

Submission -Victorian Gas Substitution Roadmap

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I call on the government to commit to the following

1. Short term targets for reduction in Victorian gas use, with a minimum 35% reduction by 2025 and 60% reduction by 2030
2. Implementation of key measures which have been identified by experts as reducing gas use most quickly such as incentives and planning measures to facilitate: Replacement of ducted gas heating; Installing heat pump hot water; Switching to heat pump space heating in commercial buildings; Immediate planning law changes to prohibit gas to new buildings
3. Best practice efficiency standards to reduce energy demand
4. Prioritising solar thermal technology research and development for high process heat requirements and renewable energy and batteries for electrification
5. Ensure that strong support is provided for low income and vulnerable Victorians to shift to cheaper, less polluting alternatives than gas

I urge the government to avoid the following measures, which are not congruent with climate action due to being risky and known pollutants:

1. Supporting and pursuing polluting biomass and biomethane technologies
2. Supporting and pursuing carbon capture and storage technology
3. Supporting and pursuing 'blue hydrogen' from methane gas

I call on the government to rule out any further gas developments or expansions in Victoria