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Residential Buildings Trajectory - 5-star gas clarification

On the 1st February, the COAG energy ministers agreed to the report “Trajectory for low energy buildings” prepared by the Department of Energy.

<http://www.coagenergycouncil.gov.au/publications/trajectory-low-energy-buildings>

The final report contains all the changes that gas industry stakeholders, including GAMAA, lobbied for during most of 2018 and which GAMAA was involved in drafting regarding the inclusion of high efficiency gas appliances as allowable appliance options going forward on the basis that they can contribute significantly to the objectives of the trajectory.

This is a significant win for gas appliance manufacturers because at the start of the process gas appliances were not even included as options.

The changes will start from 2022 via the National Construction Code (NCC).

Next steps will be the formulation of a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) and further work on implementation of the trajectory plan which GAMAA will be involved with but at least the trajectory for low energy buildings is starting from a solid base with respect to gas appliances”

About the NEPP & Trajectory for Low Energy Buildings:

The National Energy Productivity Plan (NEPP), agreed by the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Energy Council (the Council) in 2015, aims to improve Australia’s energy productivity by 40 per cent between 2015 and 2030. This will reduce costs for households, while improving Australia’s competitiveness and growing the economy and jobs. The NEPP also supports the Australian Government’s commitment under the Paris Agreement to reducing greenhouse gas emissions to 26 to 28 per cent below 2005 levels by 2030.

Under NEPP Measure 31, Advance the NCC, the Council agreed to consider opportunities to increase minimum requirements in the NCC to achieve better energy efficiency outcomes for Australia’s buildings. Energy efficiency requirements in the NCC are a key mechanism for delivering the NCC’s ‘Sustainability’ goal, while also supporting its ‘Health’ and ‘Amenity’ goals.

Opportunities for future changes in the NCC have been developed by conducting a process that considers a broader trajectory for the building sector. This Trajectory for Low Energy Buildings (the Trajectory) was developed cooperatively between Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments, and identifies cost effective opportunities for energy efficiency improvements throughout the building system, from thermal performance to appliance energy usage and renewable energy generation.

AGIG welcomes Federal Labor’s hydrogen strategy

Australian Gas Infrastructure Group press release - 22 January 2019

Australian Gas Infrastructure Group (AGIG) – currently building Australia’s largest electrolyser, Hydrogen Park SA, in partnership with the South Australian government - welcomes today’s announcement by Federal Labor of a \$1.14 billion national hydrogen strategy.

AGIG’s Chief Executive Officer, Mr Ben Wilson, said the Labor Party initiative was most timely considering the fast-moving development of the global hydrogen industry and emerging benefits.

Mr Wilson said the Hydrogen Park SA (HypSA) project will from late this year blend renewable hydrogen into the local gas distribution network in Adelaide, starting the decarbonisation journey.

“Hydrogen is a zero-carbon fuel that has the potential to create a major new export industry for Australia, delivering jobs and growth as Australian solar and wind resources are stored in the form of hydrogen and exported to energy hungry North East Asia. Northern and regional Australia, with the best solar and wind resources, are particularly well placed to benefit,” he said. Read more [here](#)

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