



**Rick Wilkinson**

**Head of Consulting**

Rick Wilkinson has more than 30 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.

He joined APPEA, the peak upstream petroleum industry association in 2010 where he has held positions as Chief Technical Officer and Chief Operating Officer – Eastern Region. His expertise covers policy strategy, regulatory development and technical liaison.

Prior to these roles, he held various positions with Santos over 16 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 in 2012. 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 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 in Iran, Iraq, Egypt, Sudan and the USA.

Rick is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

He has a first class honours science degree majoring in nuclear physics at Melbourne University, and studied geology and petroleum engineering at post-graduate levels.

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