

Fossil fuels

Brown coal

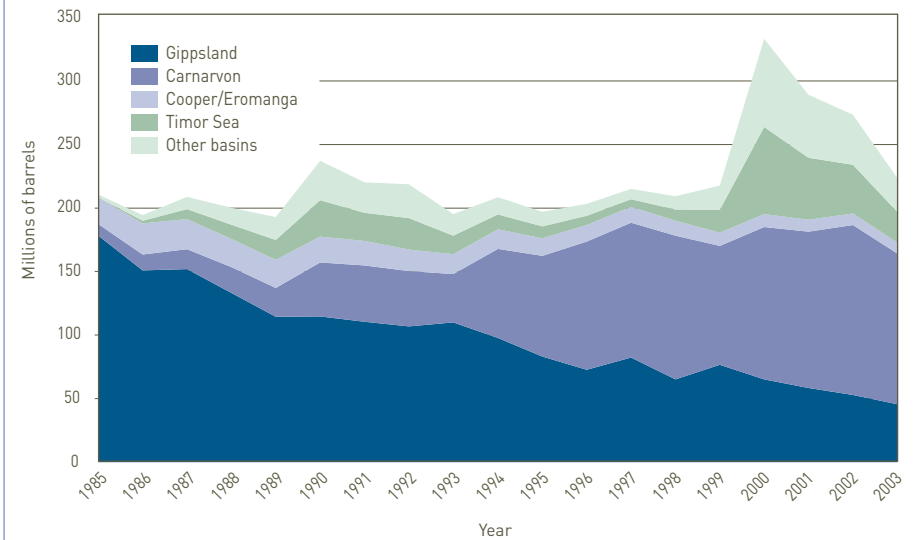
Victoria has the thickest and most extensive brown coal seams in the world. The largest deposits of brown coal are found in the Latrobe Valley which has an estimated recoverable brown coal reserve of 62 billion tonnes. Since the 1920s, brown coal has provided an inexpensive energy source to run the industrial and manufacturing sectors of the Victorian economy. Over 90% of the state's electricity is generated by coal fired power plants in the Latrobe Valley.

Brown coal deposits¹



Crude oil and condensate production by basin²

Australia, 1985-2003



Oil

In 1985 the crude oil industry based in the Gippsland Basin accounted for almost all the crude oil supply in Australia. The Gippsland Basin supply has been declining with offshore Western Australia and the Timor Sea becoming more significant in the past 20 years.

Sources ¹Buckley 2003 "Brown Coal" ²APPEA 2005 "Industry Information - Exploration & Production"