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Australian LNG exports have increased significantly since the gradual start-up of Queensland's first three LNG plants in 2015, but what is good news for neighbouring Asian LNG importers is proving a major headache for domestic consumers. The export projects at Gladstone, Queensland have been collectively dubbed a "huge vacuum cleaner", sucking the Australian East Coast dry and leaving local gas consumers empty-handed. These fears, though perhaps extreme, are being compounded by the expectation that LNG exports will ultimately make gas unaffordable for Australia's East Coast industry. Gas Matters examines whether such fears are justified.

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