



**Gas Appliance  
Manufacturers  
Association of  
Australia**

### **GAMAA 55<sup>th</sup> AGM – last chance to register**

The 55<sup>th</sup> GAMAA AGM will be held **Next** Tuesday 3 September 2019 at 1.15pm at Ai Group, L2. 441 St Kilda Road, Melbourne.

A light lunch will precede the AGM at 12.30pm.

To Register please email [jon.onley@aigoup.com.au](mailto:jon.onley@aigoup.com.au)

### **Business alarmed as power cuts loom**

The Age – Energy - 23 August 2019

The Australian Energy Market Operator has warned more than 1 million Victorian households could face blackouts this summer if power plant repairs at key facilities ran behind schedule without replacement supplies being secured.

The move reignited political divisions over energy policy and prompted warnings from industry that greater certainty was required to bring stability to the energy network, as the power plant owners – AGL and Origin Energy – issued fresh assurances both would be up and running by mid-December.

“A Rheem spokesman said the water heater manufacturing company’s direct gas and electricity costs had increased by more than 50 per cent since 2017.

“Rheem’s competitiveness versus imports has been weakened by high Australian energy prices. Steel is our major raw material and our biggest input cost after labour, and the nature of steel is that it is highly exposed to energy costs” he said.

Australian Industry Group chief Innes Willox said the AEMO warning reinforced the “unsatisfactory” state of the energy market, and he called on governments to provide greater energy policy certainty to spur investments.

“The potential for increased electricity supply uncertainty in such a finely balanced market is intolerable, especially given how much time successive governments of all persuasions had had to better prepare our energy market for the sorts of shocks we are increasing seeing each summer.”

### **ACCC: gas supply tight but no 2020 shortfall**

Gas Today 29 August 2019

Australia’s consumer watchdog has released its latest report into the gas industry indicating supply in the country’s south remains tight.

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission’s (ACCC) seventh [Gas Inquiry Report](#) said a gas supply shortfall on the east coast market was unlikely to occur next year, with producers expecting to provide about an extra 113 PJ of gas than provided in 2019.

ACCC Chair Rod Sims said prices in the southern states had not decreased, with customers paying around \$10–12/GJ in the first quarter of 2019.

“The supply-demand balance in the southern states remains tight, and there is uncertainty about how much gas will actually be used for gas power generation and how much of the gas produced in the south, particularly the Cooper Basin, will flow to Queensland,” said Mr Sims.

“It is clear that these current gas prices remain high and challenging for many commercial and industry gas users, and while some have found ways to absorb the higher costs, this is often not possible.

This underscores the need for timely action, both by governments, by gas producers and by retailers.”

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