.78	2.34	1.97
	Engage in genuine two way dialogue	1.97	2.11	2.29	2.06
TRUST IN GOVERNING BODIES		**GERALDTON**	**E, M, TS**	**DONGARA**	**TOTAL MID WEST**
	How much do you agree that conventional gas companies:				
	Would be held accountable for any breaches by state regulators	2.41	2.28	2.69	2.45
	Would inform local communities of any issues with conventional gas activities as they arise	2.24	2.17	2.49	2.28
	Would listen to and respond to any community concerns	2.21	2.11	2.57	2.27
	Would comply with regulations, permits and licenses	2.91	2.61	3.40	2.97
	Would comply with land access agreements	2.90	2.72	3.06	2.91
TRUST IN STATE REGULATORS		**GERALDTON**	**E, M, TS**	**DONGARA**	**TOTAL MID WEST**
	Overall, to what extent can you trust state regulators overseeing conventional gas development?				
	Not at all	41%	33%	28%	37%

	A little	21%	22%	31%	23%
	A moderate amount	26%	39%	31%	29%
	A lot	9%	6%	3%	7%
	A great deal	3%	0%	8%	3%
TRUST IN OPERATING COMPANY		**GERALDTON**	**E, M, TS**	**DONGARA**	**TOTAL MID WEST**
	Thinking about a company operating this gas development, to what extent would you trust:				
	Them to act in the local community's best interests	2.13	2.06	2.43	2.19
	Them to act responsibly	2.52	2.61	2.94	2.62
	Their capability	2.86	3.00	3.00	2.90
TRUST IN GAS COMPANIES		**GERALDTON**	**E, M, TS**	**DONGARA**	**TOTAL MID WEST**
	Overall, to what extent can you trust conventional gas companies?				
	Not at all	39%	39%	23%	35%
	A little	33%	22%	31%	31%
	A moderate amount	18%	33%	43%	25%
	A lot	8%	6%	3%	7%
	A great deal	2%	0%	0%	1%
COMMUNITY ACCEPTANCE					
ACCEPTANCE CONVENTIONAL GAS DEVELOPMENT		**GERALDTON**	**E, M, TS**	**DONGARA**	**TOTAL MID WEST**
	How accepting are you of conventional gas development in the Mid West?				
	Not at all accepting	25%	17%	9%	21%
	Somewhat unaccepting	21%	0%	21%	18%
	Neither accepting nor unaccepting	17%	22%	24%	19%
	Somewhat accepting	20%	50%	15%	23%
	Very accepting	17%	11%	32%	19%
ATTITUDE TOWARD CONVENTIONAL GAS DEVELOPMENT		**GERALDTON**	**E, M, TS**	**DONGARA**	**TOTAL MID WEST**
	Overall, which best describes your attitude towards conventional gas developments in the Mid West? I would:				
	Reject it	30%	17%	14%	25%
	Tolerate it	32%	28%	29%	31%
	Be OK with it	16%	33%	26%	20%
	Approve of it	17%	22%	17%	18%
	Embrace it	5%	0%	14%	6%
AFFECT TOWARD CONVENTIONAL GAS DEVELOPMENT		**GERALDTON**	**E, M, TS**	**DONGARA**	**TOTAL MID WEST**
	How would you feel about conventional gas developments in your area?				
	Displeased: Pleased	2.55	2.78	3.09	2.69
	Pessimistic:Optimistic	2.58	3.24	3.21	2.79
	Angry:Calm	2.97	3.29	3.65	3.15
	Worried:Relaxed	2.58	2.83	3.16	2.73
	Unsure:Confident	2.63	3.00	2.76	2.70
	Uninformed:Informed	2.74	2.72	3.00	2.79
PERSONAL IMPACT		**GERALDTON**	**E, M, TS**	**DONGARA**	**TOTAL MID WEST**
	How would an onshore conventional gas development personally impact you?				
	Negatively impacted	36%	39%	23%	33%
	Positively impacted	11%	28%	17%	14%

