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Welcome to Gasline, which is produced by Gas New Zealand.

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 use of this energy asset.

Vitally Important To Get WorkSafe NZ HSNO Regulations Right

The LPG Association believes it is crucial to get right the new regulations to support the HSE legislation as they will become the LPG industry's new rule book. To that end, the LPGA has recently made a submission to the discussion document on regulations to support the HSE legislation.

LPGA Executive Director Peter Gilbert says the submission made a number of points, but perhaps the most important ones were a proposal to remove the requirement for Approved Fillers and to have AS/NZS 1596 cited as a means of compliance.

"The LPGA has for some time been proposing that AS/NZS 1596 Storage and Handling of LPG, be cited under the HSNO regulations as a means of compliance," states the submission.

"The benefits to industry, consumers and regulators are that the technical requirements are all in one document, they are clearly laid out and are far more complete than the current technical regulations contained in the Hazardous Substances (Dangerous Goods and Scheduled Toxic Substances) Transfer Notice.

"Citing AS/NZS 1596 as a means of compliance will result in a more complete and easier to understand set of technical requirements," states the submission.

It goes on to say the LPGA believes that as with Approved Handler certificates there can be an over reliance on the certificate as the end in itself, rather than having a person who is adequately trained at all times.

"The overall requirement around duties to provide information, training, instruction and supervision, is we believe a more effective approach. We would like to see some form of standards for the training and instruction and terms such as 'recognised' or 'approved', to ensure the training has some rigour."

Long Term Gas Supply and Demand Scenarios

The Concept Consulting Group has recently released a comprehensive report on the long term gas supply and demand scenarios for New Zealand.

The report says because New Zealand is not physically connected to any international gas markets, either by pipeline or LNG import/export facility, any gas that is discovered in New Zealand must be consumed in New Zealand in order to be commercialised.

The report says the uncertain nature of gas discoveries means that New Zealand faces a range of possible futures and three market scenarios have been developed to reflect these. The scenarios range from Plentiful Supply to Moderate Supply to Tight supply.

The report says New Zealand's gas market has been experiencing conditions along the lines of the Moderate Supply scenario with a broad balance between supply and demand and gas prices strongly influenced by the economics of methanol production.

"Based on present information, the most likely outcome appears to be a continuation of similar types of conditions for the next five years or so," states the report.

The report says there is considered to be reasonable prospectivity in areas which haven't been explored to date, particularly the Canterbury Basin, Great South Basin, the East Coast Basin and Deepwater Taranaki.

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Electrix, the largest gas service provider to the gas industry in New Zealand, has just joined the Gas Association of New Zealand.

"We cover all aspects of the service delivery requirements from transmission to distribution networks, including LPG and metering for a number of network providers throughout the North Island. We have more than 1000 staff in New Zealand of which 175 are in our gas division," says Gerry Thompson, Gas Services Divisional Manager.

"We felt that being part of GANZ, and given our size, that it would give us a voice on industry matters and forums."

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We are always looking for stories from both the natural gas and LPG worlds, as well as the wider gas community.

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