



**Gas Appliance  
Manufacturers  
Association of  
Australia**

### **GAMAA Commercial Catering Equipment Industry Forum**

On Tuesday 4 of October GAMAA hosted an industry forum with Manufacturers from the Commercial Catering Equipment Industry, informing proposed changes in structure to the commercial catering equipment standard, and to discuss appliances that currently are not covered within the standard.

Companies that attended include:

- Comcater
- Moffat
- Electrolux Professional
- Middleby Corp./Goldstein Eswood
- Luus Industries
- B&S Commercial Kitchens
- Concord Food Equipment
- F.E.D

All attendees contributed significantly to the discussions, and have provided feedback that has been consolidated and will be presented at the next AG-001 committee meeting in Wellington on the 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> October.

### **GAMAA joint media release - Greens gas policy would leave ACT in the cold**

The ACT Greens are threatening to ban gas reticulation to new Canberra suburbs and prohibit the sale of new or replacement gas hot water systems, which would deny the citizens the right to choose a safe, reliable, affordable energy source.

The ACT Greens have put out a Policy that in essence says that they stand for a “shift away from using gas to heat our homes and hot water as we build new suburbs”.

They go on to say ... “Building gas infrastructure in new suburbs is a costly and unnecessary exercise, and will mean that all gas consumers across the city will pay for the installation and maintenance of the new network through higher network prices”.

And further... “That means committing to no new gas infrastructure in new suburbs, and providing incentives for households to shift away from gas in existing dwellings if they choose to”. “The Greens want to ensure that households are supported to transition away from expensive and polluting gas as electricity becomes cheaper and cleaner”.

The Australian Petroleum Production & Exploration Association (APPEA), the Energy Networks Association (ENA), the Australian Pipelines and Gas Association (APGA) and the Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association of Australia (GAMAA) have called for commonsense policy discussion in the ACT election.

GAMAA’s comment... “GAMAA President Andrew Creek said all fuel sources would play a role in securing Australia’s energy future.

“Targeting one fuel source and class of appliance for elimination, in this case gas appliances, is neither sensible nor feasible, and represents the worst of regulatory over-reach,” Mr Creek said.

“Remember that ten years ago the same people were preaching the need to ban electric water heaters, the same product that would now be installed if this ill-thought out gas appliance ban was to be imposed.

“History shows that the only sure outcome when politicians and regulators attempt to pick future winners and losers, is that they will get it wrong”.

[Read the full media release here](#)

[Read ACT Green's Policy here](#)

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