	Not really impacted	53%	33%	60%	52%
COMMUNITY RESILIENCE AND ADAPTATION					
COMMUNITY ADAPTION		**GERALDTON**	**E, M, TS**	**DONGARA**	**TOTAL MID WEST**
	How much do you agree that your local community:				
	Would cope with conventional gas development	3.20	3.44	3.34	3.26
	Would adapt to conventional gas development	3.26	3.56	3.43	3.33
LOCAL AREA REPSONSE TO CONVENTIONAL GAS		**GERALDTON**	**E, M, TS**	**DONGARA**	**TOTAL MID WEST**
	Which of the following best describes how your local area and its surrounds would respond to conventional gas developments:				
	Resist	16%	11%	9%	14%
	Not cope	9%	6%	9%	9%
	Only just cope	24%	17%	20%	22%
	Adapt to the changes	47%	67%	60%	52%
	Change into something different but better	4%	0%	3%	3%
AWARENESS OF ENERGY INDUSTRIES		**GERALDTON**	**E, M, TS**	**DONGARA**	**TOTAL MID WEST**
	How aware are you of the following: gas, renewable and other energy industries potentially operating in your local area?				
	Conventional gas	2.45	3.33	3.03	2.68
	Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS)	1.74	1.94	1.78	1.77
	Hydrogen	1.85	1.89	1.86	1.86
	Underground hydrogen storage	1.50	1.83	1.56	1.55
	Ammonia	1.67	1.78	1.56	1.66
	Wind	3.09	2.94	2.67	2.98
	Solar	3.14	2.61	2.61	2.96
	Geothermal	1.62	1.72	1.28	1.56
ATTITUDE TOWARD ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES		**GERALDTON**	**E, M, TS**	**DONGARA**	**TOTAL MID WEST**
	How strongly do you agree or disagree with the use of the following energy sources and related technologies as potential ways of decarbonising and generating Australia's future energy needs?				
	Conventional gas	3.10	3.53	3.32	3.20
	Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS)	2.78	3.12	2.53	2.77
	Hydrogen	3.37	3.76	3.21	3.39
	Underground hydrogen storage	2.91	3.35	2.85	2.95
	Ammonia	2.52	3.29	2.41	2.59
	Wind	3.85	3.94	3.97	3.89
	Solar PV	4.04	3.88	4.35	4.09
	Geothermal	3.50	3.71	3.00	3.42
	Transmission lines	3.30	3.47	3.15	3.29
	Large battery storage	3.66	3.94	3.50	3.66
	Distributed energy resources (DER)	3.75	3.59	3.71	3.72
KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION, AND EXPERIENCE					
INFORMAITON NEEDS CONVENTIONAL GAS		**GERALDTON**	**E, M, TS**	**DONGARA**	**TOTAL MID WEST**
	How much more information do you feel you need about the conventional gas industry?				
	A lot more information	41%	28%	37%	38%
	Some more information	30%	44%	11%	28%
	A little more information	19%	17%	31%	22%
	No more information needed	10%	11%	20%	12%

INFORMATION NEEDS ENERGY TRANSITION		GERALDTON	E, M, TS	DONGARA	TOTAL MID WEST
	How much more information do you feel you need about the energy transition?				
	A lot more information	47%	29%	41%	43%
	Some more information	31%	47%	24%	31%
	A little more information	13%	12%	18%	14%
	No more information needed	9%	12%	18%	11%

Appendix 3: Focus group questions/run sheet

Community wellbeing and attitudes to the energy transition in the North Perth Basin

The focus groups aim to understand community well-being in the context of an expanding energy industry (including conventional gas) in the North Perth Basin.

