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LOW CARBON GAS POLICIES PROPOSED AT GAS SYMPOSIUM

Research released today proposes low carbon gas policy incentives that could help efforts to decarbonise the nation's economy.

<u>The report, by energy consultant Energetics</u>, will be launched at the <u>Renewable Gas in</u> <u>Australia Symposium</u>, jointly hosted by Energy Networks Australia and Bioenergy Australia.

Energy Networks Australia CEO Andrew Dillon said the research was a welcome contribution to work such as the National Hydrogen Strategy, exploring how to harness existing resources and new technologies to help reduce emissions.

The Renewable Gas Symposium will explore emerging innovations and research in hydrogen and biogas.

Delegates will hear about projects and case studies underway, the drivers pushing businesses to consider utilising low carbon gas and the injection and policy mechanisms needed to support it being blended into existing gas networks.

The event will also feature international presentations showcasing the lessons Australia could learn from other countries that have capitalised on low carbon gas opportunities.

<u>Recent advice released by Energy Networks Australia</u> confirmed that injection of hydrogen into the gas distribution network can be done under current gas legislation.

"Hydrogen can play an important role in not only helping Australia's gas networks decarbonise but as energy storage," Mr Dillon said.

"Flexible hydrogen production can help soak up excess renewable electricity on sunny and windy days, then fuel cells can generate emissions-free power on still evenings."

As demonstrated in Energy Networks Australia's <u>Gas Vision 2050 report</u>, hydrogen's scope is impressive, with potential to widen customers' power options, improve and increase renewable generation, provide options for mobility and even create a new energy export market.

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