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US Demand for Outdoor Furniture & Grills to Exceed \$9 Billion in 2019

US demand for outdoor furniture and grills is forecast to rise 3.7 percent annually to \$9.1 billion in 2019.

In 2014, grills and accessories comprised over one-third of total demand. This product segment fared better than others during the recessionary period due to the affordability of lower-end models....a similar trend to what has been experienced in Australia!

The grill market is approaching saturation, as roughly 80 percent of US households own at least one grill. As a result, grill purchases are primarily of replacement or additional models (e.g., for camping or tailgating purposes) and demand growth for these pieces through 2019 will be the slowest among major product segments.

Going forward, a trend toward higher-end grills and complementary outdoor cooking appliances such as pizza ovens, smokers, and turkey fryers will boost value gains. Nevertheless, the greater durability and additional features of high-end pieces will restrain replacement demand to an extent, precluding faster growth.

Demand for patio heating products is forecast to grow robustly through 2019. These products are increasingly popular due to their ability to extend the outdoor season.

Statements above sourced from www.freedoniagroup.com.

Where will gas fit in new climate policy?

Australia's fragmented climate policy framework is hurting industries every day, and leaving key sectors such as natural gas in the dark over how Australia's energy mix will look in the future.

While the federal government in August finally announced its carbon emissions target of 26 to 28 per cent below 2005 levels by 2030, energy industry representatives say more needs to be done.

The government reasoned that the 26 to 28 per cent reduction will strike the right balance between environmental and economic responsibilities, and alleged that emissions per person will decline by at least 50 per cent between 2005 and 2030, while emissions per unit of GDP will fall by 64 per cent.

The announcement came after the Australian Climate Roundtable in July presented a suite of principals to the federal government calling for swift action on climate policy.

The Australian Climate Roundtable is made up of the Australian Aluminum Council, the Australian Conservation Foundation, the Australian Council of Social Service, the Australian Council of Trade Unions, the Australian Industry Group, the Business Council of Australia, the Climate Institute, the Energy Supply Association of Australia, the Investor Group on Climate Change and WWF Australia... [read the full article](#).

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.

Please RSVP to associations@aigroup.asn.au if you would like to attend the Technical Committee meeting and or Christmas Lunch...numbers are filling fast!