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**Rick Wilkinson**

**Chief Executive Officer**

Rick Wilkinson, was previously EnergyQuest's Head of Consulting. Rick is well-known to many of our clients as the lead author of the annual East Coast Gas Outlook report, as well as many major consulting studies.

Rick has more than 36 years of experience in the oil and gas industry. He has held senior positions in the areas of project management, commercial negotiation, LNG contracting, gas wholesaling and retailing, as well as technical field engineering.

Prior to joining EnergyQuest, he held senior roles at APPEA, the peak upstream petroleum industry association from 2011 to 2016, where he was the Chief Technical Officer and Chief Operating Officer – Eastern Region. His expertise covers policy strategy, regulatory development and technical liaison.

Rick has held various positions with Santos over 14 years, including Vice-President Commercial, and President GLNG and Queensland where he oversaw the initiation, and definition for final investment of the \$16+ Billion CSG to LNG project.

He was appointed a Gas Fields Commissioner by the Queensland Government from 2012 until 2019. The Commission is an independent statutory body formed to manage and improve sustainable coexistence among rural landholders, regional communities and the onshore gas industry. This gives Rick unique insights into managing the interfaces between communities, industry and government.

Rick was also Group Manager Energy Retail for Australasia's largest gas retailer. He was accountable for managing 1.4 million gas customers, sales and marketing.

He has been an Associate with management consultants, McKinsey & Co., and held various managerial and engineering positions with Schlumberger (SLB) in Iran, Iraq, Egypt, Sudan and the USA.

Rick is an Adjunct Professor at the University of Queensland Centre for Natural Gas, and a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (FAICD).

He has a first class honours science degree majoring in nuclear physics at Melbourne University, and studied geology and petroleum engineering at Master's levels.

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