

GAMAA Technical Committee meeting - 7 March 2018

The next GAMAA Technical meeting will be held on Wednesday 7 March 2018 at L2, 441 St Kilda Road Melbourne, commencing at 10am – Ezo Alfonsetti (ESV) will be joining the meeting ----To register please email associations@aigroup.com.au



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International Energy Agency says gas bans must be lifted

APPEA 15 February 2018

State and Territory governments must lift their unjustified bans on natural gas development or risk squandering Australia's energy advantage, the International Energy Agency (IEA) has warned.

APPEA Chief Executive Dr Malcolm Roberts said the IEA review of Australia's energy policies released in Canberra today confirmed the urgent need to remove senseless State bans and restrictions on gas operations.

"The message to policymakers from the IEA's Executive Director, Dr Fatih Birol, could not have been clearer," Dr Roberts said.

"Dr Birol identified the number-one step Australia can take to deliver secure and affordable energy – removing bans on unconventional gas projects.

"Coal seam gas from Queensland already supplies almost 60 per cent of the east coast gas market. States that have blocked unconventional gas projects are using more and more coal seam gas, but are paying a hefty premium to transport this gas from interstate.

"As Dr Birol stated this morning, more gas supply will put downward pressure on energy prices and smooth Australia's transition to a low-emissions future."

Dr Birol also forecasts that Asia's demand for LNG will almost triple over the next 20 years, creating a huge economic opportunity for Australia.

The Chinese government is leading this demand growth, recognizing LNG as a cleaner fuel for the environment. Fuel switching to gas reduces the airborne pollution which is responsible for an estimated 2.2 million premature deaths in China.

Dr Roberts said the IEA report made it clear that restricting gas exports was not a sustainable solution to concerns about domestic supply.

"The IEA report echoes industry's concerns that gas reservation policies risk worsening the problem by discouraging new investment in gas projects," he said.

More detail on the National Energy Guarantee welcomed

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APPEA welcomes the release today by the Energy Security Board of a consultation paper on the design of the National Energy Guarantee (NEG).

"The NEG is an ambitious plan to balance cutting emissions with delivering affordable and secure energy," said APPEA Chief Executive Dr Malcolm Roberts.

"At its simplest, the aim of the NEG is to deliver progressively cleaner, dispatchable energy without the pitfalls of governments picking technology winners.

"Targets would be clear but there would be flexibility for energy retailers to use a mix of generation types and demand-side measures to achieve the targets.

"As the design of the NEG is developed in consultation with energy customers and businesses, industry trusts that all governments will work together, through the Council of Australian Governments, to agree a stable, long-term policy.

"As highlighted today by the International Energy Agency (IEA), gas is a vital part of the clean energy transition..... Read the full media release [here](#)

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