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LPG a third option in Victorian gas vs electrification debate

Gas Energy Australia (GEA) says that while electrification and renewable gas advocates duke it out over the Victorian residential gas market, over 320,000 Victorian households know there is a third option – LPG.

Whether you have bottles on the side of your house or local restaurant, a tank by your workplace or one beneath your barbeque, there is no risk you'll run short of LPG anytime soon.

The Victorian Governments' Building Electrification Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) was proposed due to natural gas shortfall concerns and State decarbonisation ambitions. But the RIS did not analyse whether a move from natural gas to LPG would be cheaper than electrification for Victorians.

"Australia produces three times as much LPG as is used domestically, with producers forced to export the gas even in 'gas poor' Victoria" said GEA Chief Executive Officer Jordan McCollum.

Beyond abundant supply, LPG offers immediate emissions reductions compared to Victorian grid electricity and liquid fuels like Diesel and Petrol. A perfect partner for renewable electricity today, LPG can also transition to renewable forms of LPG in the future.

"While LPG is relatively cleaner today, with about 14 per cent lower emissions than diesel and much lower particulate emissions, LPG is still a fossil fuel and needs to decarbonise" Mr McCollum said.

"That's why the LPG industry is working towards decarbonising Australian LPG supply."

GEA encourages the Victorian Government to engage with the LPG sector on how it can support the Victorian Gas Substitution Roadmap, including as a partner to renewable electricity and as another energy supply chain with its own decarbonisation options.

About Gas Energy Australia:

GEA is the peak body representing Australia's LPG industry. Committed to promoting the safe, efficient, and sustainable use of LPG for homes, businesses, and industries, GEA is also focused on enabling the transition to renewable forms of LPG in support of a net zero future.

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