



Australian Government

**Department of Resources
Energy and Tourism**

Enhancing Australia's energy security

The Australian Government has introduced *Enhancing Australia's Futures Energy Security* to provide strategic approaches to the nation's energy security.

The initiative will deliver integrated, strategic policy advice on energy security, from physical infrastructure security and energy supply chain resilience to medium term economic consideration of the adequacy, reliability and affordability of domestic energy.

Funding will be provided to:

- Meet the Commonwealth's contribution to the expenses for COAG's energy market reform agenda under the Ministerial Council on Energy (MCE). The reform agenda covers governance and institutions, economic regulation, electricity transmission, user participation and gas market development.
- Fund in 2009-10 a simulation exercise to test and improve liquid fuel emergency response procedures. This is in accordance with the Commonwealth's obligations under the National Liquid Fuel Emergency Response Plan.
- Support a comprehensive and strategic approach to Australia's energy security and inform government decision making across the sector. This will ensure that all tiers of government work together and address these issues of national importance.