

SAE-A CONFERENCE INITIATES ACTION

Future fuel security for Australia is a critical issue that must be addressed by informed government policy, according to transport gas industry experts attending the Society of Automotive Engineers – Australasia (SAE-A), Gaseous Fuels Technology Conference held in Melbourne early August.

Conference delegates called for the competing gas fuel sectors – liquid petroleum gas (LPG), compressed natural gas (CNG) and liquid natural gas (LNG) – to unite in a campaign to convince governments that gas fuels will provide Australia with a secure long term transport future, while delivering significant environmental and economic benefit to the community.

Speakers at the conference warned that Australia's rapidly growing dependence on foreign oil supplies will become increasingly costly and could be impacted by regional political alignments. SAE-A Executive Director, Max Chanter, said that future fuel security for Australia is a growing concern.

"In May 2010, Federal Minister for Resources and Energy Martin Ferguson confirmed that Australia has 'huge problems on the transport fuel trade front, and also importantly, a real problem in terms of energy security and our economic future by 2015'," Mr Chanter said.

"By 2030, Australia could be importing

up to 70 percent of our crude oil and petroleum products. As global demand for these resources grows, we may have less and less control over both supply consistency and price."

Mr Chanter said while governments may recognise these issues, there is no time for complacency.

"To maintain our economy and lifestyle, Australia must continue to have fuels available at competitive prices," he said.

"Australia has large reserves of gaseous fuels that can be used now with existing technology to deliver significant environmental benefits.

"If we can get these gaseous fuels into mainstream use for transport and other applications, they will help Australia bridge the energy gap while new technologies – such as hybrid, electric or hydrogen fuelled vehicles – are developed as medium to long term solutions."

Delegates attending the SAE-A conference represented vehicle

manufacturers and the transport and fuels industries.

The Gaseous Fuels Working Party, which was formed following the 2009 SAE-A Gaseous Fuels Technology Conference, will also action another key outcome of the conference – direct an education campaign at the public that promotes the health, safety, efficiency and environmental benefits of gaseous fuels.

"The 2008 and 2009 SAE-A Gaseous Fuels conferences focused on updating the transport industry on the technologies," Mr Chanter said.

"This year it was clear that we had to take the next step and focus on government policy, standards, safety and marketing of gaseous fuels to make them a mainstay of the transport sector.

"While Australia has massive stocks of gaseous fuels, we are not moving fast enough to capitalise on the fuel security, environmental and economic benefits that they offer our community."

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