

## Jemena trials biomethane in NSW

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An Australian-first biomethane trial will take place in the New South Wales gas network through a joint initiative between Jemena and Sydney Water.

The Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) – on behalf of the Australian Government – has announced \$5.9 million in funding for the injection of biomethane into the natural gas network in NSW.

The biomethane-to-gas project will power more than 6,000 NSW homes and see Sydney homes and businesses use renewable green gas for cooking, heating and hot water.

Jemena and Sydney Water signed an agreement to generate biomethane at the Malabar Wastewater Treatment Plant in South Sydney, with the zero-carbon emission biomethane gas then being injected into Jemena's NSW gas distribution network.

Jemena Executive General Manager Gas Distribution Dr Jennifer Purdie said it will be the first time in Australia that biomethane is injected into a gas network, with an initial capacity of 95 TJ of renewable gas per year and a potential to reach up to 200 TJ a year.

"We estimate there's at least another 30,000 TJ of biomethane that has the potential to be unlocked around our NSW gas infrastructure.

"That's enough to supply all our current residential customers with carbon neutral, green gas," said Dr Purdie.

"Our customers have told us they want to purchase verified and accredited zero emission green gas as is currently the case for renewable electricity. Read more [here](#)

## E-commerce businesses pledge to strengthen product safety online

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Four of Australia's largest e-commerce businesses have confirmed their commitment to protecting consumers from unsafe goods online after signing on to a new product safety pledge.

The Australian Product Safety Pledge launched today, is a voluntary initiative that commits its signatories to a range of safety related responsibilities that go beyond what is legally required of them. AliExpress, Amazon Australia, Catch.com.au and eBay Australia, who together account for a significant share of online sales in Australia, are the first businesses to sign the pledge, signifying their commitment to consumers' safety through a range of commitments such as removing unsafe product listings within two days of being notified by the ACCC.

"This new initiative is an important step forward in ensuring businesses provide consumers with a safe and trusted online shopping experience," ACCC Deputy Chair Delia Rickard said.

"The already fast growing e-commerce market in Australia has accelerated even more this year, as the pandemic meant people have had to do more of their shopping from home. With the boom in online shopping, it is more important than ever for businesses to prioritise product safety."

The pledge consists of 12 product safety commitments and three measurable performance indicators, as well as guidance to assist signatories in fulfilling their commitments.

Signatories are required to report on their product safety performance at the end of each financial year to inform an annual public report by the ACCC.

"Improving product safety online is critical to building consumer confidence and trust," Ms Rickard said.

"E-commerce giants like the four pledge signatories can help keep Australian consumers safe by preventing the sale of unsafe goods across their businesses," Ms Rickard said.

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