



AGA NewsFlash

Consultation Draft Gas Safety Bill - 2016

The Tasmanian government recently announced a review of the gas regulatory framework to ensure contemporary regulation across gas infrastructure, gas installations and gas appliances. This has involved the separation of gas safety and economic regulations currently contained in both the Gas Act 2000 and Gas Pipelines Act 2000 into the proposed Gas Safety and Gas Industry Bills.

Information about the Gas Safety Bill 2016 can be viewed at:

http://www.justice.tas.gov.au/building/gas/gas_regulatory_framework_review

A copy of the 128 page Bill can be downloaded from:

http://www.justice.tas.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0004/335722/Draft_Gas_Safety_Bill_V3_Consultation_Draft_15-12-15.pdf



The objectives of the Bill are essentially to improve efficiency within government, reduce regulatory burden on industry, improve regulatory consistency and streamline operational functions associated with administering the regulations. As part of the government's consultation process, AGA was invited to comment on the Draft Bill.

AGA welcomed the Tasmanian Government's invitation to offer comment and a comprehensive submission was prepared in which a number of issues were raised relating to the terminology used to identify various parties and the obligations that were attributable to each. The final Bills are expected to be tabled in September 2016 and AGA will keep Members advised as more information becomes available.

GTRC Technical Guidance Bulletins

The Gas Technical Regulators Committee (GTRC) has published the following three Technical Guidance Bulletins yesterday, which can be found at <http://www.gtrc.gov.au/publications/technical-guidance-bulletins/>.

TECHNICAL GUIDANCE BULLETIN 6 (TGB-006)

Area heaters and table top patio heaters

TECHNICAL GUIDANCE BULLETIN 7 (TGB-007)

Direct fired air heaters less than 50MJ per hour operation at a pressure greater than 2.75kPa

TECHNICAL GUIDANCE BULLETIN 8 (TGB-008)

Fire pits



The effective date on which requirements of TGB-006 becomes mandated in all states and territories EXCEPT NSW is 31st March 2017. The requirements of TGB-006 are effective immediately for NSW.

The effective date on which requirements of TGB-007 & TGB-008 becomes mandated

in all Australian states & territories is 31st March 2017.

Note that all new Certifications and Applications must comply with the above mentioned bulletins effective from the 18th March 2016.

As this may affect your current projects and Certifications, please contact your Client Manager for more information.

Australian Standards Development

The quality and content of Australian Standards forms an integral part of the gas and related industries and AGA continues to contribute and support Industry and its Members. AGA's participation in Standards committee's has been significant and we see this activity as bringing a wealth of knowledge gained over many decades for the benefit of the community and other stakeholders. These forums also provide a conduit between AGA and its Members - so Members can also contribute and have a voice when it comes to Standards development. Listed below are some of the Standards committees we contribute to:



AG-001 – Gas Appliances
AG-006 – Gas Installation
AG-013 – Components Used for Gas Appliances and Equipment
ME-002 – Gas Cylinders
WS-001 – Water Fittings
ME-015 – Storage and Handling – Liquefied Petroleum Gases
ME-046 – Gas Fuel Systems for Vehicle Engines
AG-009 – Natural Gas Vehicle Refuelling Stations

Latest Standards Updates



The Standards for "Gas space heating appliances" (AS/NZS 5263.1.3) and "Domestic outdoor gas barbecues" (AS/NZS AS 5263.1.7) were published on 8th March 2016. In conjunction with AS 5263.0, these now replace AS 4553-2008 "Gas space heating appliances" and AS 4557-2004 "Domestic outdoor gas barbecues" respectively. Accordingly, all Certifications for gas space heaters and gas outdoor barbecues must now be updated to requirements of the new Standards. Please contact your Client Manager for more information.

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