

## Australia's Gas Challenge

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Last week chief executives from gas producers and consumers met at the 7th Australian Domestic Gas Outlook conference in Sydney. They shared their views on the challenges facing the domestic gas industry.

The common message from all representatives was that natural gas is a key component in Australia's energy industry. However, unsurprisingly, differences arose about how the challenges facing the sector and customers could be resolved.

Gas impacts every Australian in one way or another:

- LNG is one of the top three most valuable Australian resource exports, forecast to be worth \$50 billion this financial year. As a key export market, it is providing significant jobs and wealth to WA (as well as significant domestic supply) and Queensland. The coal seam gas (CSG) industry has benefited many regional areas in Queensland as well as the nation through royalties and taxes, used to invest in important infrastructure such as schools and hospitals.
- For major gas users, the fuel is a key component as either a raw material or as a major energy source. The materials produced by these manufacturers and the many thousands of people they employ provide everyday Australians with goods such as glass, fertiliser, plastics, paper, bricks and food.
- For commercial and residential users, gas plays a role in providing heat for cooking, hot water or heating. Many homes in Australia would not be able to be heated without the gas being supplied to them.

The focus of the conference was on the major gas players, with the key issues discussed around supply and price. While they are interrelated, it is a very complex relationship. Read more [here](#)

## Standards Australia Draft for Comment - AS 4632

Please note that the following draft is open for public comment:

Draft Number: AS 4632

Title: Over-pressure and under-pressure shut off devices

Project Committee: AG-013 Components used for Gas Appliances and Equipment

Public Comment Closing Date: **14/05/2019 23:59**

You can view the draft and any incoming comments [here](#) after entering your Standards Hub login details.

All comments are to be submitted on the Standards Hub. Follow the link above, login and select the "New Comment" button.

If you have any queries regarding the submission of comments, please contact us on the details given below or contact the relevant Project Manager.

Also note the shorter commenting period. This Standard has been relisted for public comment after the trial with a new method for commenting.

## ENA/Bioenergy Australia Symposium - Renewable Gas in Australia

Theme: Hydrogen & Biogas to deliver Australia's emission outcomes

When: Thursday 6 June 2019

Where: Maritime Museum, Darling Harbour, Sydney

The opening Address will be presented by Ben Wilson, CEO Australian Gas Infrastructure Group on "*Exploring policy and global drivers to accelerate Australia's renewable gas industry, this session will highlight international policy approaches, domestic policy solutions and industry advances in driving this new industry*".

View the full program [here](#)



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