

#### ASX ANNOUNCEMENT (ASX:LCK) Thursday, 19 August 2021



Leigh Creek Energy is fully committed to its target of being Carbon neutral from 2022 as a part of its Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) strategy.

LCK's GM Sustainability and COO will present LCK's plan to the 2022 Australian Carbon Capture Utilisation and Storage conference.

This includes updates on the 2022 Carbon Neutral programme and independent reports supporting the commercial feasibility of the LCK CCUS plans.

The presentation is attached.

The Board of Leigh Creek Energy Limited authorised this announcement to be given to the ASX.

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#### About the Leigh Creek Energy Project

The Leigh Creek Energy Project (LCEP) is Leigh Creek Energy's (ASX:LCK) flagship project, developing low-cost nitrogen-based fertiliser for local and export agriculture markets. Located in South Australia, 550 kilometres north of Adelaide, the LCEP will initially produce 1Mtpa (with potential to increase to 2Mtpa) of zero carbon urea.

The \$2.6 billion LCEP will be one of the biggest infrastructure projects of its type in Australia, providing long term economic development and employment opportunities for the communities of the Upper Spencer Gulf region, northern Flinders Ranges and South Australia.

The LCEP will be the only fully integrated urea production facility in Australia, with all inputs for low carbon urea production on-site. Forecast operating cost is within the lowest cost quartile of the global urea production cost curve. Pre-tax leveraged Net Present Value (NPV) is A\$3.4 billion, with an Internal Rate of Return (IRR) of 30%.

LCK has a comprehensive environment, social and governance strategy. It has produced syngas within all approved environmental parameters set by the regulator and will be carbon neutral by 2022.

# LEIGH CREEK ENERGY

A culture of carbon consciousness through CCUS





2022 Carbon neutral

by design

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# Leigh Creek Energy & CCUS



Leigh Creek Energy Project at a glance

The Carbon Neutral Program

The Geology

The Technology - CCUS

We begin today by acknowledging the Adnyamathanha people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we work on, and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.





# Leigh Creek Energy Project at a glance



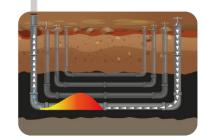


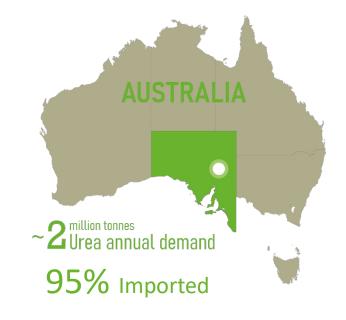


**Urea** world's most commonly used fertiliser



ISG





#### **BENEFITS**

- Competitive price
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- Australian jobs



# Leigh Creek Energy Project



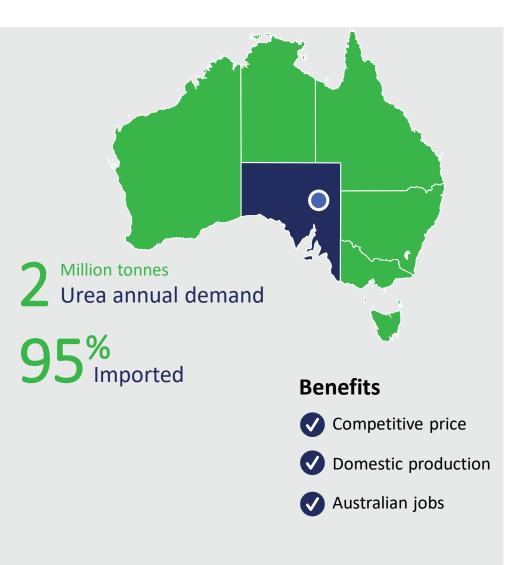
The Leigh Creek Energy Project(LCEP) will initially produce 1Mtpa of urea from a dedicated facility at a low cash cost using syngas sourced from its wholly owned resources

Of the 2 million tonnes of urea used in Australia each year, 95% is imported from the Middle East and Asia

Urea produced in Australian will avoid the risks and costs associated with transport, exchange rates, commodity prices and import logistics

