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APGA welcomes game-changing NGERS reforms for renewable gas

The Australian Pipelines and Gas Association (APGA) welcomes a major policy breakthrough that clears the way for renewable gas to play a meaningful role in Australia's necessary transition to net zero by 2050.

From 1 July, the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Scheme (NGERS) will recognise the emissions reductions from certified renewable gases, such as biomethane or hydrogen, when it is blended into the existing gas infrastructure. This market-based approach gives users a clear and credible way to reduce emissions while continuing to rely on the convenience and reliability of Australia's gas infrastructure.

The change enables the recognition of renewable gases transported in shared gas infrastructure, providing the policy certainty needed to kickstart investment in carbon-neutral gases. It lays the foundation for a carbon-neutral gas market while also enabling renewable gas producers, pipeline operators, and end users to participate in the transition together.

APGA chief executive Steve Davies said the changes to NGERS shows the Federal Government recognises renewable gas is not just a future concept – but a real, near-term solution to help decarbonise gas.

"This is a welcome move. It creates a pathway for users to cut emissions using renewable gas, while making full use of the infrastructure already in place to deliver it from producers to customers," Mr Davies said.

"While well-established internationally, renewable gas industry is still in its infancy in Australia. Like solar and wind in the early 2000s, it needs the right policy settings to grow, and this common-sense change is a big step in the right direction."

Importantly, this national reform lays the foundation for emerging state-level initiatives, such as Victoria's proposed Industrial Renewable Gas Guarantee, which aim to provide long-term certainty for manufacturers and other users seeking low-emissions gas options. A recognised certificate-based system gives governments the tools they need to support emissions targets without compromising affordability, choice or energy reliability.

Similar schemes are already in place overseas, providing proven models for Australia to follow. In Denmark, a certificate framework has helped biomethane grow to nearly 40% of the country's gas supply in 2025.

"By putting the right rules in place, Australia can grow its renewable gas sector quickly – supporting local jobs, regional investment, and the clean energy transition," Mr Davies said.

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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