

Surat Basin

The Catalysts

Vital to major coal mines, coal seam water and the Nathan Dam appear to be the solutions. The Nathan Dam could be completed by 2011, in line with other infrastructure projects.

Rail: The Surat Basin Rail Joint Venture was awarded by the Queensland Government in July 2007 to develop rail link through the Surat Coal Basin from Toowoomba and Gladstone. Once completed in 2011, it will open the Surat Basin up to the world.

Stage one of the Wiggins Island Coal Terminal should be finished by 2011-12, allowing up to 75 million tonnes of coal to be exported around the world. Stage two will increase its capacity to in excess of 120 million tonnes.

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The recent start-up of the \$1.5 billion Millmerran power station with supporting mines already planned to expand, is an additional factor in driving the economic development of the region.

By 2011, the Surat Basin will be Australia's largest energy province. The 40 billion tonnes of untapped coal will be exported around the world, driving the economic prosperity of the region, state and nation for generations to come. Lifestyle mixed with its economic potential make the Surat Basin the first choice of investors and developers.

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