LCEP plans to send granular urea by rail to domesticmarkets

Excess urea produced outside of the main demand seasons in Australia will be exported overseas



Source: Fertiliser Australia https://www.fertilizer.org.au/Fertilizer-Industry/Australian-Fertilizer-Market

# Economic advantages of In Situ Gasification (ISG)



- More economic than coal mining with no capital intensive infrastructure.
- Main advantage is the ability to utilize uneconomical coal deposits (>500m depth and low rank coals).
- 80% of the world's coal deposits are uneconomic to mine.
- Most countries have coal deposits (economical and uneconomical), but no gas reserves. This allows most countries to produce their own gas using ISG.
- Producing gas allows these countries to improve their economies without the impact of coal mining.
- Syngas is used as a feedstock by those industries that convert natural gas to syngas.

#### 2019 Demonstration Site





# Environmental benefits of ISG



- ISG has a much smaller ground surface disturbance footprint than conventional coal mining
- Minimal dust and noise generated by ISG activities compared to coal mining
- ISG infrastructure can be located away from environmentally sensitive area
- ISG does not require solid waste handling and disposal facilities (Overburden dumps, ash dumps and tailings dams)
- ISG does not require dewatering of the coal seams and uses far less water than coal mining
- The GHG emissions from the syngas can be easily separated out and captured
- ISG has far less greenhouse gas emissions than conventional coal mining for power generation

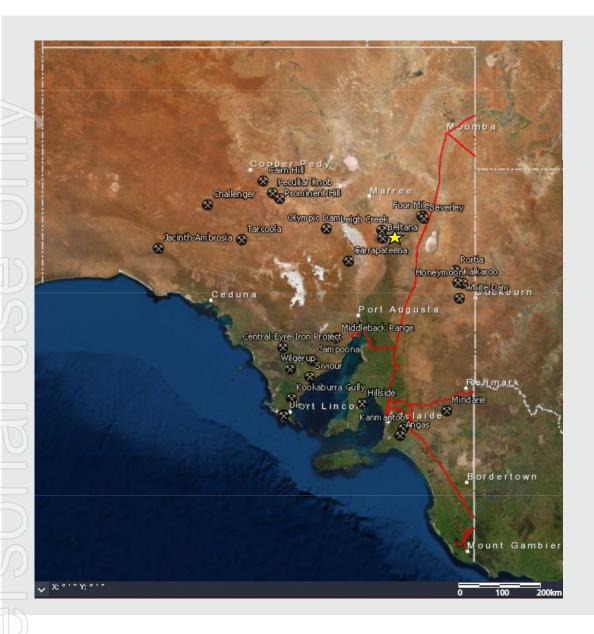
#### LCEP proven track record

- The PCD was successfully operated in accordance with the approved Environmental Impact Report and Statement of Environmental Objectives
- The regulator confirmed the PCD was safely operated and fulfilled all environmental and safety compliance requirements
- PPL was awarded in November 2020, this was the final petroleum licensing for upstream development



# **Project History**





- Located 550 kms North of Adelaide
- Using uneconomic deep coal from a 60-year-old coal mine, which was closed in late 2015
- Has all existing infrastructure from previous coal mining operations (town, airport, main road, railway, power, water)
- 300mt of deep coal remaining suitable for ISG
- Resource is contained within a closed basin (7km x4km) with 3 coal seams

# LCEP Urea Manufacturing Process



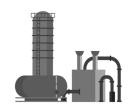
Urea is manufactured for distribution to market using a three-step process

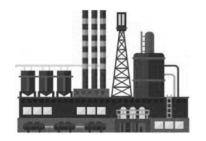
#### 1. Gas Processing

#### 2. Ammonia Synthesis

#### 3. Urea Production











Syngas produced on-site is fed into a gas processing facility

The resulting H<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub> are fed into an ammonia plant where they are converted into liquid Ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>)

