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NT gas game changed from 6 July

The Northern Territory's new fracking laws came into effect 6 July 2016.

The new legislation is considered by many to be an attempt to appease concerns from the Opposition Labor Party, which has been strongly opposed to the controversial fossil fuel extraction method.

The new policy will see fracking companies forced to convince the Government that the risk of any environmental damage is "acceptable" and "as low as reasonably practicable".

"One of the major changes to the regulations taking effect today is a move from the Government telling companies how to construct or develop their projects," Department of Mines chief executive Ron Kelly told reporters this week.

"We've moved to a process where we tell companies what they need to achieve and then it's up to the company to come up with a plan or a process or construction technique that we assess as acceptable. "An example of that will be ensuring an aquifer will not be contaminated."

[Read ABC news article here](#)

New appointment – QLD Chief Inspector for Petroleum & Gas.

As you might be aware The Petroleum and Gas Inspectorate, Department of Natural Resources and Mines – Queensland has been actively recruiting for the position of Chief Inspector for Petroleum & Gas.

I wish to advise that today Rachel Cronin, Deputy Director General, Mineral & Energy Resources (DNRM), has announced that Mr Bill Date is the successful candidate and will commence in the role from Monday 11 July 2016.

Bill is currently the Executive Director of the CSG Compliance Unit and is well versed in the on ground impacts of the petroleum sector. The P&G Inspectorate has a broad base of experience across the sectors its responsible for, as well as a number of subject matter experts that add to our ability to regulate effectively. Bill's leadership will add to the competencies of this team.

Natural gas backed by G20 energy ministers

The first G20 Natural Gas Day has highlighted the critical role of natural gas in the transition to renewable energy.

Australian Pipelines and Gas Association (APGA) Chief Executive and International Gas Union (IGU) Executive Committee Member Cheryl Cartwright congratulated the IGU on its increased engagement in the international energy community.

"The G20 Natural Gas Day, held in Beijing as part of the G20 Energy Ministerial Meetings, is a welcome addition to the international discussion about the value of natural gas," said Ms Cartwright.

"While reliance on renewable energy will increase, this can't happen overnight, and for many years to come Australia and the world will rely on hydrocarbons for energy production."

In its communique, the G20 Energy Ministerial Meeting in Beijing acknowledged the findings of the Natural Gas Day: "We recognise that natural gas can be a less emission intensive fossil fuel and can play an important effective role in moving towards a low GHG emission energy future... many countries intend to expand the utilisation of natural gas in transportation, distributed energy, or power generation, as well as enhance gas trading."

"Electricity generated by gas has less than half the emissions of electricity generated by coal, and natural gas used directly in households has even lower emissions," said Ms Cartwright.

"Furthermore, the Australian Bureau of Statistics found that gas used in households' costs around half as much as electricity for the same amount of energy.

"Australia is fortunate to have abundant supplies of natural gas, but we need policies that encourage, rather than discourage, its use.

"The most effective policy to efficiently reduce carbon emissions is a technology-neutral emissions intensive scheme which would encourage reduced emissions according to technology and cost, rather than picking winners."

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