

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**  
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**Division/Agency:** Australian Competition and Consumer Commission  
**Question No:** 96  
**Topic:** LNG Exports - Impact of Export Facilities  
**Reference:** Written  
**Senator:** Whish-Wilson, Peter

**Question:**

Prior to the approval and commissioning of LNG export facilities at Gladstone, Queensland, did the ACCC or other government agency conduct or commission any analysis of how LNG exports would affect:

- a. East coast gas prices?
- b. Industries that use gas as a major input?
- c. Household prices for gas?

If yes to any, please provide.

**Answer:**

The ACCC began its inquiry into the east coast gas market in April 2015, after the approval of liquefied natural gas (LNG) export facilities at Gladstone. Commissioning (taken to be first loading of LNG) at the LNG export facilities occurred over a period from December 2014 to October 2016 for the various facilities.

- a. The effect on east coast gas prices is discussed in the Executive Summary and Chapters 1 and 2 of the ACCC's report: "Inquiry into the east coast gas market", April 2016, available <http://www.accc.gov.au/regulated-infrastructure/energy/east-coast-gas-inquiry-2015>.
- b. The effect on industrial users is discussed in Chapter 1 of the "Inquiry into the east coast gas market" report. The ACCC also commissioned a report in 2009 about the Gorgon Gas Project Joint Venture which discusses industrial users, available <http://registers.accc.gov.au/content/index.phtml/itemId/873291/fromItemId/401858/display/acccCorrespondence> under "Gorgon Gas Project Final Report - 24.07.09".
- c. The effect on household prices is discussed on pages 2, 18 and 65 of the report "Inquiry into the east coast gas market", April 2016.

The ACCC is not in a position to confirm what analysis has been done by other agencies.