

GAMAA's 53rd AGM - 31 August 2017

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 have now been sent to all GAMAA members. If you would like to attend complete and return the attendance form contained in the member's email pack.

2016-17 GEMS MARKET SURVEILLANCE RESULTS

Energy Rating - 30 July 2017

Labelling and registration compliance

GEMS market surveillance continues to be a focus of GEMS compliance activity to ensure products of models and models of GEMS products in the marketplace meet labelling and registration requirements.

Thirty per cent more products of models were inspected in the 2016-17 financial year than the previous, up from 2768 to 3929. Eighty-seven per cent were found to have been correctly registered.

Seventy-four per cent of products of models required to display the Energy Rating Label met the GEMS labelling requirements. Clothes dryers had the highest rate of labelling compliance at 94 per cent. Computer monitors and televisions had the lowest rate of labelling compliance at 35 per cent and 47 per cent respectively.

GEMS inspectors also inspected a total of 232 models of GEMS lighting products. A total of 125 models of halogen lamps were inspected. Twenty-seven models across 14 brands were identified as unregistered, most of which have not previously been registered under GEMS. [Read more here](#)

Three reasons why natural gas is better than electricity

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There is a solution to this energy crisis – natural gas. It provides a reliable alternative to underperforming electricity systems and it's also set to play a much bigger role in solving our current energy woes.

So why is it the better option?

1. It's always there when you need it

Natural gas infrastructure allows distributors to deliver gas to customers on demand, without the supply and reliability issues associated with electricity. In fact, when it comes to reliability, Australia's natural gas network experiences only one unplanned outage, on average every 40 years. This means if your home is connected to natural gas when a blackout hits, you may still have access to the energy you need to warm your home, wash your dishes and have a hot shower.

2. It's up to 40% cheaper than electricity to use

Natural gas has always been consistently affordable and is likely to continue to be so well into the future. Unlike electricity, where increased consumption drives your tariffs higher, generally the more gas appliances you install the more you can save. This is because in most cases, the cost per unit of gas decreases as consumption increases.

While gas appliances may cost a little more to install initially, running costs are generally lower. This means that using natural gas almost always works out cheaper in the long run.

3. It produces significantly less greenhouse gas emissions than electricity

Yes, natural gas is a fossil fuel, but it is also far more environmentally friendly than electricity. Its chemical structure is quite different to coal, meaning its emissions are much lower.

Here are some quantifiable examples of why natural gas is a better environmental choice:

In South Australia, a gas powered hot water system emits 67% less CO₂ than an electric equivalent

In Victoria, a gas powered hot water system emits 83% less CO₂ than an electric equivalent.

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