

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## Domestic supply concerns remain following release of Federal Government's Gas Code

The Australian Pipelines and Gas Association (APGA) says the Federal Government's proposed mandatory code of conduct will help rebalance the domestic gas market, but concerns remain that it will not do enough to alleviate underlying supply issues.

The Federal Government released its proposed mandatory code of conduct (Gas Code) on Wednesday.

APGA Chief Executive Steve Davies says the domestic gas infrastructure industry is strongly supportive of action to bring affordable gas supply to Australian households and industry, particularly given the expanded role it will be required to play in the short-to-medium-term to firm up the grid during coalfired generation outages as well as when renewable generation is constrained or unavailable.

"Gas-fired generation will be vitally important to ensure the ongoing security of the National Electricity Market as coal-fired generation exits and more intermittent renewables come online," Mr Davies said.

"While more detail is required, the prioritisation of the domestic gas market is welcome. There remain some concerns whether reliable gas supply will be available to meet demand in the medium term."

"The Federal Government should make the most of this opportunity by allocating resources toward developing carbon-neutral renewable gas supply, such as hydrogen and biomethane, which will increase competition and supply while reducing emissions for end-users."

To learn more about renewable gases and how the APGA and the broader gas infrastructure industry are helping to deliver the least-cost pathway to net zero, click here.

## 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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