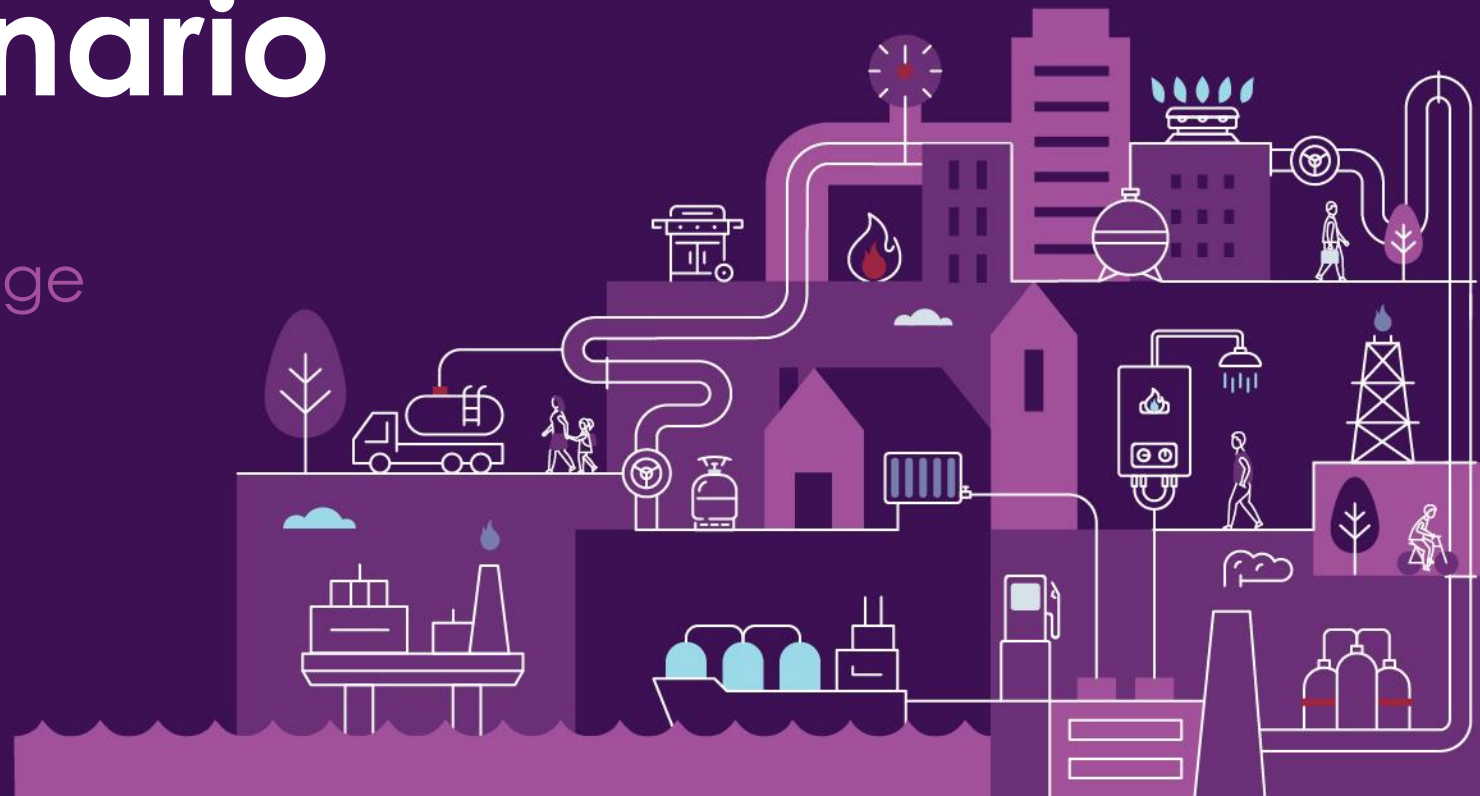


# Transmission and markets scenario

Unplanned production outage



# The AEMO Gas Control Room

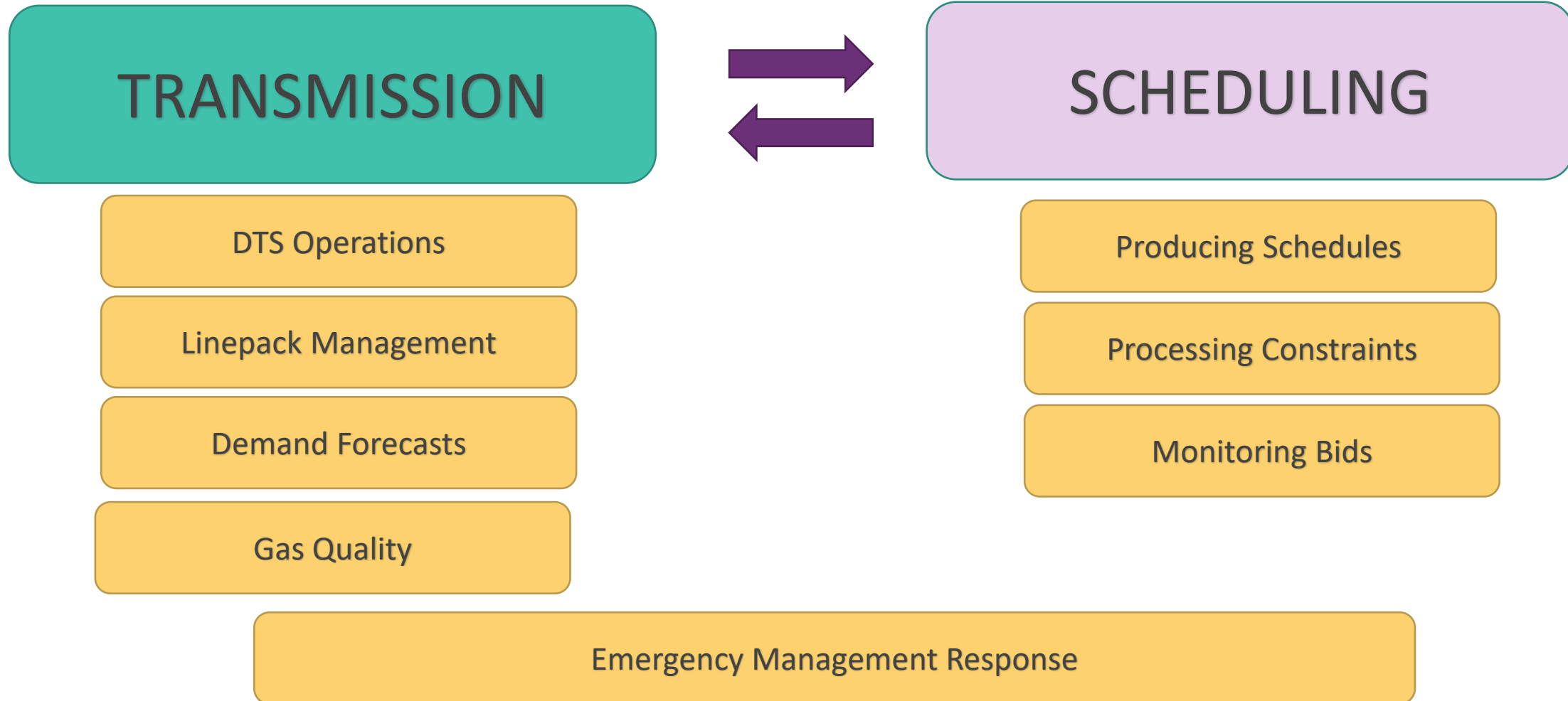
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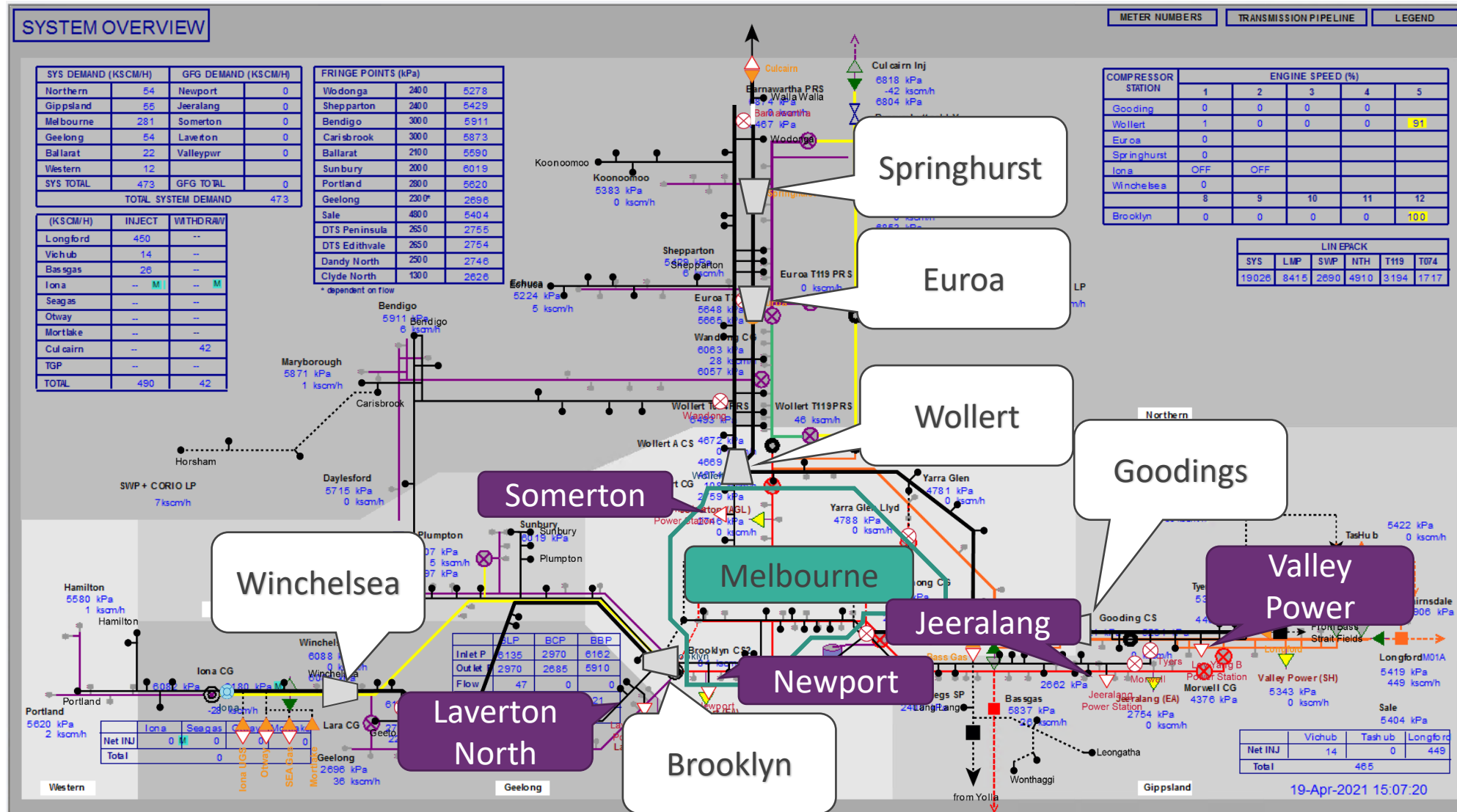
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# Gas Operations Engineer Roles





