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### **Electrical isolation of roof spaces**

The Western Australia Government are proposing to prohibit access into roof spaces unless the electrical supply has been isolated.

If this proposal is passed the possible 'knock on effect' of this change to others states could impose serious restrictions on how gas appliances are installed, commissioned or serviced.

Members of GAMAA's Technical Committee together with James Thomson Ai Group's Senior Adviser Standards & Regulation together with other industry stakeholders are currently preparing a submission to apposed this action by the WA Government.

The proposal to mandate that the building's electrical installation is de-energised before any work is done in a roof space has serious and what would seem to be unintended consequences for many types of appliances installed in roof spaces as it will, in many cases, prevent the proper commissioning, servicing and fault finding of such appliances as such activities often need to be performed with an energized electricity supply.

Appliances affected include electrical appliances installed in roof spaces (for example air handling units of electric air conditioners and electric storage water heaters) and gas appliances installed in roof spaces that are connected to the electricity supply (for example ducted gas space heaters and gas instantaneous water heaters to name a few).

Many of these appliances require commissioning during the installation process. A lack of commissioning may result in the appliance not operating to specification which can have serious safety consequences and in many cases will contravene the regulatory requirements relating to appliances and their installation. An inability to carry out servicing and fault finding will have obvious and profound negative consequences for consumers.

All GAMAA members will be kept informed on how this key issue plays out.

### **APGA appoints new Chief Executive**

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Australian Pipelines and Gas Association (APGA) President Shaun Reardon has announced the appointment of Peter Greenwood to the role of Chief Executive of the association. Mr Greenwood has an extensive career in policy and government relations.

"His most recent role is as the Canberra Director of GRA Cosway providing advisory and advocacy services to assist clients in their dealings with the Commonwealth Government," said Dr Reardon.

"Prior to this Peter held roles as Chief of Staff for both Commonwealth and State Ministers across a range of portfolios.

"Peter is very passionate about the importance of the pipeline industry and energy infrastructure to the Australian economy and the place for gas as part of our energy future.

"Peter will commence with APGA on 24 April."

Mr Greenwood replaces long-serving APGA Chief Executive Cheryl Cartwright.

### **Energy giants to bid for SA gas plant**

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Global energy giants Siemens and General Electric are lining up bids to build South Australia's proposed gas-fired power plant, according to the *Australian*.

The proposed \$360 million, 250 MW gas-fired power plant was announced as part of the state's *South Australian Power for South Australians* energy plan earlier this month to ensure more of the state's power is sourced, generated and controlled in South Australia.

Energy Minister Tom Koutsantonis said a two-week expressions of interest process to build the plant would open tomorrow.

"The sale of the ETSA (Electricity Trust of South Australia) was the worst policy blunder in the history of South Australia and that's why we need to make sure we have the ability to have a fast-start capacity to turn generation on when the national market fails us," said Mr Koutsantonis.

The South Australian energy plan also involves the incentivising increased gas production to ensure more of the state's gas is sourced and used in SA.

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