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Outback Queensland is the backbone of Australia's energy

Leader of The Nationals and Member for Maranoa David Littleproud has applauded Senex Energy's decision to invest \$1 billion into its Atlas Roma North natural gas developments in the Surat Basin and raise its natural gas production.

Mr Littleproud said the decision by one of the industry leaders in natural gas to invest more in the Maranoa region highlights the crucial role outback Queensland plays in powering Australia and making energy more affordable across the nation.

"Raising natural gas production in our region will create jobs, boost the local economy and power many homes across Australia," Mr Littleproud said.

"We need more organisations to follow Senex's lead and either increase their production here or bring their services to Maranoa in order to keep our economy growing and the pressure on rising energy costs."

Senex Energy will increase its natural gas production to 60 petajoules per year which is the equivalent to the electricity used by nearly 3 million homes annually and the investment is estimated to create over 200 jobs.

Mr Littleproud said he hopes more organisations will see the abundance of resources and potential the Maranoa region holds and invest in Outback Queensland.

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