# A brief overview of the DTS



# Scenario objectives

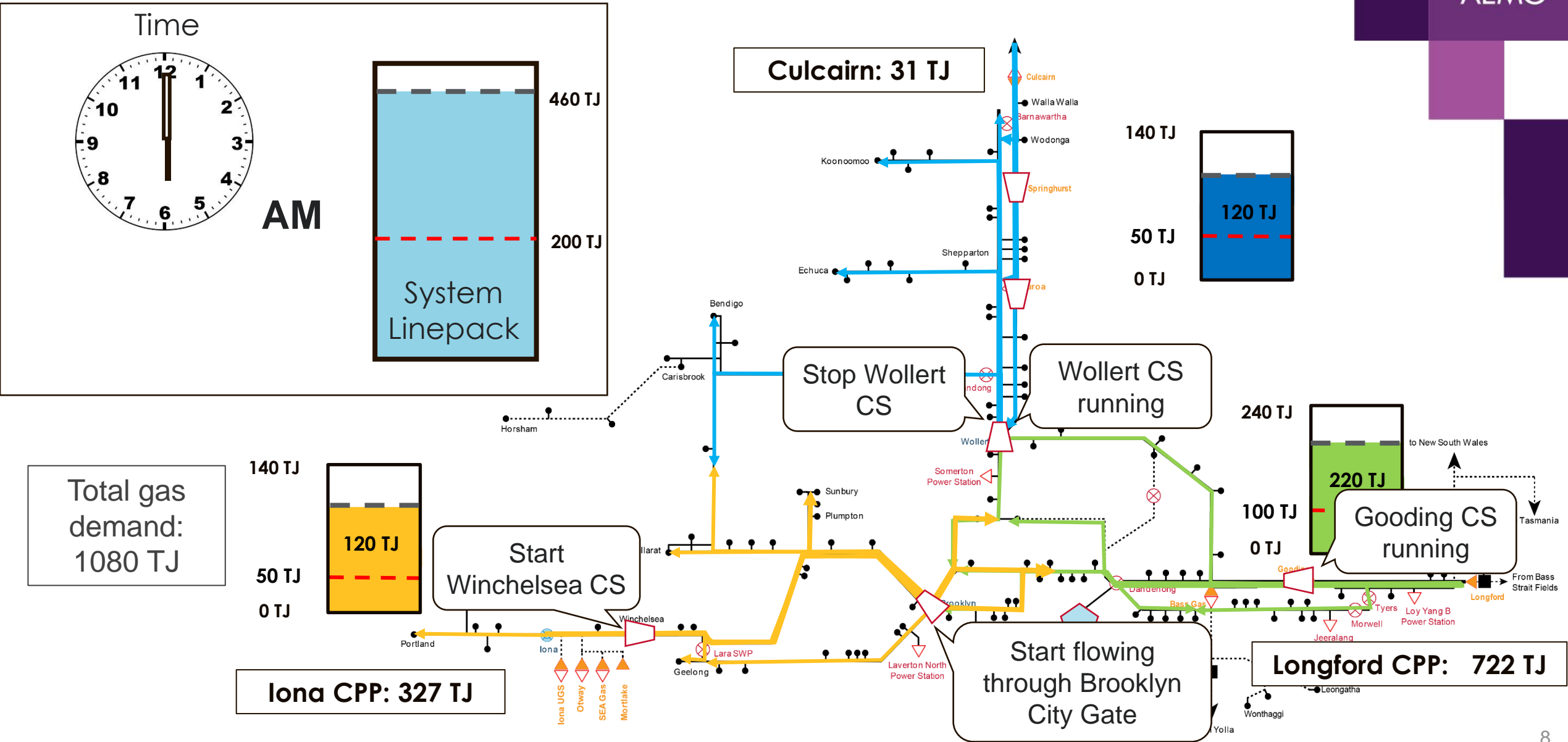
- Highlight increased risk due to Longford GP1 Inlet System retirement
- Highlight AEMO's operational response to unplanned outage
- Highlight likelihood of high gas prices due to a prolonged unplanned outages – CPT and Admin Price Cap
- Highlight what would likely occur if the unplanned outage was prolonged
  - Low levels of Dandenong LNG contracting
  - Supply/demand balance across East Coast Gas Market
  - AEMO's potential actions including demand side curtailment

# Scenario overview

- Hypothetical day – 1 June 2022
- Cold weather, but not extreme – system demand 1,033 TJ
- There are coal outages and the wind level is low and forecast to remain low – leading to a forecast of 47 TJ gas generation at Newport Power Station.



