

Green light for hydrogen mix in gas networks

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Energy Networks Australia has today released a report confirming that injection of hydrogen into the gas distribution network can be done under current gas legislation.

The report, conducted by law firm Johnson Winter & Slattery, details the results of analysis of existing Commonwealth, state and territory legislative instruments and regulations.

Energy Networks Australia CEO Andrew Dillon said the findings would help inform work on the National Hydrogen Strategy.

“There are already trials under development by gas distributors that aim to blend renewable hydrogen into existing gas networks,” Mr Dillon said.

“Hydrogen can play an important role in not only helping Australia’s gas networks decarbonise, but as energy storage. Flexible hydrogen production can help soak up excess renewable electricity on sunny and windy days, then fuel cells can generate emissions-free power on still evenings.”

As demonstrated in Energy Networks Australia’s Gas Vision 2050 report, hydrogen’s scope is impressive, with potential to widen customers’ power options, improve and increase renewable generation, provide options for mobility and even create a new energy export market.

“Funding for research and development, backed by bipartisan national support, will drive the commercialisation of hydrogen technologies,” Mr Dillon said.

“Establishing a strong, domestic hydrogen industry will allow for the development and acceleration of Australia’s hydrogen export industry.”

Energy Networks Australia is supporting the Future Fuels CRC and is working with Chief Scientist Alan Finkel, who is leading the development of the National Hydrogen Strategy.

As previously reported, GAMAA is playing a key role with in the Future Fuels CRC with testing appliances and measuring performance tolerances based on injection the levels of Hydrogen into the gas networks. It is still early days and a lot more testing and research needs to be undertaken before Hydrogen is injected into the networks.

APA names new CEO

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APA Group has named the company’s replacement for outgoing CEO and Managing Director Mick McCormack.

It has been revealed APA Group Executive Transmission Rob Wheals will take over from Mr McCormack, effective 6 July.

Mr Wheals has been with APA for more than a decade and was previously AAPT General Manager of Strategy.

He is also a Graduate Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

APA Chairman Michael Fraser said the selection process had been extensive, but the appointment was a “testament to the quality of APA’s senior leadership team”.

“Rob is a strategic thinker with ‘hands on’ operating experience and a strong track record in delivering results,” he said.

“Rob is passionate about delivering for the customer and understands the importance of culture in driving business performance.”

.....“I have seen Rob evolve as a leader over the last decade and he has the right mix of smarts, integrity and humility to lead the APA team,” said Mr McCormack.

Mr Wheals described his predecessor as “an outstanding leader” and said it was a “great honour” to lead the company.....APA owns approximately 56 per cent of Australia’s gas transmission pipelines, a network of more than 15,000 km. [Read full article here](#)



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