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Opportunities :

Continue to use gas as an extremely functional energy resource, and utilise the existing gas infrastructure to deliver hydrogen-natural gas blended gas.

Invest in acceleration of hydrogen production / biofuel production and the manufacturers to have hydrogen-ready equipment and appliances.

Invest in plumbers and technicians to continue to support consumers with gas services with hydrogen-blend gas appliances.

Challenges:

People with political influence and environmental activists being mis-informed and thinking that "renewable electrical" can simply replace gas. The time required; the cost of infrastructure and the carbon-negative impacts of building electrical infrastructure is not a viable option.

Allowing a sustainable transition to alternative energy sources and de-carbonising the energy industry in a well managed way, using gas as a strong transition fuel.

Having un-biased messaging to consumers - giving the accurate, fair and best options for consumers and the community on the energy future.

Sustainability authorities (eg. Sustainability Victoria), using public / government money to fund programs and projects that remove/dismiss gas from being an energy option for consumers. Eg. Property developments in Victoria