# Scenario overview – system operation

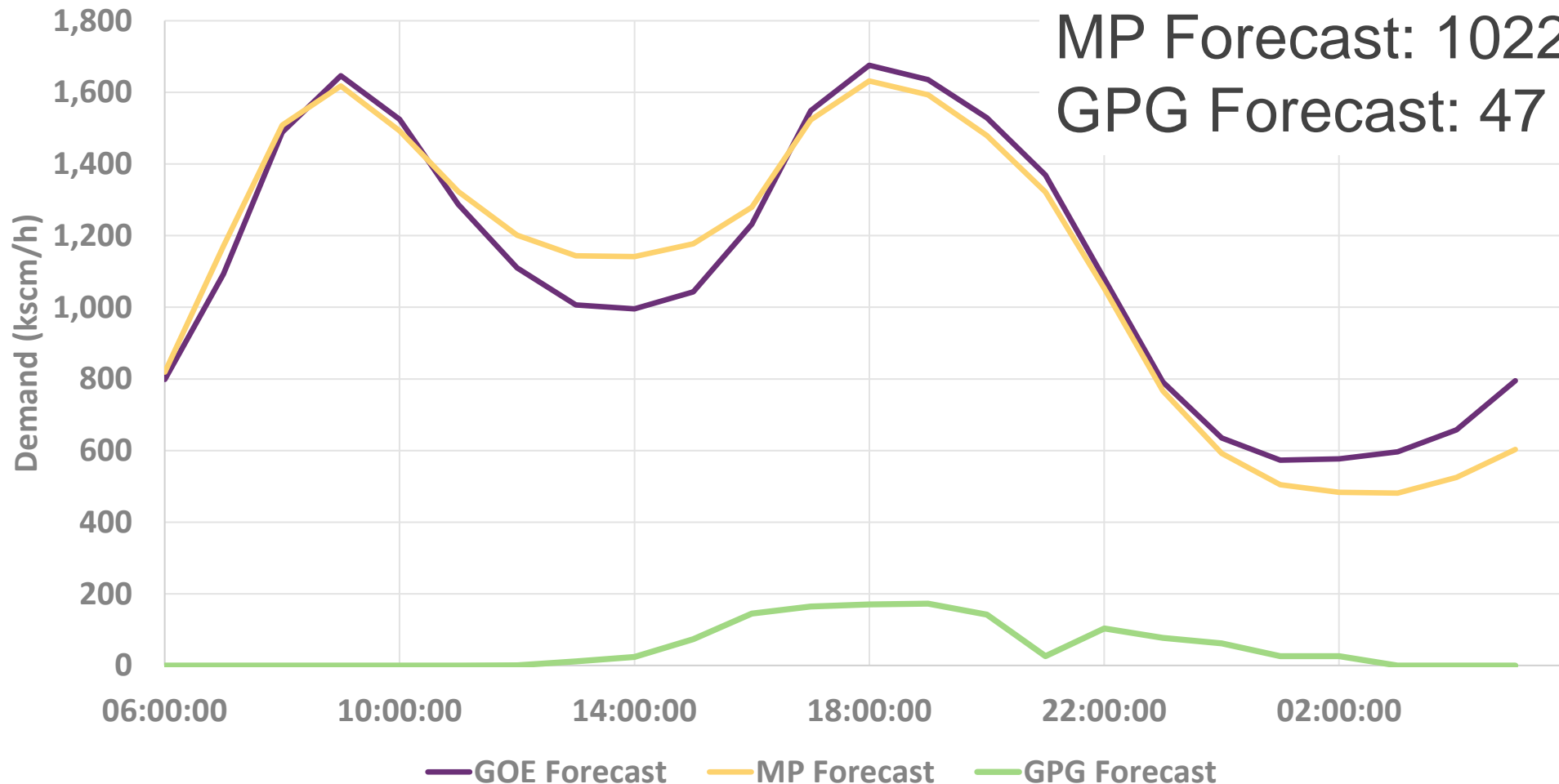




# Scenario overview – system demand forecast

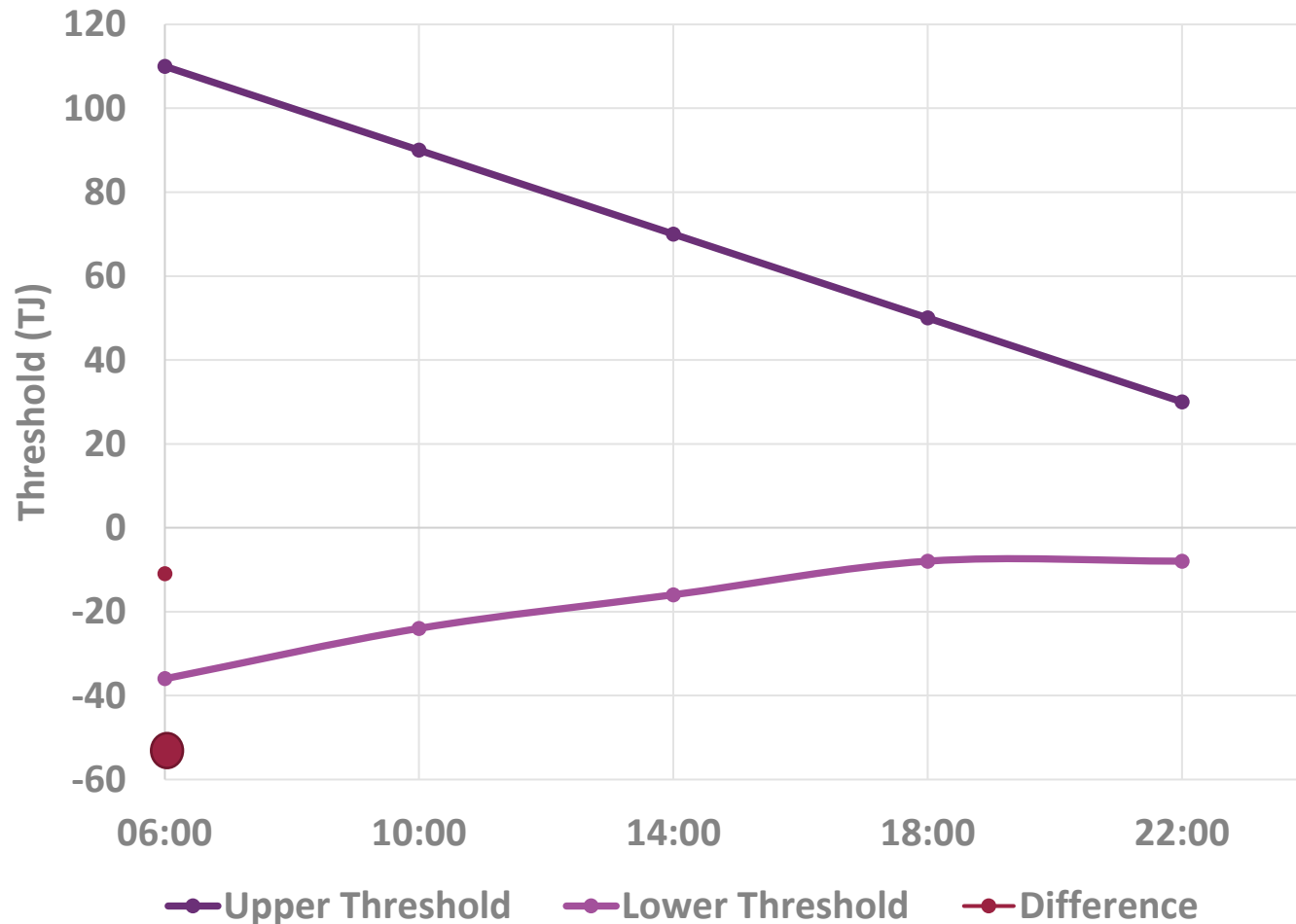
6am Forecast

AEMO Forecast: 1033 TJ  
MP Forecast: 1022 TJ  
GPG Forecast: 47 TJ



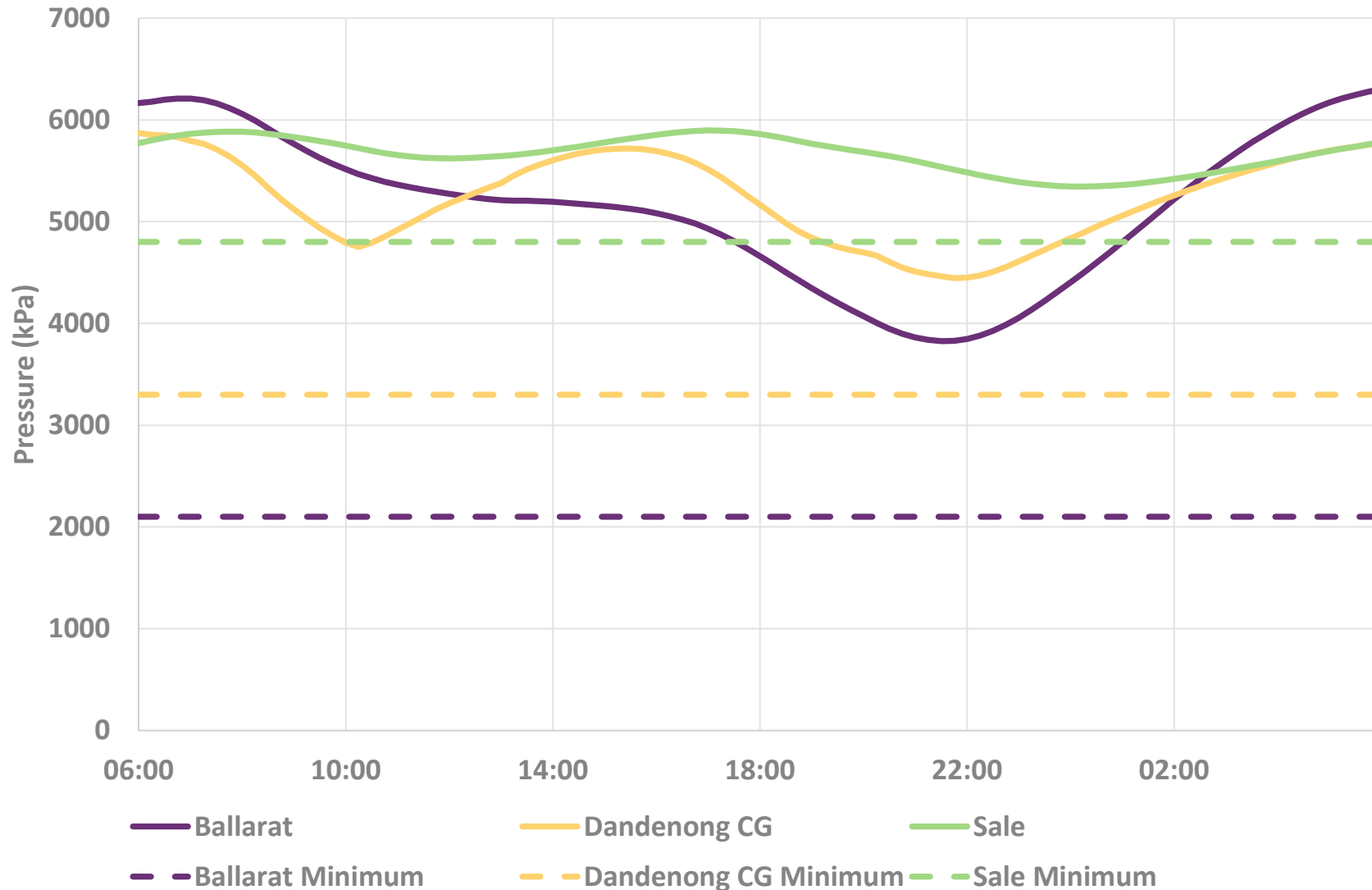
- Demand well below 1-in-2 level
- Close alignment between AEMO and MP forecasts
- Uncertainty in GPG forecast

# Demand override



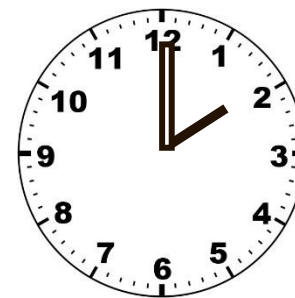
- Demand thresholds have been adjusted for:
  - Profile factor
  - Demand level
  - BOD target (assumed on target)
- AEMO does not apply a demand override in this scenario
- Overrides are applied to bring the difference in AEMO and MP forecasts to the threshold value

