

Ai Group letter to PM; Opposition Leader on Energy Action / gas swaps

A letter from Innes Willox, Chief Executive, Australian Industry Group outlining several actions/solutions to the energy crisis including gas swaps was sent last week to the **PM** and **Opposition** Leader and relevant Ministers and Shadow Ministers.

Solutions to the gas crisis

Ai Group and our members strongly welcome the interest from both sides of politics in addressing the severe concerns that have built up around the gas market. There are important actions that can help secure adequate supply in the longer term. However, there has been a paucity of suggestions that can help in the near term. We wish to outline two options which we think may be viable and are worth developing further: voluntary 'gas swap' arrangements to put gas currently earmarked for export into the domestic market; and a national interest assessment process for gas exports to underpin swaps and guard against a recurrence of the current crisis.

Background

Eastern Australian gas demand for domestic use by households, power generators and industry has been around 600-700 petajoules (PJ) per annum in recent years. The new Liquefied Natural Gas industry in Queensland has massively increased demand, requiring around 1,400 PJ per annum. Major new coal seam gas (CSG) resources developed specifically to feed the LNG projects have disappointed, with production evidently falling short of forecasts; as a result, domestic supply has failed to rise on the coattails of export development, and export projects have even dipped into the local market to contract supply that would otherwise have been available. Supply is expected to fall short of demand, and the market is extremely tight.

..... The Government has challenged the gas industry to ensure adequate supply, and left them to make the necessary arrangements. This is an excellent start, but for the reasons considered above it may not be enough. The Government should immediately move to gather information from producers, exporters, retailers, domestic customers, international customers and market analysts to better understand whether and how a swap is feasible. Read the complete letter [here](#)

IAPMO Oceana Acquires Leading Gas Appliance Testing Laboratory from HRL

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IAPMO R&T Oceana Pty. Ltd. is pleased to announce the acquisition of HRL's NATA-accredited gas appliance testing laboratory, located at 677 Springvale Road, Mulgrave, Victoria, Australia.

The deal signifies an exciting partnership between the two organizations - enabling HRL to focus on its core business and IAPMO to deliver a critical end-to-end gas appliance testing and certification service to its clients.

"We at HRL are delighted to announce the transferal of ownership of our gas appliance testing laboratory to such a distinguished global partner as IAPMO," said HRL CEO Ken Jefferd. "We've worked tirelessly over many years to create a top-class, NATA-accredited gas appliance testing laboratory of which we're very proud, enabling businesses to obtain certification and get safe products to market faster than ever before.

By transferring the ownership of our gas appliance testing laboratory, we're putting a valuable asset and capability in the right hands — and, at the same time, enabling us to focus on our core business. We look forward to seeing IAPMO leverage the asset for the benefit of its customers and the safety of the built environment we all live in.

" Paul Bonsak, Managing Director of IAPMO Oceana, said, "Our acquisition of the world-class HRL gas appliance testing laboratory will allow IAPMO Oceana to offer and deliver to our customers a faster, more convenient and cost-effective gas appliance testing and certification service. We can now add laboratory testing of gas appliances to our suite of services that we can offer our customers."

IAPMO R&T Oceana is accredited to operate an effective quality certification scheme for plumbing and drainage products to use the WaterMark™ symbol to meet regulatory requirements. In addition, it offers certification services to its own OceanaMark™ and GasMark™ product certification schemes to Australian and international standards.

Rheem launches new Rheem Plumbers' Handbook

Rheem has launched a handy new pocket-sized guide to all Rheem domestic and selected heavy duty water heater models.

Designed for plumbers to use on site, the new 118-page Rheem Plumbers' Handbook is an easy reference guide which provides solid technical assistance and support for plumbers when installing a Rheem hot water unit. [see more here](#)



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