

Chris Blogg - Retirement

After 44 years' service, Chris Blogg has decided to retire from Rinnai.

Chris started his career at Rinnai on 20 March 1976.

Chris's journey with Rinnai started first working in the Service Department, then as Technical Manager, International Technical Coordinator for Rinnai Japan, and finally, Executive Technical Advisor.

Chris has seen Rinnai grow from a small operation with about 10 people when he joined, to the large and successful national and global operation that it is now.

His direct involvement in the complex world of Standards and all things technical is second to none and he leaves huge shoes to fill.

Chris's rare combination of industry knowledge, fairness, and understanding has been unchallenged and are crucial qualities given some of the roles Chris has undertaken on Standards Australia committees many of which he Chaired.

Many of us have additional personal reasons for our gratitude, based on his special attention to GAMAA's needs going out of his way to support our gas industry.

On behalf of the GAMAA Executive and members we want to sincerely thank Chris for his many years of tireless application and dedication to our Industry.

We take this opportunity to thank him for all he has done and send him our very best wishes for a happy retirement.

Onshore gas bill passes in Victoria

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The Victorian State Parliament has passed legislation that will pave the way for onshore gas exploration to resume in the state.

The Petroleum Legislation Amendment Bill 2020 passed the Legislative Council yesterday, which will allow the resumption of onshore gas exploration and development activity from 1 July 2021, once a best practice regulatory framework is in place.

All new gas will be prioritised for local use and the Victorian Government said its production could generate up to \$310 million annually for regional economies.

While bans on fracking and CSG remain, investigations led by Victoria's Lead Scientist Dr Amanda Caples found an onshore conventional gas industry would not compromise the state's environment.

Victorian Minister for Resources Jaclyn Symes said an orderly restart of the industry would deliver jobs and benefits for Victorians.

"Securing gas sources isn't needed just for Victorian homes and businesses – it's a key ingredient for manufacturing," she said.

"That's why we're making sure all new gas projects are prioritised for local use."

The news was welcomed by the Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association (APPEA), with APPEA Chief Executive Andrew McConville calling it a step in the right direction.

"Victoria is a state that relies heavily on gas. Around 80 per cent of Victorian homes are connected to natural gas, and an average household in Victoria uses nearly twice the amount of natural gas as a household in any other state in Australia," he said.

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