

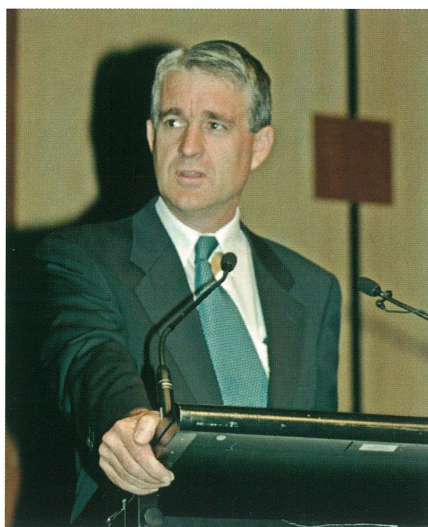
Former Deputy PM John Anderson New Eastern Star Gas Chair

Former Deputy Prime Minister, the Hon. John Anderson has accepted the position of Non-Executive Chairman at Eastern Star Gas (ESG).

Anderson will not contest the federal election and will assume this position when his representative duties as the Member for Gwyder cease following the calling of the election.

The politician retains a strong interest in regional Australia with a focus on rural issues and resource development, according to ESG. The company said that it was this interest in regional development that attracted Anderson to become Chairman of the ESG Board, whose main assets are in the electorate that he has represented for nearly 19 years.

Commenting on the appointment, Dennis Morton, ESG Managing Director, said, "John Anderson assuming the role of ESG Chairman



John Anderson, new Chairman of Eastern Star Gas.

is coincident with the transformation of the company from a natural gas explorer to a major gas developer with independent certification of natural gas reserves likely to be achieved by the end of September, 2007.

"John's appointment not only coincides with what will be a rapid growth phase for the company but it also complements the recent appointment of Peter Lansom and Ashley Edgar as senior executives."

ESG's main project is located in Petroleum Exploration Licence 238 between Narrabri and Gunnedah in New South Wales covering 9,100 km² of the Gunnedah Basin.

Anderson served as Deputy Prime Minister for six years, and a senior Cabinet Minister for nine and a half years. He was Minister for Primary Industries and Energy from 1996 to 1998. ■