

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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Domestic gas supply concerns

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Ai Group calls on Federal Government to proceed towards invoking Gas supply mechanism to address extreme domestic supply concerns

“Industry remains deeply worried about the state of the gas market. We have today released a submission which calls on the Federal Government to maintain pressure on gas exporters by proceeding towards invoking the Australian Domestic Gas Security Mechanism (ADGSM) export controls,” Australian Industry Group Chief Executive, Innes Willox, said today.

“Ai Group member businesses continue to experience extreme contract prices and poor contract availability; the market remains non-transparent; and while there have been some recent positive signs of action by gas exporters, it is far too early to know how effective these will be in rebalancing the market.

“In our submission, we argue that the Government should determine that 2018 is a shortfall year under Regulation 13GE of the Customs (Prohibited Exports) Regulations 1958.

“There is considerable leeway under the Regulations to amend such a decision subsequently if circumstances warrant the tightening, loosening or removal of export controls. However, there would be no power to impose export controls on LNG in 2018 unless the Government made a shortfall determination by 1 November 2017. The asymmetry of these options further bolsters the case for making a shortfall determination in order to maintain the Government’s freedom to respond to developments in the gas market.

“Despite some recent improvement, our industrial members have become alarmed by the extraordinary rise in the price, and reduction in the availability, of contractible gas. The hope would be that the market will improve even further and obviate the need for the government to move beyond the first step of a shortfall year declaration but it needs to keep its options open,” Mr Willox said.

Ai Group’s full ADGSM submission is available [here](#)

GEA talks Safe+Connect with AG-006 Committee

GEA 19 September 2017

Further to our article in GC w/c 11 September.....GEA was invited to attend a Standards Australia Technical Committee meeting AG-006 – Gas Installations in Canberra on Wednesday 13 September to discuss the Safe+Connect project. GEA Manager Technical Development Mr Darryl Ramm outlined the reasoning behind the industries position proposing a change away from the current Type 21 POL LPG leisure in order to reduce the number of incidents and improve safety outcomes.

Mr Ramm outlined that the currently the GEA Board has requested 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 which all possess attributes that will improve safety outcomes should be further considered by a GEA working group.

The meeting attendees left in no doubt that changing the LPG leisure cylinder valve was a not insignificant task and that the work encapsulated multiple Standards Australia Standards across many Technical Committees including AG-006. The key issue for AG-006 is any potential changes on caravans and boat installations.

The AG-006 committee were made aware that the GEA Board would be meeting in November with a view to selecting one of three valves under consideration so that the CEO of GEA Mr John Griffiths can present this selection to the GTRC on the 30th November.

GAMAA has representatives on the AG-006 committee and we will keep you informed of future developments.



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