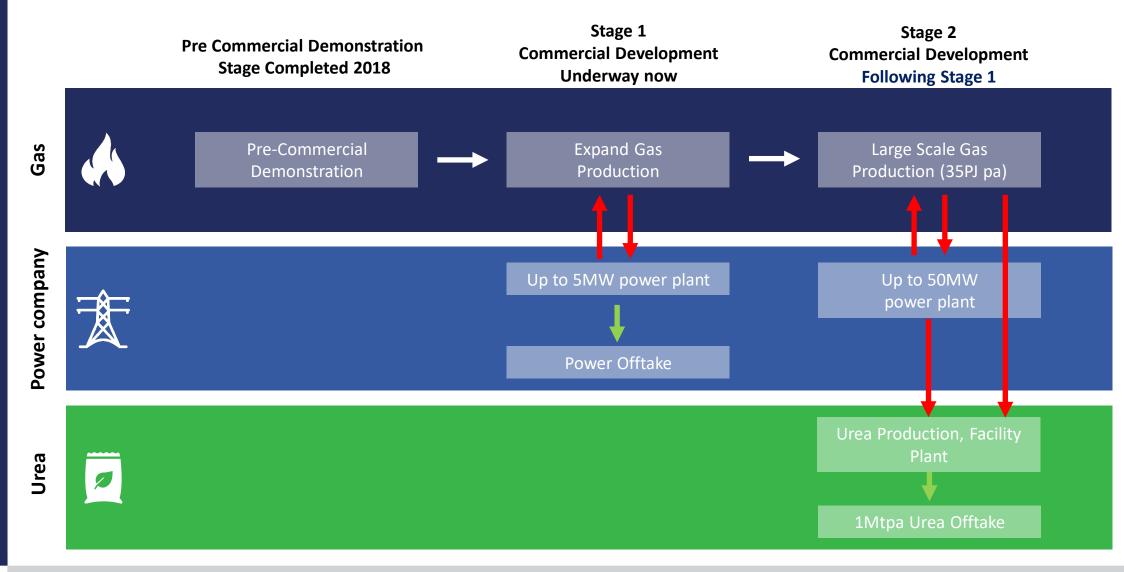
The  $NH_3$  is fed into a urea plant where  $NH_3$  and  $CO_2$  are combined to form Urea ( $CH_4N_2O$ )

- Approximately 75% of the CO<sub>2</sub> will be utilised during this process Granular urea is shipped or trucked in bulk and buyers may blend it, as required, for agricultural use



# Commercial Development Pathway









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# Our Commitment to Sustainability



ESG processes were established in 2018 and have continued to evolve



- Commitment to be carbon neutral by 2022
- Carbon capture and underground storage plan
- Zero emissions (water and chemical)
- Macro and micro "Going Green initiatives"



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- Continue outstanding safety record
- Maintain positive, enduring stakeholder relationships
- Community education and sponsorship programmes
- Staff mental health initiatives
- Develop ethical supply chains



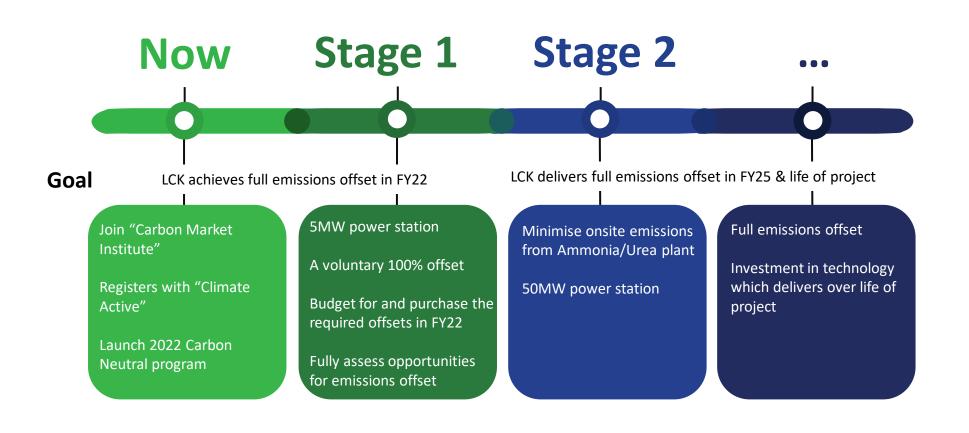
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- Abide by United Nations Global Compact standards
- Adhere to strategic framework
- Continue strict regulatory compliance
- Develop sustainability reporting
- Report through TCFD measures





