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An inquiry into the Territory's future energy needs has been told any requests for domestic gas reservations should be rejected.

The Committee on the Northern Territory's Energy Future has today begun an inquiry into the challenges and opportunities of with meeting the Northern Territory's future energy needs.

The Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association has told the inquiry the Territory has a large shale gas supply but the cost of doing business could prevent companies from exploring.

Stedman Ellis from A-P-P-E-A says the NT Build scheme - which provides long service leave for construction workers - should also be abandoned.

CART: Calls for market interventions such as domestic gas reservation muht continue to be firmly rehected. IOther policies reducing cost competitiveness, must also be addressed, this includes the NT Builds scheme.

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