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Gasline is published regularly as part of the industry's efforts to encourage the direct use of natural gas and LPG into households and small businesses.

Using natural gas and LPG as a direct energy source offers numerous cost, environmental and energy efficiency benefits. Gas New Zealand hopes to educate consumers and policy makers about the many advantages of making wider use of this strategic energy asset.

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LNG trade sets global record

Global liquified natural gas (LNG) trade set a record for the fifth consecutive year in 2018, reaching 316.5 million tonnes (MT), according to a new report. The International Gas Union released its annual 2019 World LNG Report earlier this month, analysing the state of the global LNG industry over the past 12 months.

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India world's 2nd largest LPG consumer

India has become the second largest consumer of LPG in the world thanks to a gas connection initiative, according to its Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister. Under the country's flagship programme, Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojna (PMUY), India aims to distribute 80,000,000 LPG connections to homes throughout the country.

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WorkSafe and industry working together for LPG cylinder fill training

In this contributed article, Dr Simon Buckland, Team Leader for Hazardous Substances at WorkSafe NZ, reports on how a recent collaboration between the regulator and the LPG Association can achieve effective outcomes.

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100 percent renewable energy could raise GHG: report

Generating 100 percent of electricity from renewable energy by 2035 could raise New Zealand's greenhouse gas emissions, according to a new report. Independent public policy think tank, The New Zealand Initiative, recently commissioned the report Switched on! Achieving a green, affordable and reliable energy future. The report's author, Matt Burgess, points out what New Zealand should do – and what it must avoid – to transition to a renewable energy future. Instead of the 100 percent policy, the better avenues to pursue are independence from political influence, prices on electricity and carbon that reflect costs, competition between generation, storage and other technologies.

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New LPG power plant answer to Honduras island's energy demands

A new LPG power plant is providing 60,000 inhabitants of the island of Roatan and its growing tourism industry with cleaner, more reliable and more efficient energy. The Roatan Electric Company's (RECO) project, in Honduras, showed how it could both increase its power generation capacity and modernise its power system. The existing diesel power plant, built in the early 1990's, could not cope with increasing demand, and consequently some hotels had to use their own diesel generators to provide sufficient electricity.

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STORY IDEAS?

We are always looking for stories from both the natural gas and LPG worlds, as well as the wider gas community. If you have any story ideas for Gasline please email Daniel.