

GAMAA Technical meeting will be held on Wednesday 18 October 2017.

Where: Ai Group - L2, 441 St Kilda Road Melbourne

Time: 10am to 2pm

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**Gas Appliance
Manufacturers
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GEA + GTRC cohost LPG leisure cylinder safety consultation meeting

GEA Thursday 7 September 2017

The State and Territory Government Gas Technical Regulators Committee (GTRC) and GEA co-hosted a forum on the 18 August with stakeholders to discuss LPG valve safety. The meeting was chaired by the GTRC Chair Enzo Alfonsetti (Energy Safe Victoria (ESV)) and was opened by Mr Steve Cronin Gas and Pipeline Safety and Technical Regulation General Manager, ESV.

The Safety Forum commenced with the following three presentations.

1. Mr Jason Treseder (ESV) - safety concerns, ESV incident data analysis, GTRC actions undertaken to date and desire for change. And the stated GTRC position that the status quo is not acceptable.
2. David Collins (CEM International) – reviewed the GEA incident data analysis and alternate cylinder valve assessment; and
3. Darryl Ramm (GEA) – identified the valve change implementation issues.

The industry position re-affirmed in the presentation is that a change away from the current Type 21 POL LPG leisure cylinder valve is justified, in order to reduce the number of incidents and improve safety outcomes, and further that the POL (Type 21) valve with back-check, the QCC with Type 21 internal threaded valve and the modified QCC without an internal Type 21 thread all possess attributes that will improve safety outcomes. The presentation noted that the GEA Board has directed the GEA's Safe+Connect working group to further investigate the implementation issues associated with these options in consultation with relevant stakeholders. Meeting attendees were left in no doubt that changing the LPG leisure cylinder valve was a not insignificant task.

The forum session drew out stakeholders' views on a possible cylinder valve change. With the meeting attendees left in no doubt that changing the LPG leisure cylinder valve was a not insignificant task. Key issues raised by stakeholders included the impact on retail and decant operations and how a change would impact specifically on caravans and boats.

Stakeholders attending the forum have been asked to submit written feedback on the three GEA shortlisted options to the GTRC Secretariat within one month and GEA will present its preferred option to the GTRC on 30 November.

Santos increases domestic supply

Gas Today Fri 8 September 2017

Santos and its GLNG Joint Venture (JV) partners will supply 30 PJ of gas to the east coast domestic market over 2018 and 2019.

The gas, which would otherwise have been exported as LNG, is being sold to east coast customers, including power companies.

"Over the last few months, Santos has been working constructively with the Federal Government and our GLNG partners to supply additional gas to the east coast domestic market," said Santos Managing Director and CEO Kevin Gallagher.

"30 PJ is a material volume of gas which could power a 228 MW power station or 330,000 homes over the two year period."

The \$20.5 billion GLNG development is a JV between Santos (30 per cent) and PETRONAS (27.5 per cent), Total (27.5 per cent) and KOGAS (15 per cent).

These arrangements follow recent announcements for the delivery of 72 PJ of gas over four years into the south east market through a swap arrangement and the sale of 15 PJ of gas to the Pelican Point Power Station in South Australia.

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