

**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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**Government action on gas welcome – industry commitments must be kept**

Ai Group media release 27 September 2017

"Eastern Australian energy users will welcome the gas industry's commitment to do what it takes to avoid a gas shortfall over the next two years – and will watch closely to see that it is met," Australian Industry Group Chief Executive Innes Willox said today.

"The gas producers and exporters have acknowledged and committed to act upon the perilous reality that there is a looming shortfall in the gas market of at least 50 petajoules. That shortfall is having an impact right now, making reasonable long-term gas contracts hard to secure and sending prices well above international parity, as the ACCC has shown. There is enormous pressure on big parts of the Australian economy including manufacturing, agriculture and mining.

"This acknowledgement, and the commitment by the producers to fill the supply gap, reflects government and industry pressure on the sector after years of denial about the state of the domestic gas market and the impact of their export first strategy.

"We welcome the Government's assurance that it will hold the gas producers to their word and guarantee that they fill the void in the domestic market for 2018 and 2019. Transparency is essential, and regular reporting to the ACCC on pricing, sales and offers is positive. Australian industry, the community and the Government have been given a commitment. We should trust – but verify.

"The Australian Domestic Gas Security Mechanism remains an important tool to compel cooperation by gas exporters. The Government must not hesitate to invoke its powers at the first sign of non-compliance or fudging.

"The bottom line is that the current situation cannot go on. Gas users in industry and the electricity sector need long-term certainty about gas supply and pricing. Without it investment will disappear, with dire consequences for jobs and energy security. Confidence in our political system to deliver what is good for the economy is also at stake.

"Today's commitments should be the start of a multi-pronged strategy between gas suppliers, users and government to ensure that we have adequate access to gas at no more than international prices. New sources of supply and demand efficiency both have a part to play. As the ACCC has indicated, current prices are far above a reasonable netback-plus-transport benchmark. The task now is to ensure we resolve the immediate crisis and provide long-term certainty for Australia's energy users," Mr Willox said.

**Energy Users Welcome Gas Deal Announcement**

Energy Users Association media release 28 September 2017

The Energy Users' Association of Australia (EUAA) welcomes the Prime Minister's announcement that he has struck a deal with the gas companies involved in LNG exports from Gladstone to supply gas to the domestic market and overcome the forecast shortages over the next two years.

"The announcement of a gas deal is a welcome relief to energy users who have been under significant pressure with energy prices and gas supply," said Chairman of the EUAA, Mr Brian Morris.

The recent ACCC and AEMO reports released this week highlighted the perilous situation domestic gas supply is in.

"The proof of these companies' offers today will be in its implementation – we note a further meeting next Tuesday to discuss details."

Included in the announcement is the ongoing role that the ACCC will have in monitoring offers.

"We look forward to the ongoing role of the ACCC in monitor the gas offers to ensure an appropriate level of transparency. The ACCC's ongoing reports have been a very valuable insight into the practices of gas suppliers and closely accords with our members' experiences," said Mr Morris. [Read full press release here](#)



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