

**Submission  
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## **DOWNSTREAM GAS SUPPLY AND AVAILABILITY IN NSW**

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Dear Sir,

We refer to the current enquiry, 'Downstream gas supply and availability in NSW'.

We wish to draw your attention to the following:

1. The town of Crookwell is the largest town in Upper Lachlan Shire.
2. Upper Lachlan Shire residents have an average age of 46 years (NSW 38 years) and income of \$492 (NSW \$561). The fastest growing age groups are those over 60 years.
3. Crookwell mean winter temperatures are (degrees C) 0.6 minimum, and 10.3 maximum.

The above indicates the need in Crookwell for a reliable energy source for heating at a price competitive with that typically available elsewhere in Australia.

Energy costs available in Crookwell are:

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| 1. Electricity standard rate | 11.5 MegaJoules per dollar |
| 2. LPG                       | 22.5 MegaJoules per dollar |

In Goulburn (40 kilometres from Crookwell)

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| 3. Natural gas | 38 MegaJoules per dollar |
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Wood heating is not included as it is beset by variable and low burning efficiency and undesirable particulate emissions.

We request that in view of the above, and the proximity of the Goulburn natural gas main, you give consideration to the supply of natural gas to the town of Crookwell.

Yours sincerely,

N.J. & J.E. Rutherford

