



**Gas Appliance
Manufacturers
Association of
Australia**

Standards Australia Draft for Comment - AS 4631:2018 Amendment 1

AG-013 members would have received notification last week that public comment for AS 4631:2018 Amendment 1.

This was supposed to occur 2 weeks ago, however due to issues with Connect (it did not recognise that the project was attached to this committee) public comment started on the 9th May, but no notifications were given out until it was resolved yesterday.

The closing date is 11:59pm on 11th July 2019.

Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction

ENA 27 May 2019

Energy Networks Australia congratulates Angus Taylor on his re-appointment to the Morrison Cabinet in an expanded energy and emissions reduction portfolio.

Energy Networks Australia CEO Andrew Dillon said the industry looked forward to continuing to work with Minister Taylor in progressing a sustainable energy future at what was a critical time in the evolution of the sector.

“Our key priorities are the grid integration challenges of connecting renewables, both large and small scale, the National Hydrogen Strategy and maintaining the sector’s finance ability,” Mr Dillon said.

“Energy and climate policies are closely linked and combing the two is a positive step towards the policy certainty and stability the industry needs.

“Renewable energy presents many opportunities but also challenges for the grid, which is why Energy Networks Australia has been working with the Australian Energy Market Operator on the Open Energy Networks project.”

Survey finds Australia’s gas price below average

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A new gas price survey has found the average wholesale gas price in Australia is below the average amount paid in Asia.

According to the International Gas Union’s 2019 Wholesale Gas Price Survey, Australia’s average gas price last year was US\$4.54/MMBTU (\$6.53), which ranked 27 out of 54 countries.

This price was approximately one-third below the average wholesale price in Asia, with major LNG exporters China, South Korea and Japan all paying more than US\$8/MMBTU (\$11.51).

Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association (APPEA) Chief Executive Andrew McConville said the survey showed the “widely repeated” claim that importers of Australian LNG were paying less than Australian customers was incorrect.

“While the Australian gas market is relatively tight and prices for new contracts are higher than they have been historically, it remains the case that across the economy that Australian gas consumers are not paying prices above those paid on average in Japan or other LNG importing nations,” he said.

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