

National Gas Law: Western Australia Adoption of Amended National Gas Objective to Include Emission Reduction

**Filling the gas energy gap with Consumer
Energy Resources.**

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Master Electricians Australia (MEA) is the trade association representing electrical contractors recognised by industry, government and the community as the electrical industry's leading business partner, knowledge source and advocate. Our website is www.masterelectricians.com.au

MEA are strong advocates for electrification of Australia through wider implementation of consumer energy resources (CER). As a trade association representing small and medium (SME) private electrical contractors, we are pleased to see the WA adopting "National Gas Law Reforms to include emission reductions in the national gas objective as it applies in Western Australia"¹.

To achieve State and National goals of decreasing greenhouse gas emissions, CER technologies such as rooftop PV, battery energy storage systems (BESS), and needs to be integrated within both public and private infrastructure, to time shift the overabundance of daytime solar generation to the evening peak.

It is important that the any laws impacting degasification work in concert with electrification timelines and not have gas prematurely leave the market, otherwise we will witness extreme pressures on the grid, as well as households and businesses, if we are not yet ready to rely on the extra resources needed from CER to plug the gap.

It is for these reasons MEA supports implementing the *Statutes Amendment (Emission Reductions) Act 2023*, with the caveat that the electrical capacity must be there to meet the increased energy demand on the grid caused by the exit of gas.

¹ [National Gas Law: Western Australian adoption of amended National Gas Objective to include emission reductions \(www.wa.gov.au\)](http://www.wa.gov.au)

