

**SAVE THIS DATE - 31 August 2017 - GAMAA's 53<sup>rd</sup> AGM**

Where: Ai Group - Level 2, 441 St Kilda Road Melbourne

When: 31 August 2017

Member's Lunch - 12.30pm

AGM 1.15pm

The AGM papers will be sent to GAMAA members shortly.



**Gas Appliance  
Manufacturers  
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**Momentum on energy security welcome, but Clean Energy Target now crucial**

Clean Energy Council Friday 14 July 2017

The endorsement by state and federal Energy Ministers of all but one of the recommendations from the Chief Scientist's review of Australia's energy security is a big step forward in creating a modern energy system, the Clean Energy Council said today.

But Clean Energy Council Chief Executive Kane Thornton said a Clean Energy Target is the missing piece of the puzzle to provide much-needed certainty that is essential for new investment to drive down power prices and ensure energy security.

"The endorsement of these recommendations by the COAG Energy Council will go a long way towards ensuring a clean, secure and affordable energy system," Mr Thornton said.

"While there is a great deal of detail to work through, with the right market and regulatory settings, these recommendations will allow Australia to take advantage of the full capabilities of sophisticated new renewable energy and energy storage technologies. We look forward to working with the key industry and business bodies to carefully design the implementation of these recommendations.

"But the Finkel Review recommendations need to be implemented as a whole package to ensure they operate as a coherent, strong and enduring energy strategy. We now wait for the Government to finalize its support for a Clean Energy Target as the most important policy for the future of Australia's energy system," he said.

**Gas prices still rising for manufacturers**

Gas Today Thu 13 July 2017

Chemistry Australia CEO Samantha Read has said that manufacturers in the Australian chemistry industry are not seeing an end to rising east coast gas prices due to a lack of understanding of how critical domestic gas is to job creation in the industry.

"While there has been some important Government action, the crisis is not over," said Ms Read.

"If anything, there appears to be continued upward pressure both on the cost of gas and its delivery. Members are still reporting increases of between 30 per cent and 60 per cent in negotiating new gas energy contracts. Continued rises of this magnitude really are a question of survival. Demand destruction is not a solution to the gas crisis."

Gas is particularly essential to the business of chemistry. It's important for process energy, and it is also a non-substitutable ingredient for advanced manufacturing.

The Australian chemistry industry uses 10 per cent of Australia's domestic gas for its molecular properties to create a huge range of products essential to our everyday lives.

These include fertilisers for our crops, cleaning products for health and hygiene in our homes and hospitals, and smart packaging to keep our food fresher for longer.

Ms Read continued, "Australia will pay a heavy price with job losses across the manufacturing sector. This is a double-whammy hitting everyday Australians who are already struggling at home with rising power and gas bills. [Read full article here](#)

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