# Scenario overview – modelling

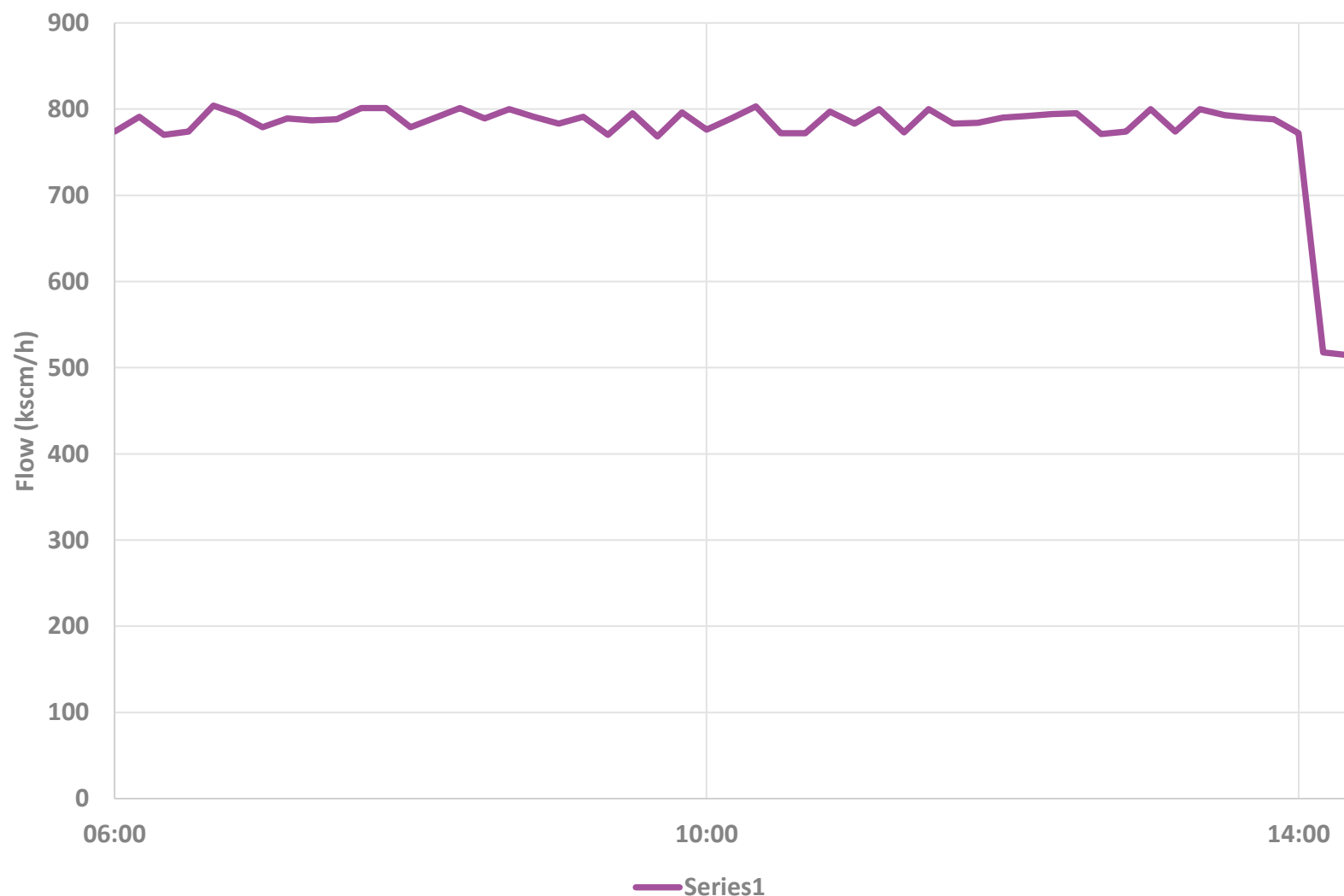


All pressures within acceptable bounds, with appropriate buffer

# Situation changes



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Longford Flow rate reduces significantly, with a loss of ~12 TJ/h

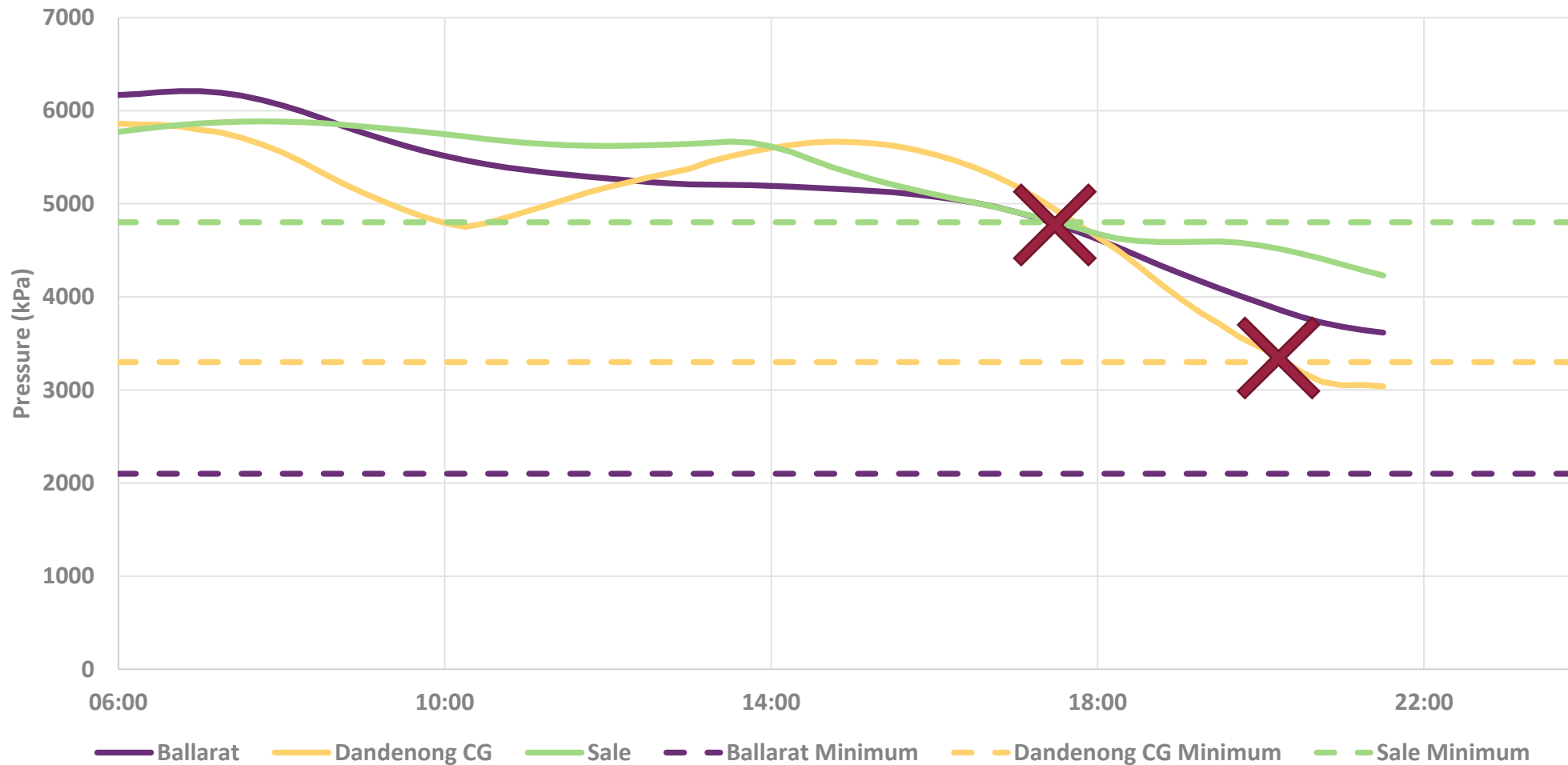
# Situation assessment

*Hi Esso, we've noticed your rate has dropped.*



*Yes, we're looking into it at the moment. We will give you more information as soon as we can.*

