

## Coal Seam Gas Outperforms Oil

**D**ATA released by APPEA shows the ongoing rise of coal seam gas production while oil output declines.

This report revealed 2008 CSG output was up 29.1% from 2007, while oil production fell 2%.

2008 production compared with 2007:

- Crude oil 168.4 MMbbl **↑** 2%
- LPG 26.4 million MMbbl **↓** 1.5%
- LNG 15.7 MMt **↑** 3.7%
- Domestic (sales) gas 917 Bcf **↑** 3.4%
- Coal seam gas 142.9 Bcf **↑** 39.1%

2008 production compared with 1998:

- Crude oil 168.4 MMbbl **↓** 14.8%
- LPG 26.4 MMbbl **↓** 1.5%
- LNG 15.7 MMt **↑** 109.3%
- Domestic (sales) gas 917 Bcf **↑** 41%

Comparing the 2008 data with figures recorded in 1998 shows sales gas production rising by more than 40% and LNG sales doubling. The growth of coal seam gas production (from 1.4 to 142.9 Bcf) has been dramatic over the period, and now represents over 13% of domestic gas supply in Australia. ■