

GAMAA Technical Committee meeting – RREGISTER NOW!

The next GAMAA Technical meeting will be held on Friday 20 July 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

Gas shortage over: AEMO

Gas Today Fri 22 June 2018

The Australian Energy Market Operator's (AEMO) 2018 Gas Statement of Opportunities (GSOO) Report shows things are looking up for the east coast market.

The big news coming out of the report highlights that no supply gaps are forecast before 2030 under expected market conditions.

The risks of shortfalls previously projected for 2019 has been reduced due to changes in the energy market, including:

- Minor reductions (less than 1 per cent) in east coast Australian LNG demand estimates
 provided by the producers, resulting in greater availability of Queensland CSG for
 domestic customers. This provides the domestic market with 8 PJ more gas in 2019 than
 previously expected
- The Northern Gas Pipeline helping further increase supply available to eastern and south-eastern gas markets
- Increased commitments to develop alternative electricity generation sources reducing the need for high volumes of gas-powered generation of electricity in the National Electricity Market (NEM)
- The introduction of the Australian Domestic Gas Security Mechanism, resulting in a HoA between the Federal Government and LNG producers for domestic gas supply commitments, and a mechanism to restrict exports if required.

Gas production is forecast to continue increasing beyond 2019 to meet forecast demand, requiring new gas reserves and resources to be developed, with producers voicing intention to develop new reserves and resources to meet forecasts.

However, the report advises that from 2030 additional gas supply infrastructure will be needed to deliver gas to southern customers unless early investment in exploration and development bring highly uncertain – and as yet undiscovered – southern prospective resources to market. Read more here

Ai Group report on energy crisis - "From worse to bad"

Media Release Thursday 5 July 2018

The Australian Industry Group has today released a new report that examines the ongoing energy crisis in Australia which, while improving, can be said to have gone from worse to bad. The report, Eastern Australian Energy Prices – from Worse to Bad, is based on Ai Group's own research including consultations with member companies across the economy.

Ai Group played a leading role in warning of the gas and electricity price surge that buffeted Eastern Australian businesses and households over the past year. Building on our earlier research, our 2017 report, Energy shock: no gas, no power, no future? put into stark terms the scale of the challenge created by an export-led gas price rise and a much tighter electricity market dependent on gas generation.

Ai Group Chief Executive, Innes Willox, said: "This latest report outlines that the price improvements since 2017 have been strictly relative. Energy prices are set to remain well above their historic average, sapping the competitiveness of many industries and putting households under pressure.

"The report suggests a bleak future for gas users where supply costs are high and exports have permanently transformed the market. New supply is essential to avert a return to the scarcity pricing of 2017. However, if export parity pricing is the norm instead, gas users will likely have to economise, fuel switch, or in the worst case leave Eastern Australia entirely in search of cheaper gas. The possibility that gas-intensive industries will leave the East represents a major failure of national energy policy that has been many years in the making. If we allow these activities to leave Australia altogether, the loss of jobs, investment, and critical inputs for the rest of the economy would be severe. Read the full report here