# Situation assessment – how bad is the problem?

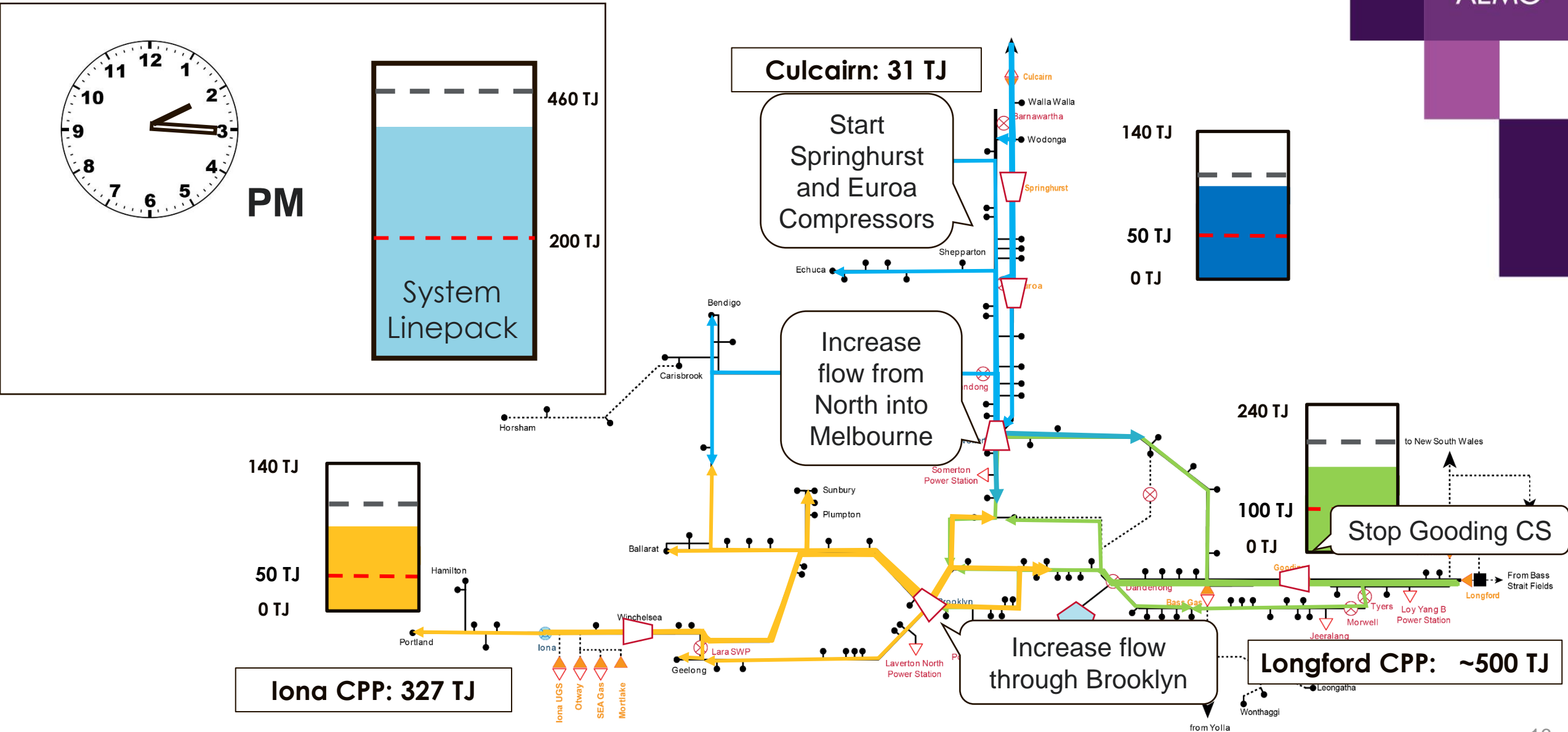


# Hierarchy of response

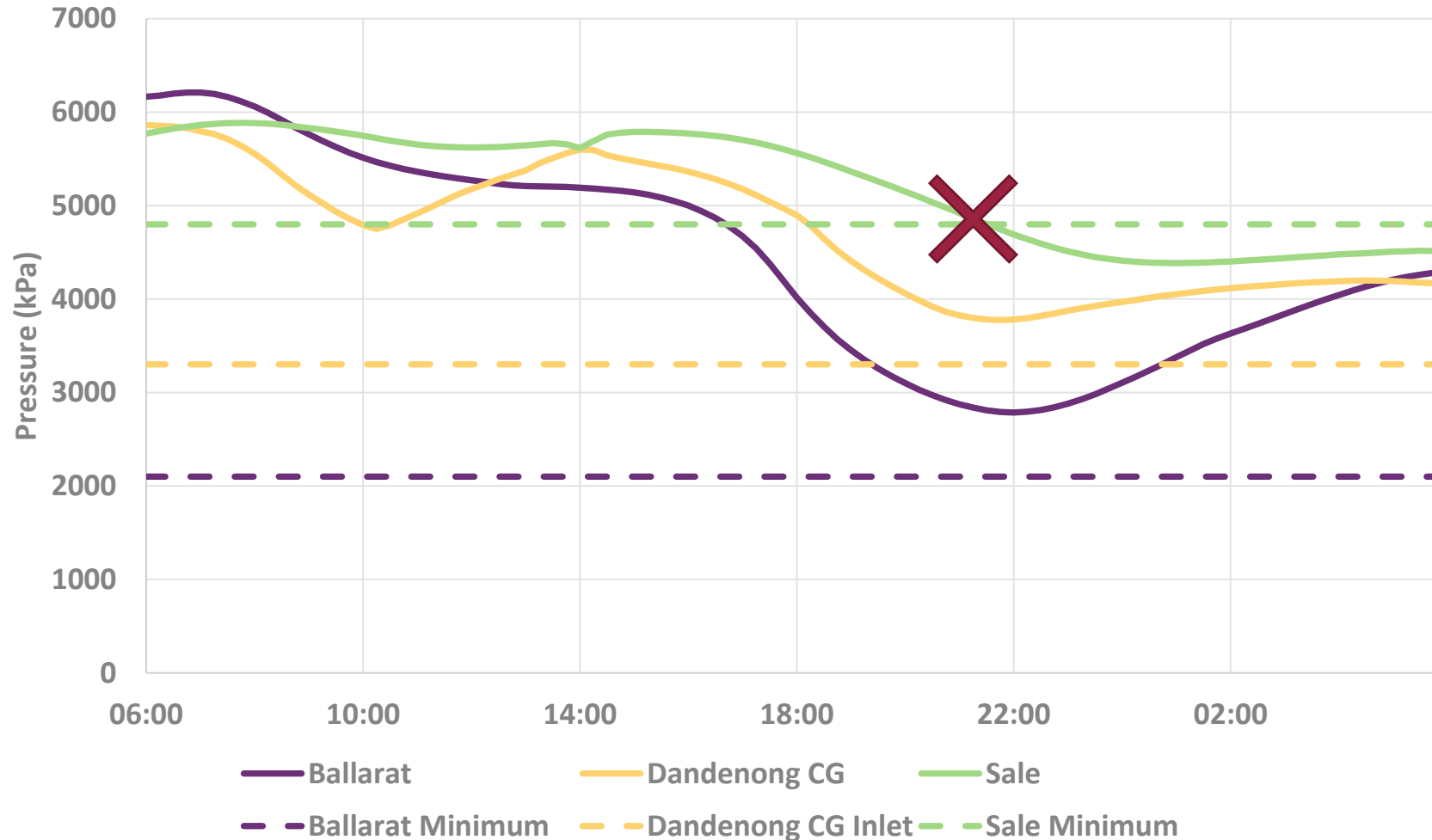




# Transmission system changes



# How effective are the transmission system changes?



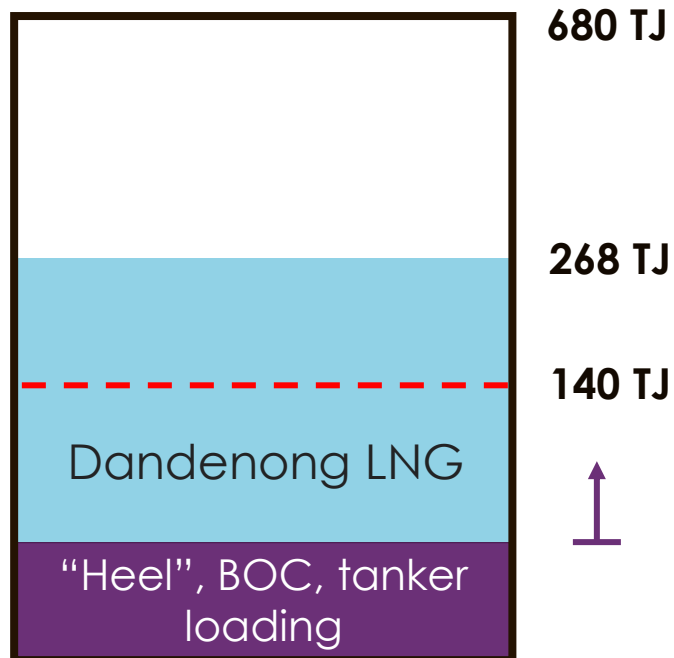
Operational Response has resulted in:

- Sale CG breach delayed to 21:00
- Dandenong CG breach avoided.
- Assuming Longford rate does not improve

# We've got a problem...

- Contact Duty Manager – enact Gas Incident Response Plan
- Dandenong LNG likely required – call APA Control Room
- Contact NEM control room – risk of being unable to support gas generation

# DLNG inventory



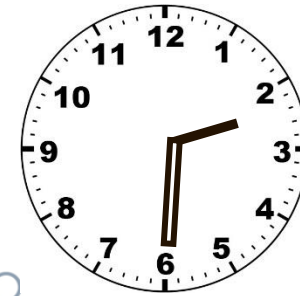
- Ongoing low participant contracted DLNG
- AEMO required to maintain 140 TJ for emergency reserve
- 128 TJ available for operational response
  - 23 hours at firm rate (normal) of 100 t/h (~5.5TJ/h)
  - 13 hours at non-firm rate (emergency) of 180 t/h (~9.8TJ/h)

# Hierarchy of response

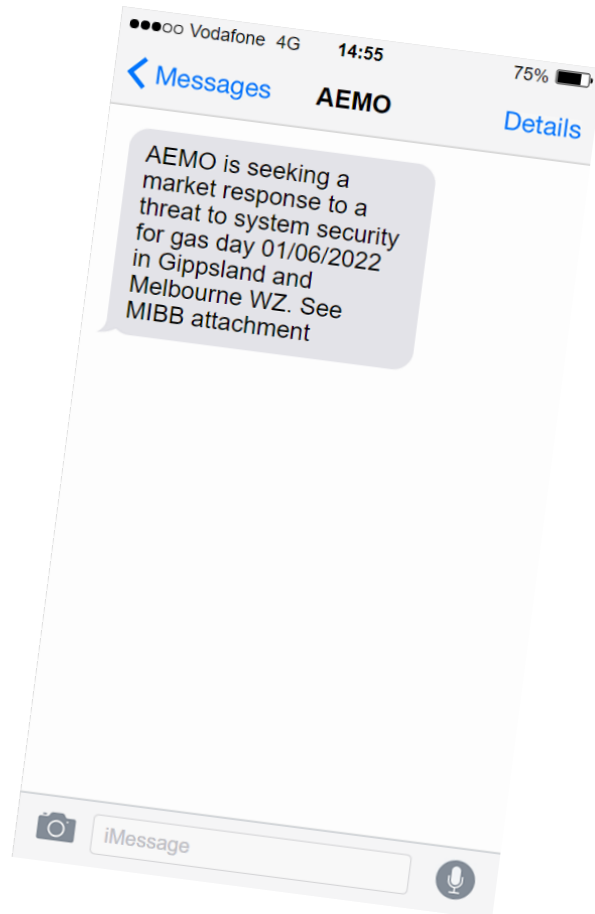


- Pressure breach not until 21:00 and it's only ~14:30
- There's time to ask for a market response at the 18:00 schedule
- However, we need to be confident that the market response can still solve the problem!

# Issue Notice of a Threat to System Security



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## Notice of a Threat to System Security – Seeking a Market Response

Reference: *National Gas Rules (NGR), Part 19, Division 5, Subdivision 5, Notice of Threat to System Security*

Under rule 341 of the NGR, AEMO is notifying participants of a threat to system security in the Declared Transmission System.

AEMO advises that the threat to system security is due to:

- A gas supply resource incident, including gas quality excursions or facility plant trip
- A supply and demand imbalance exists such that the projected pressure at Sale City Gate may breach the minimum operating pressure of 4800 kPa.
- The threat to system security is expected to start at 15:00 AEST 01/06/2022 and end at 22:00 AEST 02/06/2022.

The threat to system security is likely to impact:

- |                                                               |                                                               |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Total System                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melbourne Withdrawal Zone |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gippsland Withdrawal Zone | <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Withdrawal Zone             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Geelong Withdrawal Zone              | <input type="checkbox"/> Ballarat Withdrawal Zone             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Western Withdrawal Zone              |                                                               |

A market response to this notice may alleviate the threat to system security and remove the need for AEMO to take action. Market participants are asked to re-evaluate their bids and offers.

The market may alleviate the threat by increasing injections from Longford CPP to obtain a total net daily injection quantity of 620 TJ.

