

Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association of Australia

## Tonsley Park SA – replacement gas appliances

As you are probably aware, GAMAA is a participant in the Future Fuels CRC and is coordinating the appliance laboratory testing that is currently taking place to see how appliances will behave on a line gas that consists of Natural Gas with 10% Hydrogen.

A separate but related project is the 'Hydrogen Park South Australia' project (<u>https://www.agig.com.au/hydrogen-park-south-australia</u>) which is being managed by the Australian Gas Infrastructure Group (AGIG).

AGIG are preparing for the injection of 5% Hydrogen into a section of their existing natural gas network supplying nearby homes and businesses by mid-2020.

As part of the preparation, AGIG are now liaising with affected home occupants and conducting a review of the gas appliances they have currently installed.

In some cases occupants or their landlord may want to replace their appliances, this will typically apply in the case of older appliances. For these cases, the AGIG liaison wants to know of any GAMAA members that are interested in supplying the replacement appliance(s) directly to the consumer at a discount to the retail price.

By way of example, the way this would work is that if the consumer wants to replace their Brand X and Model Y appliance, the AGIG representative would pass on the contact person for Brand X to the consumer whom the latter would then contact directly. The transaction of supply of the replacement appliance for Model Y and possibly also its installation would then be handled between Brand X and the consumer with no further involvement from AGIG or GAMAA.

Please advise if your organization is interested in participating and pass on the details of the contact person who would be handling the transaction (phone and email) to Leon Bogers (<u>leonb@rinnai.com.au</u> or 0419 531 619). Leon can also answer any questions you might have.

## Federal Government reviewing domestic gas

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The Federal Government has announced it will formally investigate a domestic gas reservation scheme to sure up local supply.

Federal Resources Minister Matt Canavan said the government was examining how to bring down gas prices on Australia's east coast and would look at Western Australia's gas reservation scheme to see if something similar was applicable nationally.

Additionally, the government will also review pipeline regulation and prolong the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's (ACCC) monitoring of the gas industry until 2025.

Senator Canavan said Australia needed to be able to rely on its own industries.

"Imitation's the best form of flattery and what we're seeking to do is imitate the best things about what is working in the west and possible apply it to eastern Australia," he said.

"Our market is different over here, we've got multiple state governments, a pipeline network that straddles those jurisdictions, so we've got to work through a lot of issues. Price and supply are inextricably linked."

The Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association (APPEA) said it would work with the government to ensure confidence in the industry was restored, not undermined.

"Sensible reforms can improve the efficiency of the gas market and its operation," said APPEA Chief Executive Andrew McConville. Read the full article <u>here</u>

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