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GAMAA Christmas Lunch & Technical Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday 22 November

Venue: Sandringham Yacht Club - Jetty Road Sandringham

- 9.30am to 12noon - Technical Committee meeting - Training Room
- 12noon to 4pm - Christmas Lunch - Olympic Room

To register please email associations@aigroup.com.au

Government gas deal on the cards

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Following meetings with Federal Resources Minister Matt Canavan in Canberra yesterday, gas producers are expected to extend a deal offering uncontracted gas for domestic use before export.

In a move that could see LNG projects avoid government intervention, [The Australian](#) reported big gas players like Santos, Origin Energy and Shell are [expected to recommit](#) to the Australian domestic gas security mechanism, which would see them agree to make gas available at peak demand periods.

The deal gives the government the power to limit gas exports if it anticipates domestic shortfalls in the following year, with Senator Canavan having until 1 November to enact the trigger if low gas supply seems likely in 2019.

Escalating [threats of intervention](#) on exports by both major political parties in recent weeks was met with strong displeasure by gas industry chiefs; Santos CEO Kevin Gallagher said such plans would result in gas fields becoming uneconomic and ["instead of more supply and lower prices, there will be even less investment and less supply"](#).

The publication reported that no deal was officially done in the meeting, with further talks to be had before a recommendation is made to the Prime Minister later this month.

APPEA wants more gas not export controls

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An increase in local gas supply, not proposed export controls, is what will lower domestic gas prices, according to Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association (APPEA) Chief Executive Dr Malcolm Roberts.

In a statement released in response to [the proposal from the federal Labor Party](#) to introduce a permanent trigger on export controls, Dr Roberts said increasing regulation would not solve current market issues.

"Trying to regulate prices does not tackle the real problems – the rising cost of producing gas and tightening local supply in Victoria and New South Wales," said Dr Roberts.

"As manufacturers themselves accept, the only effective way to put downward pressure on gas prices is creating more supply from more suppliers.

"That supply needs to be local supply to avoid customers paying significant shipping costs. "APPEA can see no justification for the government to apply export controls in 2019 and certainly no justification for making controls – with a price trigger – permanent."

Much discussion over the last two months has centred around potential gas shortages on the east coast.

In July, Venice Energy [predicted gas shortages](#) could emerge in Victoria as early as the middle of next year, while conversely the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) and the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) both contended any scarcity in gas supply [was unlikely to arise](#) until the end of the next decade.

Dr Roberts said APPEA did not see any shortages in the near future, with upcoming LNG projects all looking to supply the domestic market first.

"In June this year, the AEMO forecast that it does not expect supply gaps until 2030," he said. Read the full article [here](#)



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