- There will be a market notice to advise the removal of the threat to system security.
- AEMO reserves the right to determine an appropriate operational response if the market response is insufficient to avert the threat to system security

Issued on 1/06/2022

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Australian Energy Market Operator

# Recap

- Longford rate reduced
- Transmission system changes have delayed pressure breach until 21:00
- Request for market response issued
- Now what?



# Determining available supply

Iona: full capacity available

Dandenong LNG: Full capacity available, including non-firm

BassGas: we're already at full capacity.

SEAGas: can provide as much as we're scheduled.

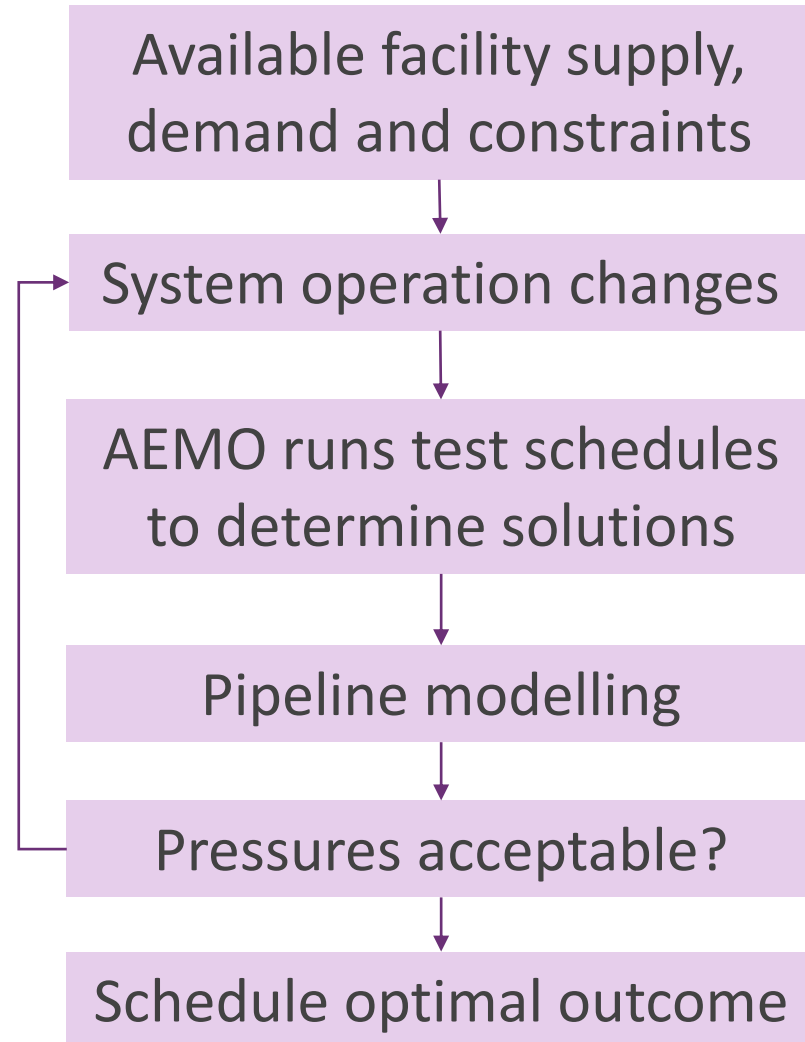


Culcairn: we're limited in what we can supply due to high flows to Sydney. We can supply up to 6.5 TJ/h.

VicHub: we can provide 5 TJ/h and up to 20 TJ total

TasHub: we can provide up to 4 -5 TJ/h from linepack, up to 30 TJ, but no more than that.

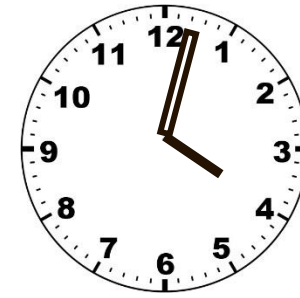
# Contingency analysis and planning



## Branch planning

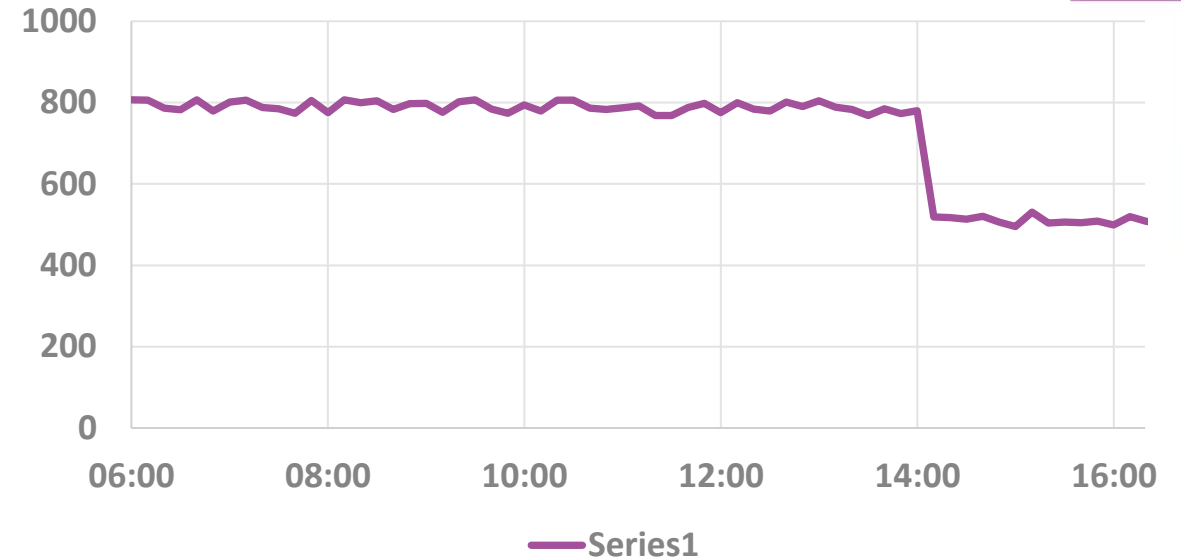
- Unforecast gas generation
- Transmission facility outages
- Reduction in Longford rate further
- Weather forecast/demand uncertainty
- What are a range of possible Longford constraints based on DTS/EGP split?

