

# Media Release

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## **DAVID SOUTHWICK MP**

Shadow Minister for Innovation

Shadow Minister for Energy and Resources

Shadow Minister for Renewables

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### **Daniel Andrews in denial over onshore gas**

Victorian gas prices continue to surge because Daniel Andrews is stopping Victorians accessing our natural gas reserves.

The ACCC has warned Daniel Andrews of the impending shortages and price spikes in a recent report, yet Daniel Andrews continues his ideological ban on Victorians accessing more gas supplies.

Unless Daniel Andrews overturns his ban on conventional onshore gas, Victorian families and households will be paying more than ever for energy and our industry will face "impossible" operating conditions.

The Liberal Nationals will end the ban on conventional gas exploration in Victoria while maintaining the current ban on fracking.

Only Matthew Guy and the Liberal Nationals have a plan to tackle our soaring energy prices.

#### **Comments attributable to Shadow Minister for Energy and Resources, David Southwick MP:**

"Daniel Andrews is standing in the way of Victorians accessing more of our natural gas reserves.

"All Daniel Andrews seems to be able to do is stomp his feet and blame others while Victorians face record gas prices this winter.

"Only the Liberal Nationals have a plan to tackle our gas shortages."

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