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ABCB energy efficiency scoping study and Technical Working Group

The ABCB has just announced they have released a scoping study that outlines an approach and scope for investigating possible changes to the National Construction Code's (NCC) energy efficiency provisions, with a particular focus on NCC 2022. This work will consider the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Energy Council's Trajectory for Low Energy Buildings. Together with other Industry associations with an interest in gas, GAMAA was heavily involved during the consultation process for the trajectory and the final COAG paper reflects the role gas (and gas appliances) can play in achieving the trajectory objectives. The ABCB will be charged with implementing the trajectory incrementally through the cyclical NCC updates, the first starting in 2022 (followed by 2025, 2028 etc.). You can read more or download a copy of the scoping study from the ABCB's Consultation Hub.

The executive will review the study in detail, liaise with other industry groups, and respond as appropriate.

The ABCB has also formed a residential technical working group which will provide technical input and feedback to assist the development of the NCC provisions and the consultation Regulation Impact Statement within the scope of work endorsed by the ABCB Board and Building Ministers' Forum (BMF). One of the GAMAA vice presidents, Leon Bogers, will be one of the industry representatives on this working group.

IGU – Sustainable Future Powered by Gas

The International Gas Union has just published 2019 edition of Sustainable Future Powered by Gas. One of the key messages that have been identified is *global energy demand is growing, together with the urgency to reduce emissions and pollution, while rapid changes in the global energy mix are putting a premium on energy security and reliability.*

Finding a way to supply energy to more people, while maintaining good air quality, protecting the climate, and ensuring affordability is one of the biggest challenges of our time. Because it is clean, abundant, affordable and flexible, gas can effectively address this challenge.

Gas will provide sufficient energy securely, affordably, and sustainably wherever it is needed.

One area that needs to be addressed through the entire natural gas network is leaks, or releases of natural gas. Methane is a potent green house gas when compared to CO₂, although it does have a short life, it does have a significant short-term global warming effect. As an industry the better we are at mitigating and eliminating methane emissions the more sustainable our industry will be.

The full report can be [found here](#).

GAMAA 55th AGM

The 55th GAMAA AGM will be held on 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.

Supporting AGM documents will be sent to members on or around 6 August.

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