# An update from Longford...

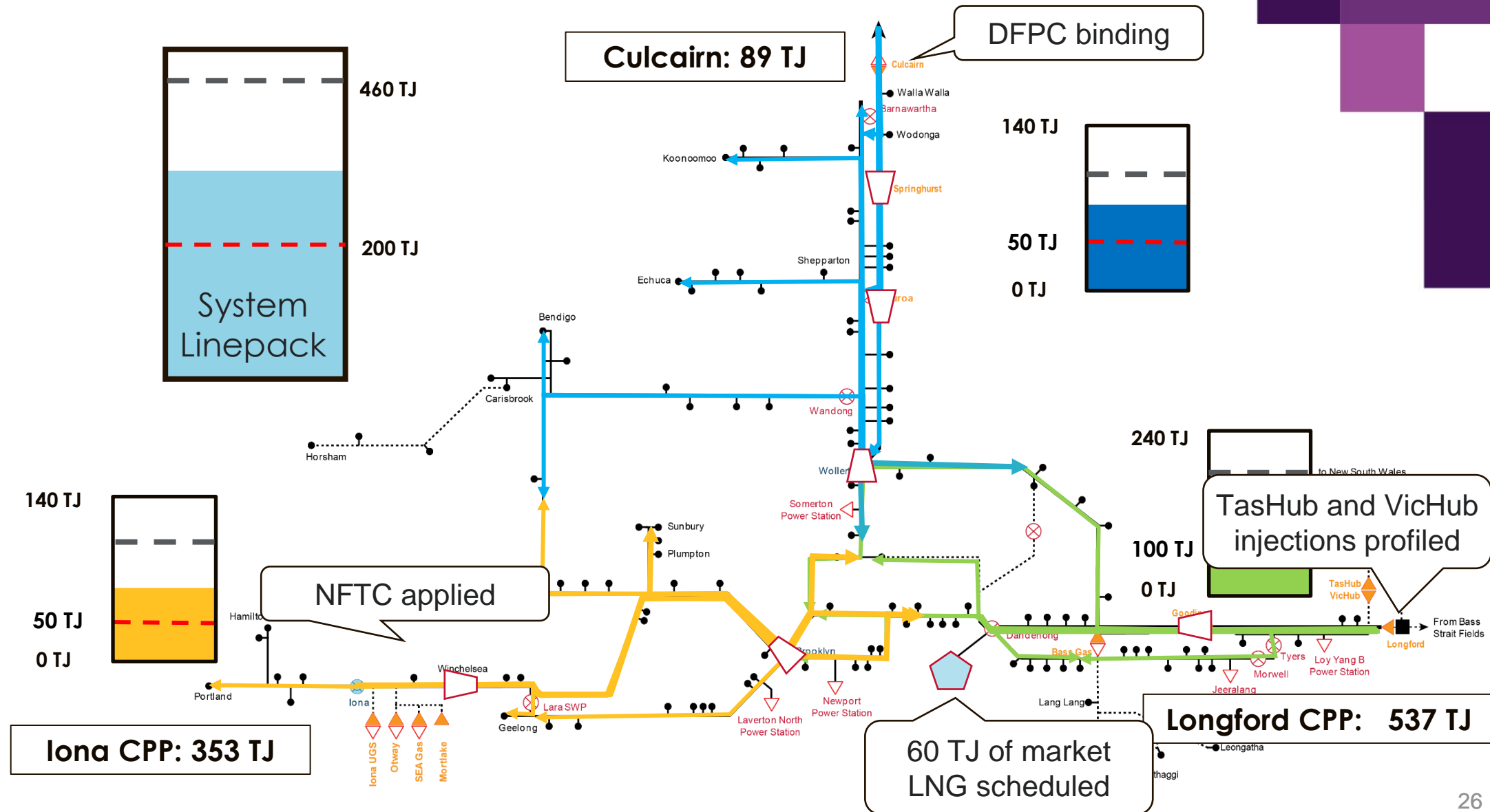


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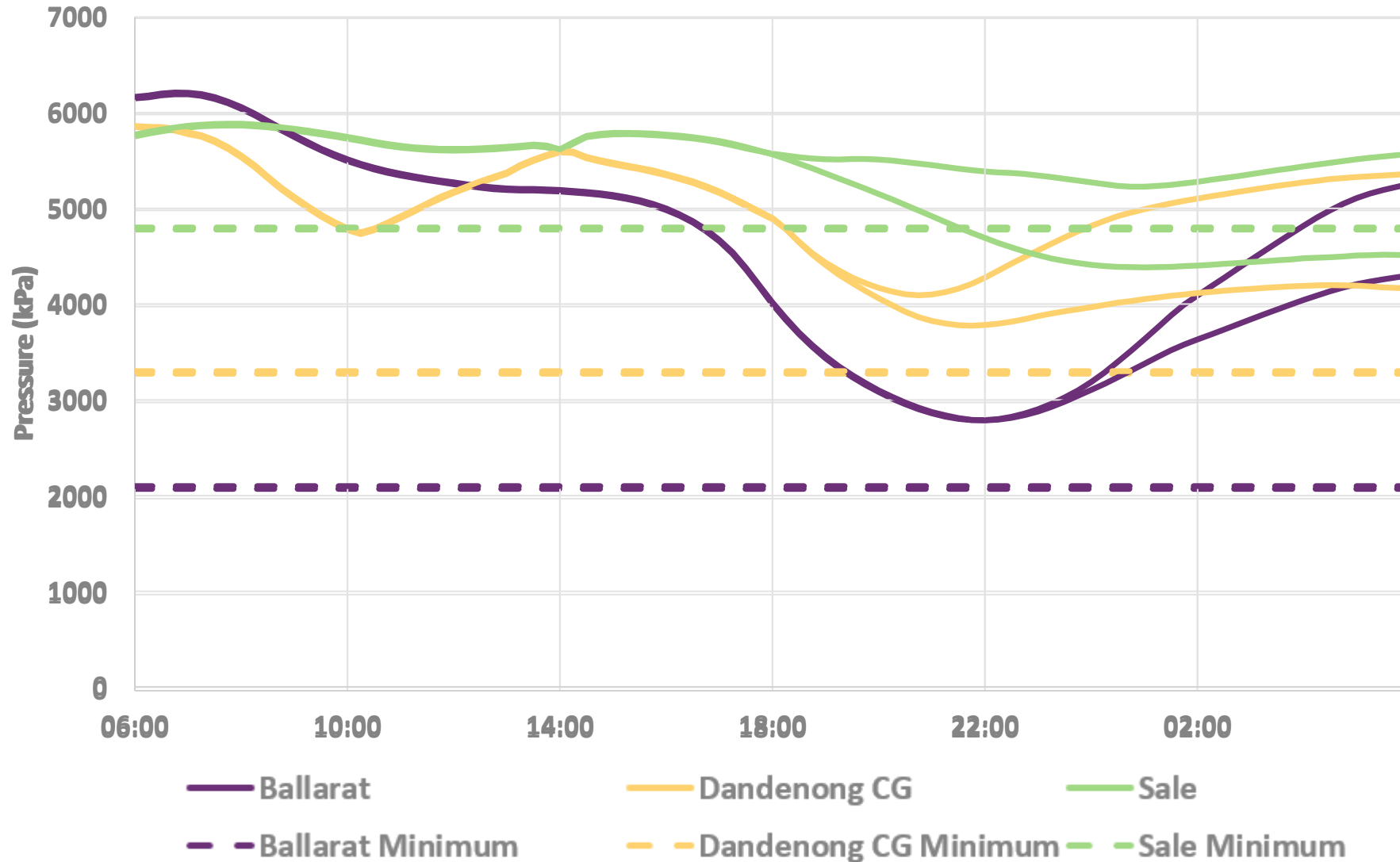
*Hi AEMO, we believe we've identified the issue and we believe we'll be **unlikely to resolve it today**. Our best estimate of the total amount of gas we can provide to the DTS today is **467 TJ**. I'll send through a constraint shortly.*



# 6pm schedule outcome



# Modelling outcome



- Model assuming Longford rate does not recover
- Fringe pressures satisfactory
- OOMO gas not required

# 6pm market implications

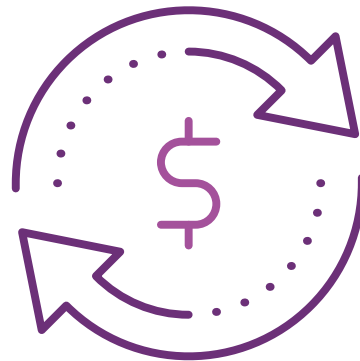
## High Market price

- LNG marginal (setting price)
- 2021 bid stack \$220/GJ



## Ancillary and uplift payments

- Due to NFTC on SWP, OS only constraint
  - OS price very high
- Participants exposed to uplift payments



## Cumulative price threshold

- Monitored due to elevated price
  - Admin market trigger



# Summary

Reduction in  
Longford  
production

Sale and  
Dandenong  
pressures forecast  
to breach

Threat to system  
security issued

Supply increased  
from other sources  
and profiled  
injections

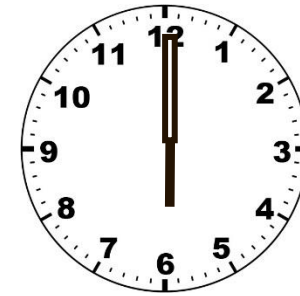
High prices



# Future days



# An update from Longford...



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*Hi AEMO, some technicians have located the problem. We anticipate that we won't have the problem fixed for **7 days**, and until then our **production is limited to 500 TJ/d**. We are in the process of confirming constraints for DTS supply.*



# Initial considerations



## Remember the context:

- Low wind and coal generator outages – gas generation likely
- Only the start of winter – risk of extreme cold days still exists



## Tight supply remains in Victoria

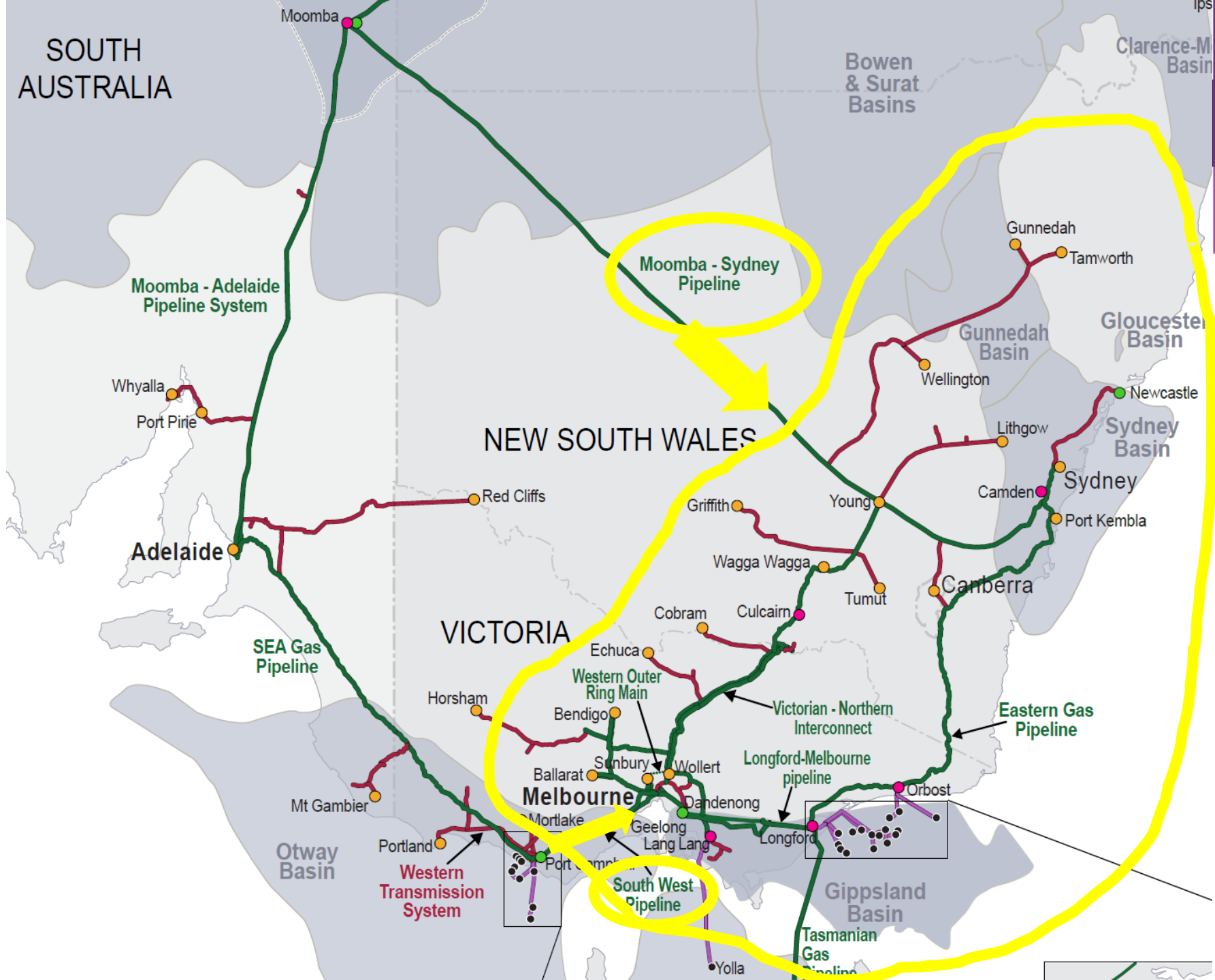
- Though supply is also tight in south-east constraint region
- Monitor Sydney STTM – significant constraint and admin market trigger, contingency gas



