

### World Plumbing Council Chair announcement - Shayne La Combre

GAMAA would like to congratulate Shane on his new appointment as WPC Chair.

Shane is the CEO of the Plumbing Industry Climate Action Centre (PICAC) and has been elected Chair of the World Plumbing Council (WPC) for the 2016 – 2019 term.

The election was held during the recent WPC Triennial Conference held in Cape Town, South Africa. The 11th Triennial Conference saw plumbing industry representatives from around the world gather to tackle key issues affecting the industry and the health and wellbeing of the international community.

The WPC will use these projects along with new initiatives to advance the following key messages:

- The importance of access to sanitation and clean drinking water for all
- The dangers of asbestos and disastrous effects of lead contamination in plumbing systems on health and wellbeing
- The fight against waterborne disease associated with water supply

“The Council places a strong emphasis on the importance of education and training in reaching its key objectives. As Chief Executive Officer of the Plumbing Industry Climate Action Centre (PICAC), one of the world’s leading plumbing industry training facilities, I have seen first-hand the immediate impact of relevant, timely and innovative training on individual plumbers and subsequently the whole industry.”

World Plumbing Day is being held on Friday 10 March - [read more here](#)

### Jobs, investment and energy security at risk if energy circus continues

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Australia’s politicians need to remain focused on the goal of replacing old coal power plants with renewable energy at the lowest possible cost rather than becoming obsessed with ruling particular policies in or out, the Clean Energy Council said today.

Clean Energy Council Chief Executive Kane Thornton said the majority of Australia’s existing coal-fired power plants are old and will need replacing in the coming years.

“The impending closure of these old coal power plants is a reality, irrespective of our need to reduce emissions and meet our international commitments under the Paris climate agreement. The biggest threat to our energy security is if we can’t deliver new investment in energy generation,” Mr Thornton said.

The renewable energy sector is experiencing unprecedented levels of investment right now, with \$5.1 billion worth of investment and 3000 jobs from the projects which will be constructed in 2017 alone. But the vacuum of sensible and stable federal policy beyond 2020 risks stalling these economic benefits into the future. [read the full media release here](#)

### AGL’s LNG import plans progressing

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AGL Energy is moving forward with its plans to build a LNG import terminal in south eastern Australia to combat a potential gas shortage in the region.

The feasibility study for the import terminal is well underway and AGL expect to select the terminal site around mid-2017.

AGL expects the potential development to cost between \$200 – 300 million, and is already investing \$17 million to ready the project for a final investment decision in 2018-19.

A number of sites have reportedly already been identified and AGL believes the terminal could be available by 2021.

### GAMAA Technical Committee meeting - Thursday 6 April 2017 - 10am start

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