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APGA welcomes pragmatic Tasmanian Future Gas Strategy

The Australian Pipelines and Gas Association warmly welcomes the Tasmanian Future Gas Strategy which charts a pragmatic and lower-cost transition toward decarbonising the state's gas infrastructure.

On Tuesday, the Tasmanian Government released its Future Gas Strategy which supports the rapid development of renewable gases such as biomethane and hydrogen, and recognises the important of consumer choice by categorically ruling out mandates or moratoriums against new gas connections.

The Strategy correctly identifies that without an orderly transition utilising natural and renewable gases, some businesses would be forced to offshore or revert to more emissions-intensive fuel sources for their operations, such as diesel and black coal – both of which emit significantly more greenhouse gas.

APGA chief executive Steve Davies said Tasmania's gas infrastructure has already begun its decarbonisation journey, and welcomes the state government's strong support for the development of bioenergy and hydrogen industries to speed up that transition.

"The Tasmanian Future Gas Strategy balances ambition with pragmatic pathways of implementation, which will be vital to achieve rapid and low-cost emission reductions," Mr Davies said.

"Ultimately, the most reliable energy system is one which doesn't put all its eggs in one basket, and these pragmatic steps set-up future generations of Tasmanians to be the beneficiaries."

"Tasmania has a proud nine-year track record of being at net zero emissions, and this Strategy demonstrates the state's ambition to help the rest of the world decarbonise through renewable gases."

About

The Australian Pipelines and Gas Association (APGA) represents the owners, operators, designers, constructors, and service providers of Australia's pipeline infrastructure, connecting natural and renewable gas production to demand centres in cities and other locations across Australia. Our members offer a wide range of services to gas users, retailers and producers and ensure the safe and reliable delivery of 28 per cent of the end-use energy consumed in Australia.

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