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### **New GAMAA Website**

We have received a number of very positive and complimentary responses about our new website. If you haven't visited the site yet here is the link: [www.gamaa.asn.au](http://www.gamaa.asn.au)

### **Consultation Draft gas safety Bill 2006 (Tasmania)**

The Tasmanian Government is undertaking a review of the gas regulatory framework to ensure contemporary regulation across gas infrastructure, gas installations and gas appliances that is relevant to Tasmania today and into the future.

The Consultation Draft Gas Safety Bill 2016 (and the Gas Supply Industry Bill 2016 being developed by the Department of State Growth) effectively replaces gas technical and safety regulation currently contained in the Gas Act 2000 and Gas Pipelines Act 2000.

Principally the Gas Safety Bill 2016 contains combined and consolidated provisions of the Gas Act 2000 and Gas Pipelines Act 2000, however the opportunity exists to rectify current anomalies, reduce red tape where risk wasn't proportionate to regulatory burden, and reflect current regulatory and industry best practice.

The gas safety Bill 2016 is intended to:

- Remove unwarranted regulatory burden on the Tasmanian gas fitting industry (by amending the criteria for certain gas installations currently requiring applications for acceptance)
- Removing certain obligations on industry and government that weren't conducive to efficient decision making, and placed barriers to investment in projects including:
  - Class 1a buildings from the definition of Standard Gas Installation of a Prescribed Class
  - Increase in the Mega Joules required before installations in certain classes of buildings become defined as a Complex Gas Installation

A number of other initiatives are also being considered in the Draft but the points above are the ones that will potentially be of most interest to GAMAA members.

The bill is available for review at:

[http://www.justice.tas.gov.au/building/gas/gas\\_regulatory\\_framework\\_review](http://www.justice.tas.gov.au/building/gas/gas_regulatory_framework_review)

A copy of the [Gas Safety Bill 2016 can be downloaded \(pdf, 993.7 KB\)](#)

Stakeholders and other interested parties are encouraged to provide feedback. Submissions close on Friday 19 February 2016.

For more information on how to provide feedback on the Consultation Draft Gas Safety Bill 2016, please contact Andrew Ayton (Manager Gas Safety) by email at [andrew.ayton@justice.tas.gov.au](mailto:andrew.ayton@justice.tas.gov.au) or by phone on (03) 6477 7150.

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