# **LCK Carbon Neutral Pathway**





# Now



GOAL: LCK set Carbon Neutral targets

#### PATHWAY FROM NOW

LEIGH CREEK accepted as a supporter of United National Global Compact (UNGC)
LEIGH CREEK JOINS INDUSTRY PEAK BODY "CARBON MARKET INSTITUTE"

- Access and affiliation with a market leading peer group developers, aggregators, traders, "market makers"
- Access to carbon farming project developers and sellers of ACCUs

#### LEIGH CREEK REGISTERS WITH "CLIMATE ACTIVE"

with the aim of being independently accredited as a carbon neutral business in FY22

- Registration with Climate Active
- Assessment of LCKs existing/planned Scope 1, 2 and controllable scope 3 emissions
- Include emissions from the Commercial Stage 1 5 MW power station, commencing in first half of 2022

LEIGH CREEK establishes governance and uses accredited resources to set up LCK emissions reporting through TCFD reporting measures.





GOAL:
LCK achieves full
emissions offset
in FY22

# FROM NOW TO STAGE 1 COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT – 5MW POWER STATION

#### **MEASURE AND RECORD EMISSIONS**

with operations commencing in first half of 2022

#### **5MW POWER STATION**

- Assess expected operations and emissions
- Will have the capacity to generate up to 43,800 MWh electricity per year and
- Will produce a forecast 65,000 tonnes CO2e per year

#### A VOLUNTARY 100% OFFSET

will cost LCK circa \$1.09-1.4M in LGCs or ACCUs

#### **FULLY ASSESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR EMISSIONS OFFSET**

including hybrid and renewable electricity generation options during front end engineering and design phase



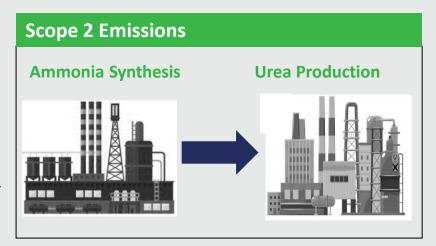
# Stage 2



# STAGE 2 COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT – AMMONIA/UREA PLANT

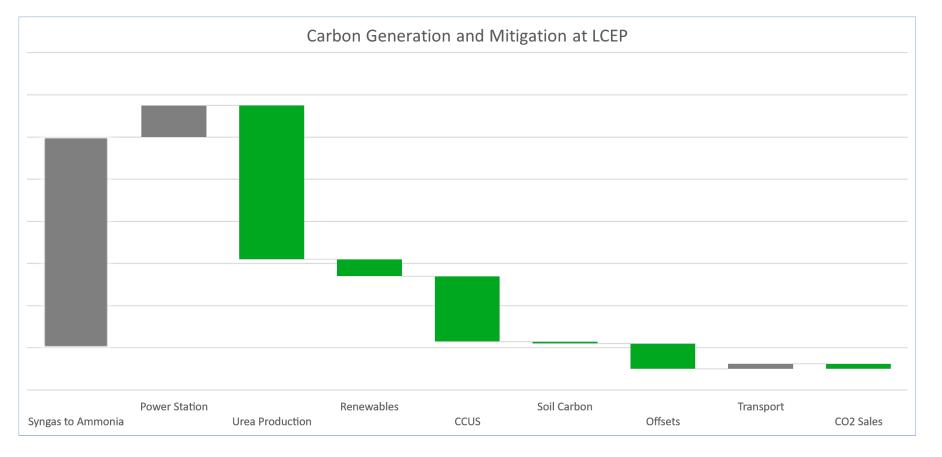
# FEED DRIVES LCEP OPPORTUNITIES TO MINIMISE ONSITE EMISSIONS FROM AMMONIA/UREA PLANT

