Welcome to the Gasline Newsletter

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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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10 year gas reserve not relevant to residential consumers

A recent Consumer NZ article on gas heaters, which included the estimation that New Zealand has 10 years of gas reserves, could be misleading for residential customers, says Gas Association President Stuart Dickson.

"While the article is ostensibly correct, without proper context the 10-year figure could be misleading" Stuart said.

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Gas and electricity safety campaign promoting safer New Zealand homes

At the end of July WorkSafe New Zealand launched a new gas and electricity safety campaign with the very 'punny' Claude the Cat.

The campaign is targeted towards the residential demographic with the aim of reminding Kiwis that they need to act safely and responsibly around gas and electricity in their homes.

Claude does this with his catchphrase "unlike me, you've only got one life".

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Gas 101 making a comeback for the gas industry

The Gas Association of New Zealand (GANZ) has just put the DVD, "Gas 101" online.

GANZ Chair, Stuart Dickson, says: "Gas 101 is a resurrection of a resource that was developed for training people in the gas industry 11 years ago."

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The role of gas in a low carbon future? Who's got the answer?

Where does gas fit in a low carbon future? Does it have a place? Or will it be seen as a has been fuel whose time is well and truly passed?

Those are some of the issues that will be debated at a panel session at the upcoming Gas NZ Forum to be held in early November at Taupo's Wairakei resort.

The Forum is a platform for those in the gas industry as well as the public to discuss the use of gas in New Zealand, to canvass industry trends, issues and opportunities.

The debate about the future of gas in a low carbon world is a first for the Forum, and it is expected to generate some lively discussion from a range of respected commentators including Director of New Zealand Centre for Global Studies Kennedy Graham, Chief Executive of First Gas Paul Goodeve, Manager of Energy, Environment and Infrastructure John Carnegie from Business NZ, Steve Bileby CEO of Gas Industry Company and Professor Ralph Sims of Massey University.

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World LPG Association "Charter of Benefits" highlights LPG portability as a vital component of New Zealand energy.

The World LPG Association has just released a "Charter of Benefits" of LPG, calling it an "exceptional energy" with six key attributes.

The WLPGA lists LPG's benefits as its impact on health, the climate and economic growth and social progress.

In addition, LPG is seen as being resource efficient (it's a co-product of natural gas and oil extraction) and efficient (a billion people and businesses count on LPG because it provides instant, reliable, constant and transportable energy).

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