## Low Dandenong LNG inventory

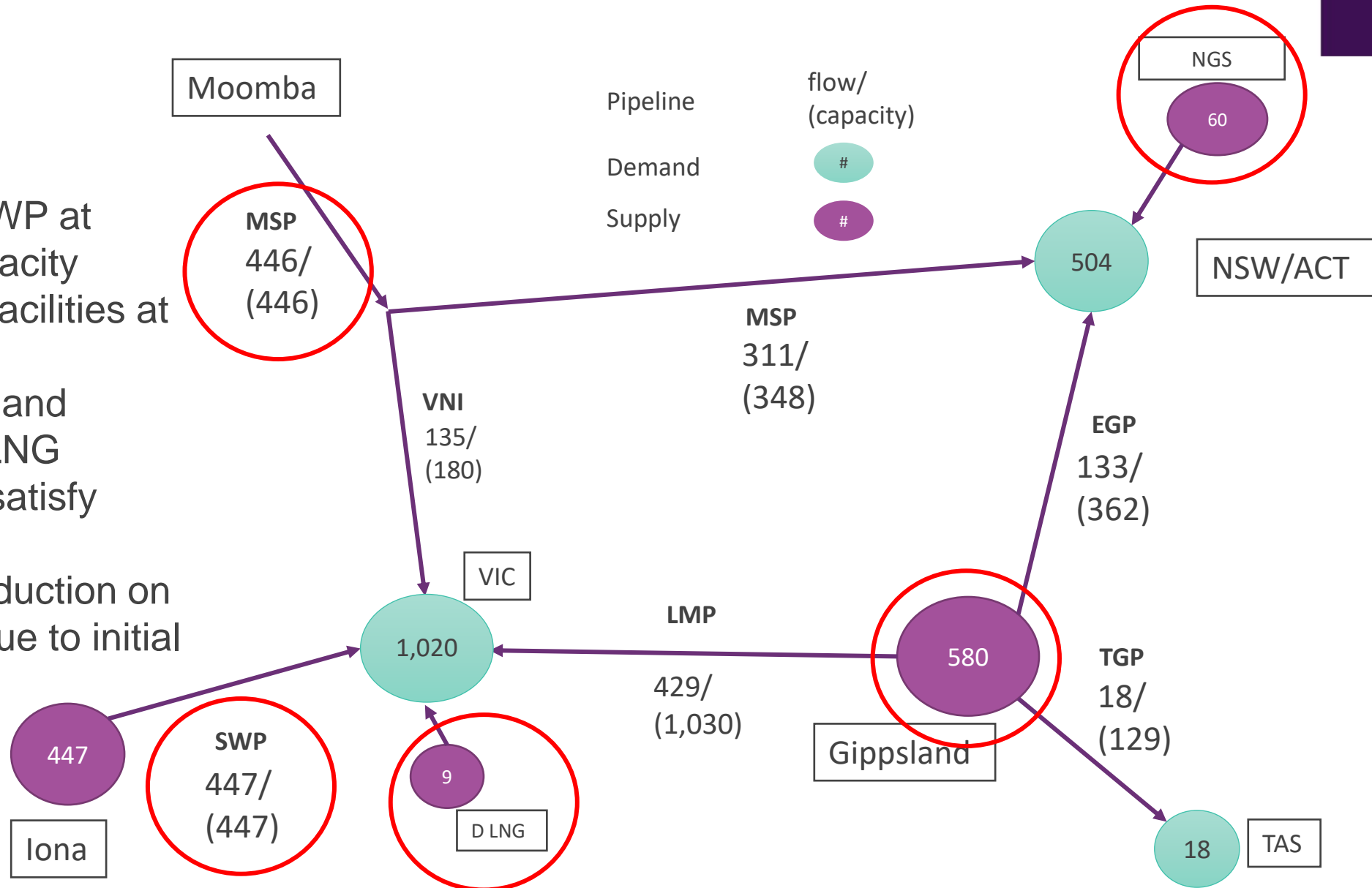
- How much more can we use while maintaining emergency reserve?

# South-east constraint region

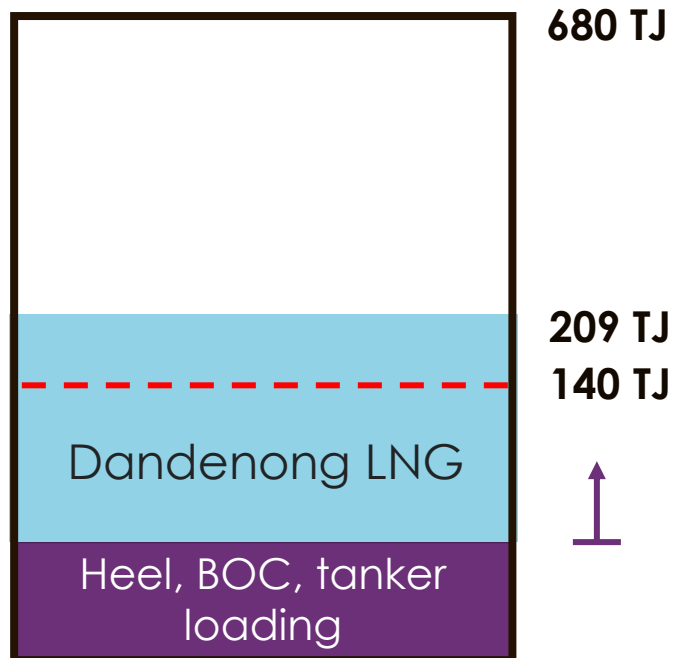


# A broader view... 2/6/22 (D+1)

- MSP and SWP at pipeline capacity
- Production facilities at capacity
- Dandenong and Newcastle LNG required to satisfy demand
- Linepack reduction on EGP/TGP due to initial response

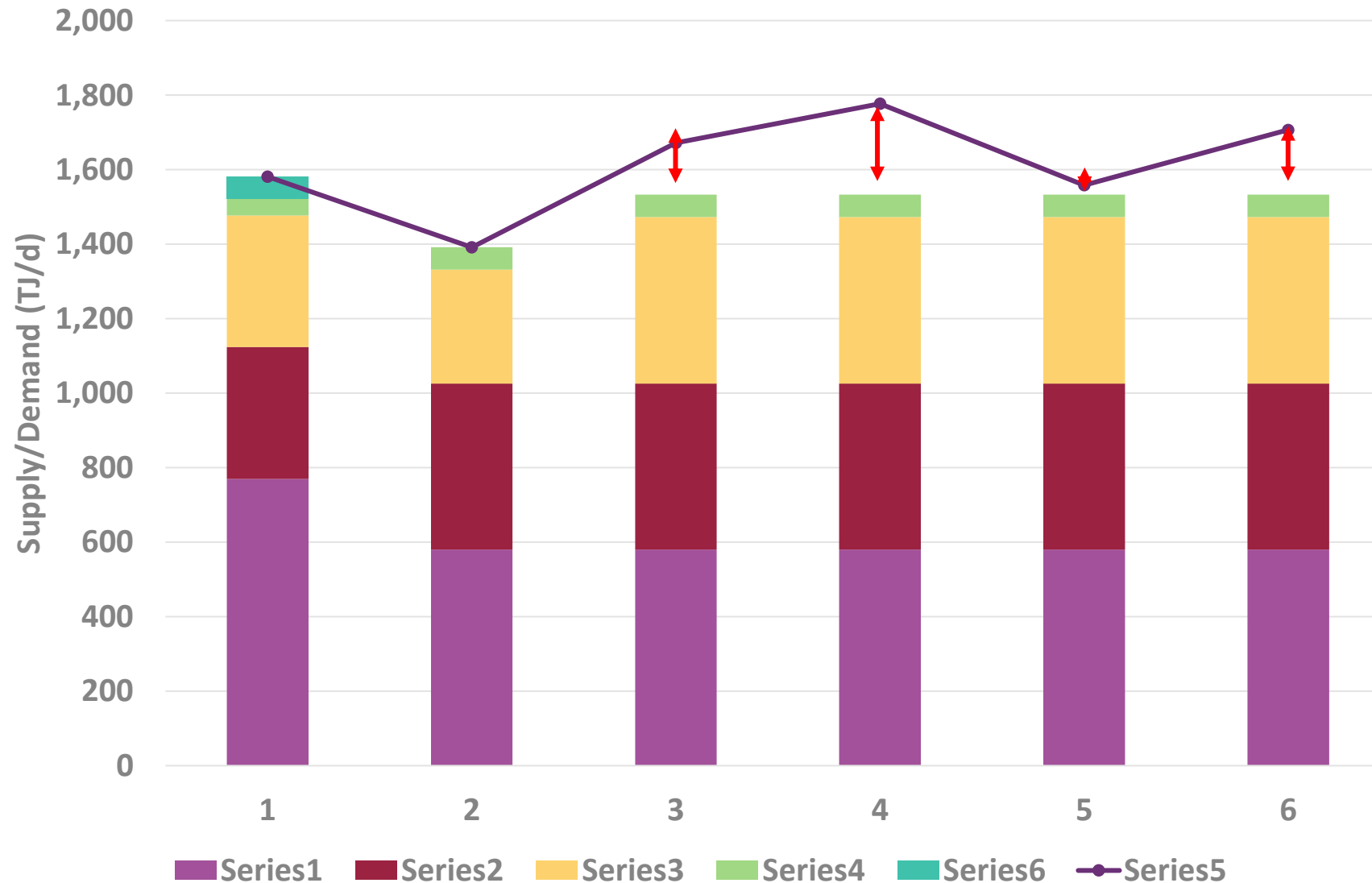


# LNG considerations



- Substantial LNG already used
- Need to maintain emergency reserve
- How is the remaining quantity used?
- Likely to be a similar issue at Newcastle LNG

# East coast outlook



- ~600 TJ of shortfalls
- 69 TJ of Dandenong LNG left
- ~530 TJ of forecast shortfall to manage.



# Potential response

- Voluntary vs mandatory restrictions
- Initial curtailment response vs longer-term rationing
- Pain sharing between jurisdictions
- Emergency powers
- LNG inventory



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