- Exhaust captured from the estimated 50MW power station reduces CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and provides feedstock to urea production
- Urea production will utilise approximately 75% of the produced CO<sub>2</sub>
- On-site Carbon Capture and Storage commences
- Renewable energy offset integration as part of operation continues
- Carbon farming and future work development of arid lands through revegetation to complement CO<sub>2</sub> offset.
- Technology and engineering innovation





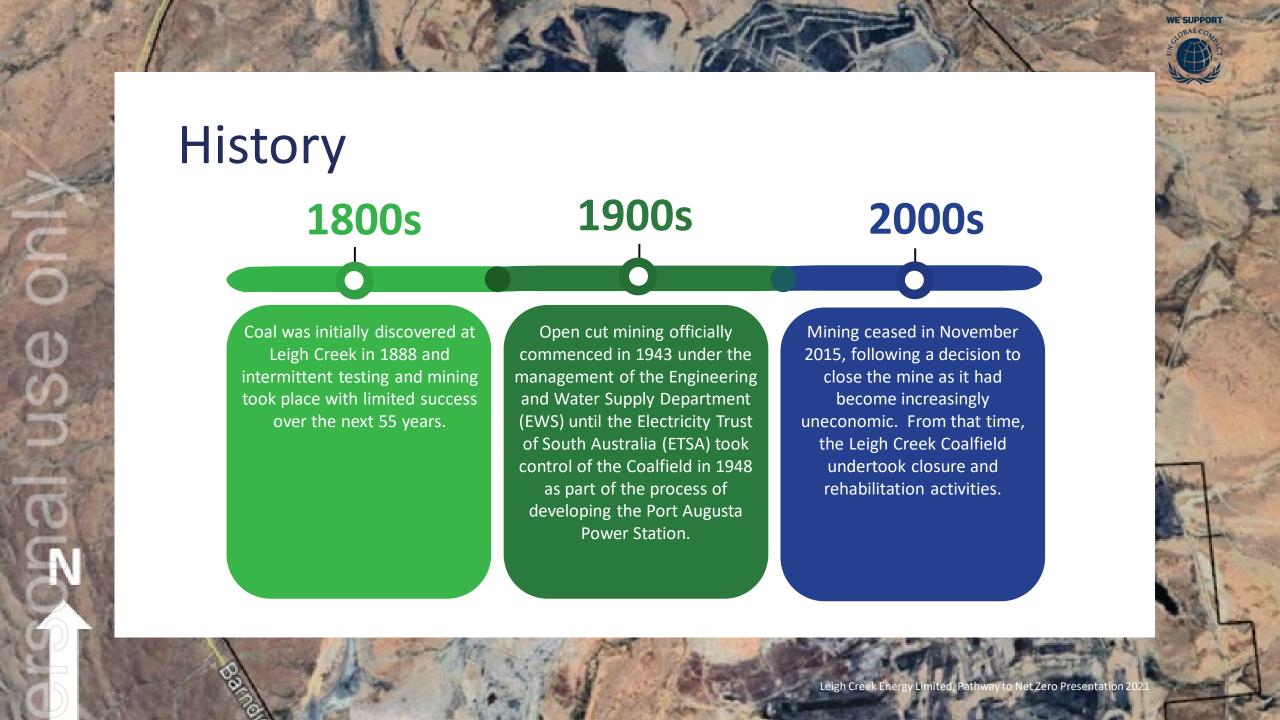
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# The Age



