

## Beach wins PACE Gas grant to drill second South East conventional gas well

Beach Energy will drill a second conventional gas exploration well in the Otway Basin with support of the South Australian Government's Plan for Accelerating Exploration (PACE) gas grant scheme.

The PEL 494 joint venture (Beach 70% and operator and Cooper Energy Limited 30%) has received a \$6.89 million grant to drill the Dombey well.

Beach was also successful in another application with its joint venture partner Santos in the Cooper Basin. \$6.89 million was granted for a project to deploy a heat-energy recovery system to offset natural gas used to run the Moomba petroleum processing plant.

The Dombey well will be drilled around 20 km west from Penola, following the establishment of a land access agreement with the landholder. Beach will advise of the well location once agreement with any landholder has been reached.

The well will target gas in the Pretty Hill Formation. Like Haselgrove-3, this is also a conventional gas well and will not be fracture stimulated.

Chief Executive Officer Matt Kay said Beach will continue to engage with the local community through the duration of the drilling program and beyond.

"We are very excited to continue our activity in the South East. We have received a warm welcome from the Penola community and beyond and for that we are truly thankful," Mr Kay said.

"We want to continue our strong track record of working with the community and our full-time representative in the Southeast, Glenn Toogood, is here to engage and answers any questions people might have."

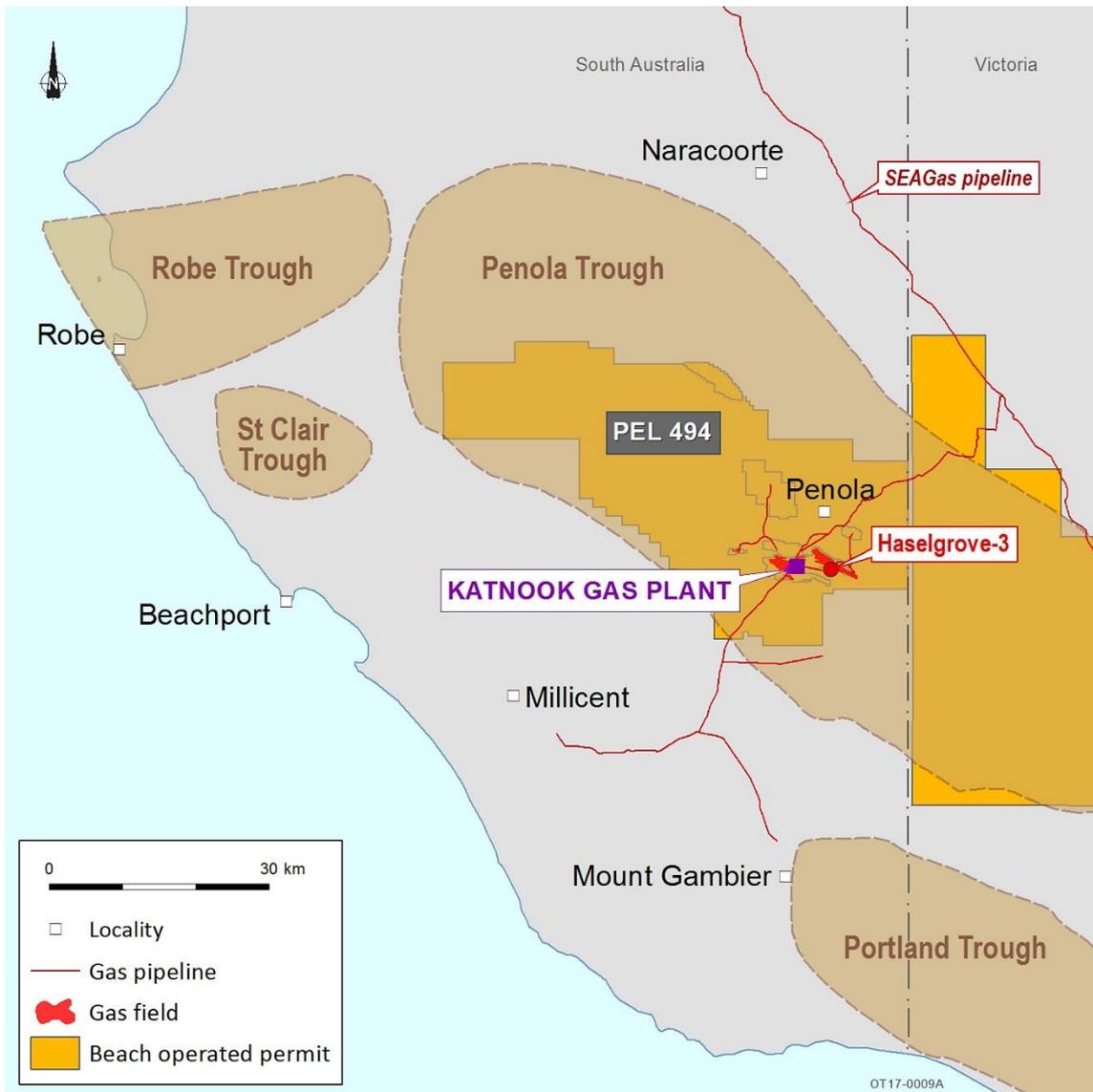
"We are also pleased to once again to receive support from the South Australian Government to explore for gas in the onshore Otway Basin. This support is crucial in helping identify and develop new gas resources for South Australia."

Beach will again hold community information sessions with dates and locations to be advised closer to the campaign commencing.

Much like the Haselgrove-3 well, this conventional well will aim to bring new gas to the market within three years.

It is hoped the project will eventually supply gas to local businesses, and broader residential and industrial markets.

Beach has completed drilling the Haselgrove-3 well near Penola and that well is being prepared for further evaluation.



**The Dombey well will be located in PEL 494**