Time	Discussion item
10 mins	**Welcome** Acknowledgement of country Introductions to CIET, who we are, what we do. Group introductions, name, how long have they lived in the area, etc.
20 mins	**Broad views on energy transition and technologies** What does energy transition mean to you? What have you heard about the energy transition (if anything)? What type of technologies have you heard of, for example, conventional gas, Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS), hydrogen, ammonia, wind, solar, batteries, transmission infrastructure?
10 mins	**Background to the research (context)** Provide a broad discussion on different technologies and some of the work that the CSIRO are doing relating to gas exploration, CCS, underground storage of hydrogen and geothermal.
10 mins	**Feelings about community wellbeing/cohesion** What do you think contributes to wellbeing in your community?
15 mins	**Short break for tea/coffee**
20 mins	**Expectations and experiences** Are you aware of any energy projects that are happening in your local area? How do you feel about these projects? (perceived impacts, risks, benefits, fairness – procedural and distributive) How would you describe your or your community's relationships with the energy companies (for example trust)?
15 mins	**Governance/trust** Who are the key decision makers in your community when it comes to new energy projects? How is the community involved? Who do you trust when it comes to making decisions about new projects?
15 mins	**Knowledge and information** Where do you access information about energy technologies? Who do you trust for information? Is there any information you would like to have about the energy transition?
5 mins	Anything else you would like to share? Thanks and close session.

Appendix 4: Interview guide/questions

Community wellbeing and attitudes to the energy transition in the North Perth Basin

The interview aims to understand community well-being in the context of an expanding energy industry (including conventional gas) in the North Perth Basin.

Start of interview

1. Introduce yourself and the research.
2. Describe purpose of interview and give a broad overview of topics of discussion.
    - There are no right or wrong answers
    - You don't need to have any specific technical knowledge, we are just interested in your opinions.
    - Ask if participants if they have had the opportunity to read the information sheet
    - Do you have any questions before you start?
    - Are you happy for me to start recording?

Start recording

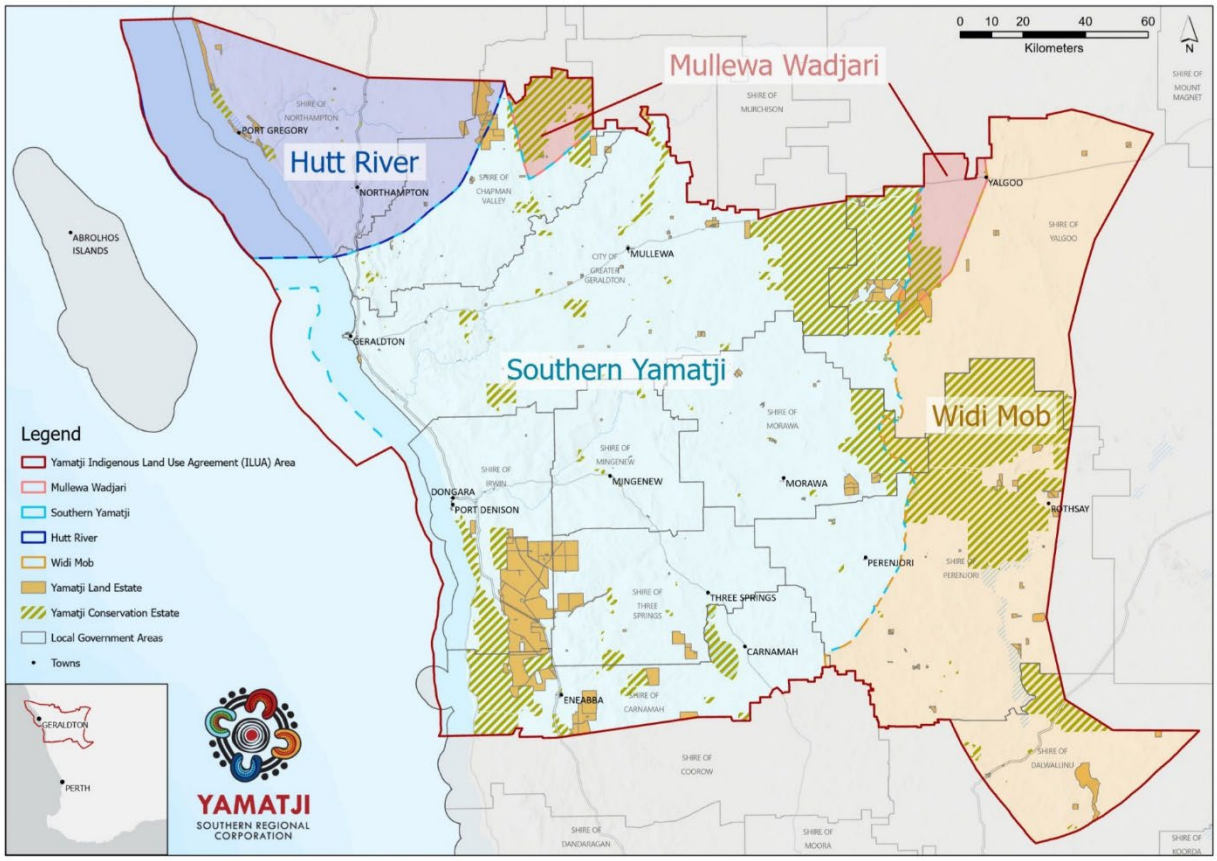
Can I confirm that you consent to participating in this interview?