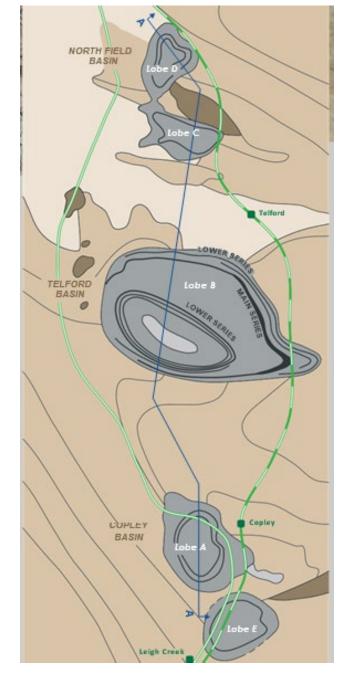
- The Leigh Creek Coal measures and associated mudstones located in the Telford Basin were deposited between 240 and 150 million years ago during the Triassic and Jurassic periods.
- They were deposited directly on top of a group of rocks referred to as the Adelaidean meta-sediments (Adelaidean Basement) of the Adelaide Geosyncline rock province.
- The underlying Adelaidean Basement is Neoproterozoic in age, meaning that they were deposited between 700 and 540 million years ago.
- Since the rocks of the Telford Basin have a low hydraulic conductivity, this ensures that these rocks act as a barrier to water and gas flow.
   In effect the rocks within the Telford Basin are a very thick aquitard.
- It is anticipated that historically most of the regional groundwater would have flowed around and beneath the Telford Basin, rather than through it, which means the Telford Basin plays a very small role in the regional groundwater flow patterns.

#### Geology of the Telford Basin GRAPHIC LOG. TELEGRID BASIN. OF DEPOSITION Thickness stone (m) GUATERMARY Allowial plain growel, sand, slit and clay, including Telfand financi. light to dark grey, sitty mudetone, elitetane and sandstone. Lapustrine and flood-plain. deposits with prevaces uplay sandstone and siltstone. Four resion upword-fining: requences deposited in braided and meandering floatel. environments, fondstone ditemps and madesons. UPPER SERIES COAL dual assums interhedded with light grey, sifty mudictanes and pronge to become, sifty quarts. canditiones in places. Read-plain peat average and lake deposits. back grey musictones with interbedded red-brown to grey dideritic floord book. Lacustrine describs MAIN STRIPS MOAIL Cool and some mudetone interbeditirey, sitty madetone interbedded with med-brown to gree, sifty, side-sitic 'hard boss.' Pare bennes, u orange to brown, very time granted Speci-plain and facustrine deposits. dual with dark grey, sifty. gradatione partings overlying a inadotone sequence with some difference, mandature and provelle dandstone. Lacustrine and flood-plain deposits with arecase splay conditione and officione.

# The Geology

- Leigh Creek Energy's in situ gasification (ISG) demonstration project sits within the Telford Basin of the Leigh Creek Coalfield
- The Leigh Creek area is home to five coal bearing basins, with the Telford Basin also being referred to as Lobe B
- The Telford Basin's geology is unique to the area and has played a major role in shaping the history of South Australia and the townships of Leigh Creek and Copley
- The Leigh Creek Coal Measures within the Telford Basin are a result of three depositional phases beginning in the Late Triassic and concluding in the Middle Jurassic periods, sometime between 164– 237 million years ago
- The project is located 100 kilometres from the Great Artesian Basin.











# LCK – Storage technology and mechanisms

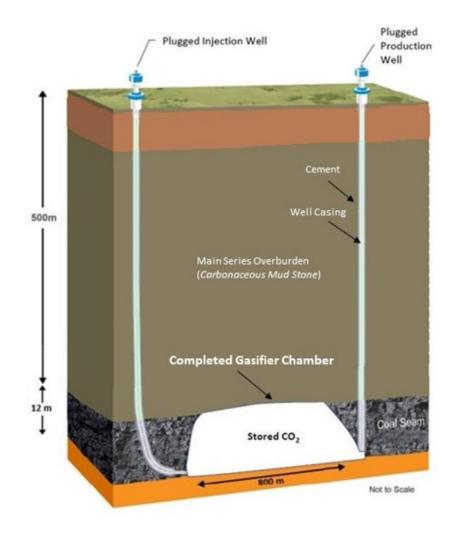
**Carbon Capture, Utilisation and Storage (CCUS)** 

For CCUS there are three main types of geological formations that have received extensive consideration for the geological storage of CO2:

- Oil and gas reservoirs,
- Deep saline formations and
- Coal that is uneconomical to mine

