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Short sighted political play will curb gas supply and push up prices

A decision by the Victorian Shadow Cabinet to extend a moratorium on gas exploration until 2020 would only serve to curb supply, push up gas prices and make manufacturing less competitive, the peak body representing Australia's oil and gas industry said today.

"This decision raises serious questions about political leadership and whether or not Victoria is truly a state that welcomes investment, regional economic growth and job creation," APPEA Chief Operating Officer Eastern Australia, Paul Fennelly said.

"Natural gas supply has become a political football; a race to the bottom that ignores evidence based on science, technology, and world class professional standards.

"While we understand some people have concerns about onshore gas, it is important that policies aimed at regulating industry recognise the many substantial independent reviews that have found it to be safe.

"Onshore gas can also be an important driver of jobs and economic development in regional areas.

"The experience of Queensland also shows that onshore gas can successfully coexist with farming and other land uses," he said.

Victoria is the largest consumer of natural gas in the nation with 1.8 million households and hundreds of manufacturers reliant on it for their energy supply.

But it remains the only mainland state in Australia with a ban on exploration.

"The current parliamentary inquiry into onshore gas has heard from a number of manufacturers, businesses, gas industry representatives and councils calling for the ban on exploration to be lifted.

"It is now time for the State Government to show leadership and act in the interests of Victoria," Mr Fennelly said.

GAMAA monitors media releases on gas supply and relevant articles on gas pricing that potentially impacts the reputation of gas as a premier viable source of energy.

Delegation from Korea Gas Safety Corporation to meet with GAMAA

The Korea Gas Safety Corporation (KGS) Faculty Division, a governmental authority in charge of gas safety in Korea will meet with a few GAMAA Executive Council members on 26 November in Melbourne.

The Korea Gas Safety Corporation (KGS) is a government-run public inspection-certification authority in Korea and is in charge of drawing up the draft of the gas related laws for enactment or revision and making gas related standards in Korea.

Their Faculty Division which we will be meeting with, endeavors to become the leader of Gas Safety that protects people and property through the delivery of excellent education services of diverse and systematic programs and hand-on classes for advance gas safety management.

We will report on the outcomes of the meeting in future editions of Gas Connections.

GAMAA Annual Christmas Lunch & Technical Committee meeting 16 December

For those that missed the announcement in previous editions of GC; our 2015 Christmas Lunch will be held at the Sandringham Yacht Club, jetty Road Sandringham on 16 December. The invitation with all the relevant details is attached to this email.

As we did last year, we intend to hold the Technical Committee meeting (10am start) immediately before the commencement of the Christmas lunch.

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