



**Gas Appliance
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Australia**



Happy New Year and welcome to the first edition of Gas Connections for 2019. Every week we'll continue to bring you updates and advice relevant to our dynamic sector. Your contributions are welcome at any time.

Hy4Heat Annual Report

Please see the attached annual report from the UK Government's Hy4Heat program [here](#)

The report contains information that GAMAA will be considering as we work with the Future Fuels CRC and within our own organisations.

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Autumn Edition

Please click [here](#) for the latest edition of Plumbing Connection.

Articles of interest:

- Carbon monoxide testing - pages 40-43
- A guide to ISH trade fair - pages 58-59

Banning Fracking, Protecting Farmers and Supporting Jobs

Media Release - The Hon Jaclyn Symes, MLC Minister for Agriculture & Resources - 21 December 2018

Work to enshrine the Andrews Labor Government's historic ban on fracking in the Constitution of Victoria has begun.

Minister for Agriculture and Resources Jaclyn Symes visited farmers in Gippsland today to discuss the next steps in the permanent ban on fracking – which will protect Victoria's prime agricultural land and the farmers and communities that rely on it.

Victoria's agricultural sector exports \$14 billion in food and fibre products each year and employs over 190,000 people.

The success of this industry depends on Victoria's reputation for producing some of the cleanest and greenest food and fibre in the world – a reputation that would be under threat if the Liberals and Nationals got back into power and overturned the Labor Government's ban. That's why enshrining the ban in the Constitution is so important.

Allowing fracking would also jeopardise large sections of the state's tourism industry, which together with agriculture are worth around \$38 billion a year in Victoria.

To boost business and promote our frack-free state, the Labor Government will provide \$1 million for export focused marketing activities, to promote our clean and green food and fibre sector to the world.

This investment will fund a number of Minister-led inbound and outbound trade missions, bringing leaders from agriculture, food processing and government together with major purchasers of agricultural exports.

The campaign will kick off next year, capitalising on the Global Table event in Victoria in 2019. Global Table will be the largest food business event ever staged in Australia, with more than 5,000 participants. Read the full media release [here](#)

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