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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A collaborative new platform – Gas NZ website

To support the collaborative approach that features throughout New Zealand's Gas Industry, the two Associations have combined their websites on to one landing page, which also includes much more consumer-facing information about the benefits of using gas. While there is general information available about both the LPG and natural gas industries, with specific pages for the two Associations, consumers and stakeholders alike will discover more about gas, how to get gas, its appliances, and the benefits of gas more easily.

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NZ gas market's future uncertain but that won't affect consumers

New Zealand's gas market is destined for a period of increased uncertainty. That's according to the third adaptation of the Long Term Gas Supply and Demand Scenarios which was released earlier this month. However, like any market in the economy, the report notes that residential and commercial gas users are unlikely to be materially affected by changing gas supply conditions.

Commissioned by the Gas Industry Company, independent expert Concept Consulting Group explores New Zealand's gas supply and demand scenarios, and potential industry decisions.

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Energy demand up for 2015

Consumer energy demand rose by 0.7 percent to 572 Petajoules (PJ) in 2015, thanks to the transport, commercial and residential sectors. Demand from the transport sector amounted to a four percent increase, with the commercial and residential sectors both up two percent.

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Industry is in good shape

LPG Association president Albert de Geest says the industry is in good shape and is well set up to continue to grow. Commenting in the Association's 2016 annual report, Albert says demand grew at a modest two percent during the year – a continuation of year-on-year growth – and total sales now sit at 168,991 tonnes.

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Single code in the pipeline

First Gas is developing a single operating code in conjunction with Gas Industry Company (GIC) that will govern operations of two gas transmission systems.

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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.