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## **Congratulations to Paul Bonsak OAM**

Paul was awarded the Medal (OAM) of the Order of Australia in the General Division over the weekend as part of the Australian Day Honours.

Paul has a long list of Community and Business achievements which include:

Community:

- Foster Carer, fostered over 26 children, 1980-1998.
- Founder, Macclesfield Adult Riding Club and the Macclesfield Riding for Disabled, 1981-2017.
- Original committee member, Horse Riding Clubs Association of Victoria, 1981-1983.

Professional:

- Managing Director, IAPMO R & T Oceana, certifying products in both the water and gas industry sectors, since 2016.
- Executive Manager, Gas Installation and Appliance Safety, Energy Safe Victoria, 2008-2016.
- Previous roles include: State Service Manager, Rheem Australia. General Manager, Southcorp Appliance Service. General Manager, Asia Pacific Appliances Emerson. Chair, Gas Technical Regulators Committee (GTRC), 'for four years'.

GAMAA has enjoyed a long and valued relationship with Paul and we congratulate him on receiving his Award.

## **SA has enough gas for centuries**

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South Australian Minister for Finance, State Development, Mineral Resources and Energy Tom Koutsantonis has talked up the role of gas at a recent conference.

Speaking at the South Australian Resources and Energy Investment Conference in Adelaide yesterday, Mr Koutsantonis said South Australia (SA) has enough gas in the ground to power the grid for centuries. [Read more here](#)

## **Finkel Review delivers blueprint for enduring action**

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"The final report of the Finkel Review is a strong vision for an energy system that supports Australia's competitiveness, and provides a firm foundation from which all stakeholders and sides of politics should work together to put comprehensive reform into action," Australian Industry Group Chief Executive Innes Willox said today.

"Australia faces several overlapping energy crises. We have lost our cost advantage, and energy is increasingly unaffordable for trade-exposed industry and households. The reliability of supply is under question, first in South Australia but eventually everywhere. We are not on course to achieve our emissions reduction commitments. And the investment needed to address these challenges is being strangled by a crisis of confidence and credibility, brought on by a decade of short-lived policy and political polarisation.

"The Finkel Review is a desperately needed opportunity to overcome the divisions and short-term thinking that have plagued Australia and unite around a plan for affordable, reliable and clean energy. The Review's final report deserves close consideration. Ai Group will determine our final response after working through the recommendations with our membership. But our immediate impression is that Dr Finkel and his team have consulted widely, listened closely, and delivered a sound blueprint.

"There has been much focus on the recommendations around emissions reduction, including either an Emissions Intensity Scheme (EIS) or a Clean Energy Target (CET). While these are quite distinct policies they have some features in common. Both are technology neutral market mechanisms that could work well with careful design. And neither can work without sustained cross-party consent. If Australia's political parties put a higher value on brand differentiation than on durable policy, we will be condemned to an electricity system that is uninvestable, unaffordable, unreliable and high-emitting. [Read full article here](#)

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