# In-situ gasification





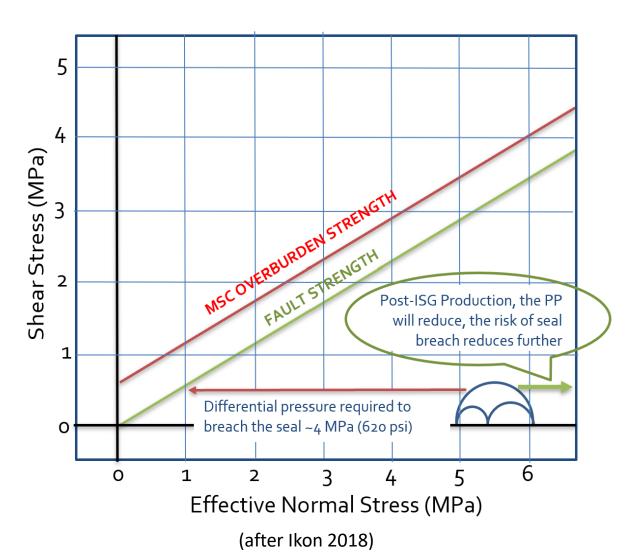
- Underground Coal Gasification (UCG) or In-situ
   Gasification (ISG) is a process that converts in-situ coal
   from a solid into synthesis gas (syngas)
- Directional drilling used for inlet/outlet
- The coal is heated, and an oxidant is fed down the inlet well, to feed the reaction
- The chamber grows until the chamber size and temperature is enough to start the chemical reaction
- The resulting syngas is extracted via the outlet well
- The syngas composition can be varied, based on pressures and water content



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# Preliminary Geological Studies (for CO<sub>2</sub> injection)





An independent geological study of the Telford Basin has found:

 Post-ISG, the pore pressure of the reservoir will reduce, which has the effect of increasing the capacity for CO<sub>2</sub> injection.



# Preliminary Geological Studies (for CO<sub>2</sub> injection)



#### Fluid/gas sealing potential of Telford Basin rocks

Depositional Environment	%Clay	%Silt	Abundant Accessory Mineral	Sonic (micro.se c/ft)	Bulk Density	Gamma Ray	Resistivity	Seal Quality	Data Source
Low energy, Distal, Hemiplagic	72.30%	21.90%	Siderite &/or Pyrite	105.6 ↓	2.61个	4.1	0.7 (unit unknown)	Excellent	Harrison 2010
Low energy, floodplain, peat swamp	Dark grey - black carbonaceous mudstones described	minor silt	Siderite		2.65 - 3.0个	90-100		Excellent	Playford 2A wireline log
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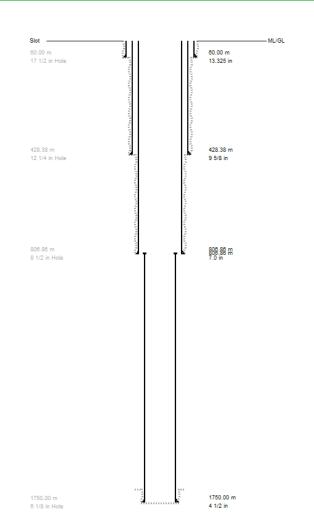
An analysis of the petrology and mineralogy of the rocks above the proposed gasifiers show that they have excellent sealing potential for fluids and gases.

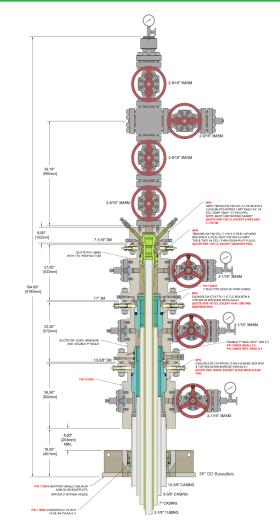


# Well Design (for CO<sub>2</sub> injection)



- The design of the ISG wells includes a metallurgical selection of the steel casing materials, cement mixture and well head materials.
- This ensures that ISG wells can be utilized as CO<sub>2</sub> injection wells, without any deteriorating effects on the materials used in their construction.
- The pressure rating on all system designs is 3,000 psi (20 Mpa)



