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GEA welcomes fuel, road cost relief for critical supply chains

Gas Energy Australia (GEA) commends the Albanese Government on helping protect Australia's critical fuel-dependent supply chains by halving fuel excise and reducing Heavy Vehicle Road User Charge to zero for a three-month period.

The LPG supply chain provides energy for around 2 million homes and 160,000 businesses nationwide, delivered predominantly via diesel-dependent heavy vehicle transport. Reliable diesel supply is therefore fundamental to LPG energy security.

"Prioritising fuel supply for critical supply chains like LPG is essential to prevent a fuel crisis from cascading into broader supply disruptions," said GEA CEO Jordan McCollum. "Cost relief measures like today's announcement will also help to shield customers as winter approaches."

LPG is used for much more than just the great Australian barbeque. Residential customers rely on it for hot water, heating and cooking, as do many commercial customers across hospitality, retail and services.

Industrial LPG spans a broad range of uses, from warehouse forklift logistics and agricultural and manufacturing processes to thermal mining and mineral processing.

For more than half of Australia's residential LPG customers based in regional areas, LPG is often the only practical and economically feasible energy option available today. There is no quick alternative for customers if diesel supply impacts LPG supply.

"Across residential, commercial and industrial sectors, diesel unavailability puts LPG supply at risk with consequences that would be felt across the economy," said Mr McCollum. "Today's measures from the Albanese Government are an important step toward mitigating this risk."

About Gas Energy Australia:

GEA is the peak body representing Australia's LPG industry. Committed to promoting the safe, efficient, and sustainable use of LPG for homes, businesses, and industries, GEA is focused on enabling the transition to renewable Liquid Gases such as BioLPG in support of a net zero future.

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