Questions

1. Ask participant to say a little about themselves and their relationship to the town/region?
2. How would you describe your awareness or involvement with energy developments (gas or otherwise) in the region?
3. If so, what is your experience of these projects? For example, perceived impacts, risks, benefits, fairness, etc.
4. If not, what are your views on energy development in the region and the broader energy transition?
5. What do you think contributes to community wellbeing in your community/area?
6. How would you describe the level of community wellbeing in your community?
7. How would you describe your or your community's, relationship with energy companies (for example, trust)?

Appendix 5: Focus group thematic coding analysis (NVivo)

Theme	Number of focus Groups	Prevalence	Description
Community cohesion	7	24	Discussions about what contributes to community wellbeing, and what doesn't
Housing	9	34	Housing affordability and availability
Healthcare	9	18	Concerns about limited access to healthcare and specialists in the region.
Local economy	9	30	Companies rarely seen as contributing to the local economy.
Regional & community benefits	12	81	Issues relating to regional and community benefits. Majority of people felt that the benefits from resource extraction needs to flow to the broader community and not be tokenistic.
Services & infrastructure	12	28	Services and infrastructure generally seen as lacking in the region.
Employment & training	9	29	Employment and mining camps consistently discussed.
Mining camps	8	36	Discussions about mining camps not contributing to the local economy.
Gas exploration & production	10	35	Discussions about the gas industry.
Information & consultation	12	132	Discussion about where people get information and lack of information/consultation
Involvement in decisions	10	60	Feelings of having no say in developments in the region. Sense that private enterprise makes decisions, not the local or state government.
Planning (development decisions)	7	29	Discussions about development applications at local level and sense of powerlessness with state developments.
Oakajee	7	28	Consistent discussion about Oakajee in Geraldton. People are tired of the project and do not believe it will happen or have any benefit for the region.
Household solar, batteries & EVs	9	28	Consistent discussion about household solar, batteries and EVs.

Wind	11	58	Wind was visible and frequently discussed. Mixed views on the merits.
Transparency & trust	11	48	Significant levels of distrust and a sense of a lack of transparency from both industry and government across the board.
Views on energy transition & climate change	8	33	Concerns about continual focus on gas. Most in agreement that climate change is an issue.
Reliability (electricity)	9	30	Consistent discussion about unreliable electricity in the region.
Roads	7	23	Roads were a consistent concern with the regions from heavy vehicles. Felt that communities were carrying the cost. Also, safety concerns with trucks on roads.

Appendix 6: Yamatji Southern Region Corporation Indigenous Land Use Agreement Map