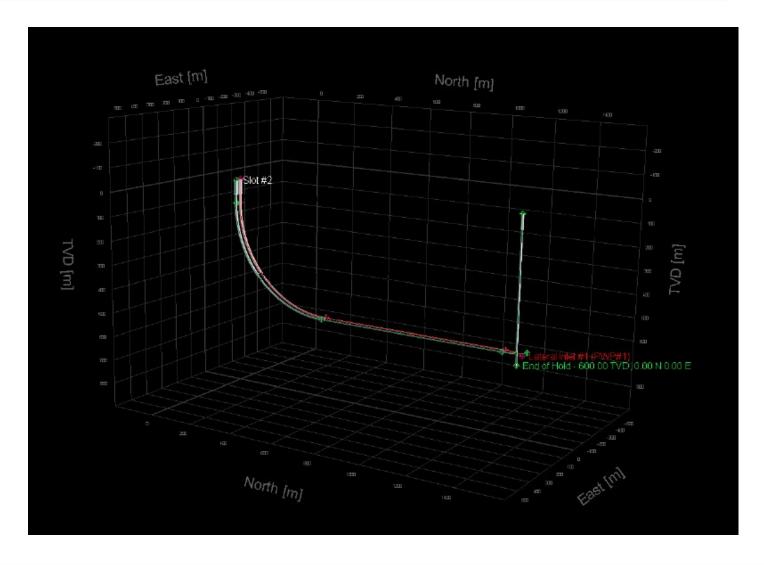




# Well Design (for CO2 injection)



- The well design for the ISG wells (and subsequent CO<sub>2</sub> wells) is shown on the right, with the cased sections of the wells in white.
- The red and green sections are the parts of the wells that are within the coal seam and will be gasified. These are the sections that will become the CO<sub>2</sub> storage areas.





Source: InGuage July 2021 technical report

# 2022 Carbon Neutral by design

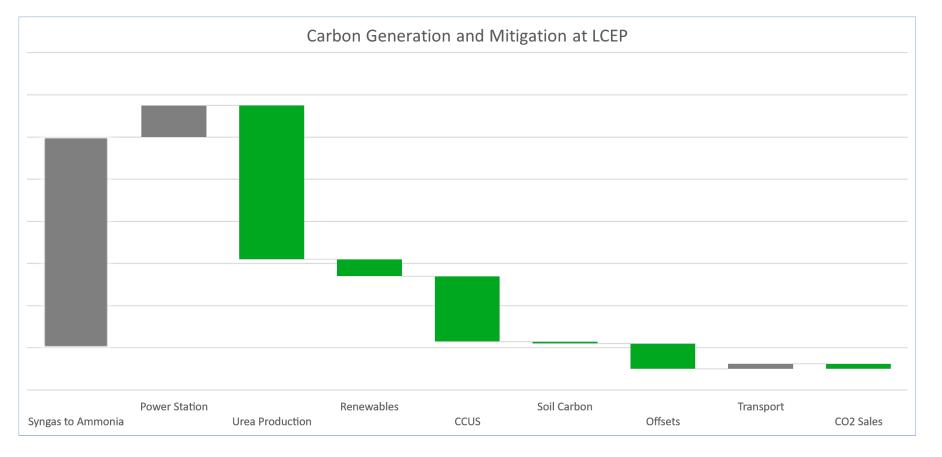


- CCUS is feasible and is proceeding at LCEP
- Geologically stable province using proven engineering technology to capture and store CO<sub>2</sub>
- No requirement to transport CO<sub>2</sub> for storage, insitu process allows for cost-effective method
- Urea production utilises approximately 75% of the CO<sub>2</sub> during the process reducing emission for capture
- ISG allows LCK to utilise the coal resource in a cleaner, more sustainable way well into the future
- Australian agriculture, import replacement, reducing the carbon footprint of Australian agriculture
- Long life, 30 years plus underpinned by globally competitive production economics with a feedstock cost of \$1/GJ, globally competitive plant
- This project will create long term Australian jobs





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