

List of Morrison-era fossil fuel subsidies

This list compiles the announcements from the Morrison Government since September 2020 that include funding for the gas industry. It is not always clear exactly how much of the total will be available to the gas industry, but in most cases it appears to be a high proportion.

It also includes a number of funding announcements that appear to be largely designed to create a new market for gas – like the Middle Arm plastics and petrochemical hub.

There has been no public scrutiny or parliamentary transparency about the subsidies despite serious concerns about poor processes and conflicts of interest.

Date	Project/Announcement	Total	Reference
Sep-20	<i>Unlocking five key gas basins starting with the Beetaloo Basin in the NT and the North Bowen and Galilee Basin in Queensland</i>	\$28,300,000	https://www.pm.gov.au/media/gas-fired-recovery
Sep-20	<i>Set up the National Gas Infrastructure Plan to identify priority pipelines and critical infrastructure and to identify where the government will step in to fund projects.</i>	\$10,900,000	https://www.pm.gov.au/media/gas-fired-recovery
Sep-20	<i>CSIRO Gas Industry Social and Environmental Research Alliance</i>	\$13,700,000	https://www.pm.gov.au/media/gas-fired-recovery
Sep-20	<i>Beetaloo Basin Cooperative Drilling Grants Program, funding companies to frack gas wells.</i>	\$50,000,000	Budget, 2020-21, Budget Measures, Budget Paper 2, p 116.
Dec-20	<i>Northern Territory Gas Industry Roads Upgrades' to enable access to exploration areas.</i>	\$173,600,000	https://www.minister.industry.gov.au/ministers/pitt/media-releases/roads-investment-open-major-gas-project-northern-territory .
Apr-21	<i>\$275.5 million for 'clean hydrogen.'</i>	\$275,300,000	https://www.pm.gov.au/media/jobs-boost-new-emissions-reduction-projects .
Apr-21	<i>\$263.7 million for carbon capture and storage projects.</i>	\$263,700,000	https://www.pm.gov.au/media/jobs-boost-new-emissions-reduction-projects .
Apr-21	<i>\$565.8 million for low emissions international technology partnerships and initiatives by co-funding research and demonstration projects.</i>	\$565,800,000	https://www.pm.gov.au/media/cutting-emissions-and-creating-jobs-international-partnerships .
May-21	<i>\$38.7 million over 2 years for targeted support of critical gas infrastructure projects to alleviate the forecast gas supply shortfall.</i>	\$38,700,000	https://www.energy.gov.au/government-priorities/energy-markets/gas-markets
May-21	<i>\$3.5 million in 2021-22 to design a framework to facilitate Cth investment in critical gas infrastructure projects.</i>	\$3,500,000	https://www.energy.gov.au/government-priorities/energy-markets/gas-markets
May-21	<i>\$5.6 million to strengthen the Government's energy system planning framework by delivering a further NGIP in 2022.</i>	\$5,600,000	https://www.energy.gov.au/government-priorities/energy-markets/gas-markets

May-21	<i>\$4.6 million to develop initiatives that empower gas-reliant businesses to negotiate competitive contract outcomes, including developing a voluntary standardised contract framework.</i>	\$4,600,000	https://www.energy.gov.au/government-priorities/energy-markets/gas-markets
May-21	<i>\$6.2 million over three years to continue work to accelerate the development of the Wallumbilla Gas Supply Hub in Queensland.</i>	\$6,200,000	https://www.energy.gov.au/government-priorities/energy-markets/gas-markets
May-21	<i>Investment package to "Develop the North" focusing on "corridors of growth"– like the Beetaloo Basin to the Port of Darwin.</i>	\$111,000,000	https://www.industry.gov.au/news/investing-in-northern-australia-over-the-next-5-years
May-21	<i>\$15.7 million in 2021-22 to support gas industry field appraisal trials in the North Bowen and Galilee basins</i>	\$15,700,000	21-22 Budget paper 2, p 144 (pdf 156)
May-21	<i>\$2.2 million over three years to build the capacity of the Northern Land Council to facilitate land use agreements and drive economic opportunities in the Beetaloo sub basin</i>	\$2,200,000	21-22 Budget paper 2, p 144 (pdf 156)
May-21	<i>\$30 million over two years to support Australian Industrial Power to undertake early works on its Port Kembla Gas Power Station</i>	\$30,000,000	21-22 Budget paper 2, p140 (pdf 152)
May-21	<i>\$24.9 million over three years to support the development of "hydrogen ready" gas generation infrastructure</i>	\$24,900,000	21-22 Budget paper 2, p140 (pdf 152)
May-21	<i>\$600 million to Snowy Hydro for the Hunter Power Project gas fired power station at Kurri Kurri</i>	\$600,000,000	https://www.minister.industry.gov.au/ministers/taylor/media-releases/protecting-families-and-businesses-higher-energy-prices
Nov-21	<i>\$500 million for CCS through the CEFC</i>	\$500,000,000	https://www.minister.industry.gov.au/ministers/taylor/media-releases/billion-dollar-fund-drive-low-emissions-technology-investment
Sep-21	<i>\$20.7 million for North Bowen and Galilee Basins</i>	\$20,700,000	https://www.minister.industry.gov.au/ministers/pitt/media-releases/basin-plan-crack-nut-central-queensland
Nov-21	<i>\$60 million for Cooper and Adavale Basins</i>	\$60,900,000	https://www.minister.industry.gov.au/ministers/pitt/media-releases/cooper-and-adavale-basins-plan-provide-jobs-and-economic-boost
Feb-22	<i>\$19.4 million for Empire Energy Beetaloo fracking</i>	\$19,400,000	https://www.minister.industry.gov.au/ministers/pitt/media-releases/government-getting-job-gas-exploration
Mar-22	<i>\$7.5 million for Tamboran / Sweetpea Beetaloo fracking</i>	\$7,500,000	https://www.minister.industry.gov.au/ministers/pitt/media-releases/75m-grant-support-gas-

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Mar-22	<i>Future Gas Infrastructure Investment</i>	\$50,300,000	22-23 Budget Paper 2, p 125
Mar-22	<i>Darwin LNG for CCS and 'clean' hydrogen (aka blue hydrogen)</i>	\$300,000,000	22-23 Regional Budget Statement, p 195
Apr-22	<i>Support for the development of a plastics and petrochemicals industrial hub at Middle Arm in Darwin Harbour including port infrastructure (wharf and offloading facility) and dredging of the shipping channel.</i>	\$1,500,000,000	https://nationals.org.au/transforming-middle-arm-into-an-export-powerhouse/
Apr-22	<i>New logistics hubs at Alice Springs, Katherine and Tennant Ck</i>	\$440,000,000	https://nationals.org.au/transforming-middle-arm-into-an-export-powerhouse/
Apr-22	<i>Further develop Middle Arm plastics and petrochemical hub with rail and road network</i>	200,000,000	https://nationals.org.au/transforming-middle-arm-into-an-export-powerhouse/
Apr-22	<i>Upgrade and seal Tanami Road better connecting mining & resources</i>	110,000,000	https://nationals.org.au/transforming-middle-arm-into-an-export-powerhouse/

