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## DomGas Alliance elects new Chairman

Western Australia's peak energy user group, the DomGas Alliance, has elected Tony Petersen as its new Chairman and Spokesperson.

Mr Petersen has almost 30 years experience in the mining and energy sector in Western Australia. He is also WA Director for ERM Power / New Gen Power, a member of the Alliance.

Mr Petersen said the Alliance played a vital role by providing a voice for WA gas consumers.

"Western Australia relies on natural gas for half its power and 60 per cent of its electricity generation," Mr Petersen said.

"Gas security is absolutely critical for industry, small business and households, and the thousands of jobs they represent."

Mr Petersen said the Alliance's role was particularly important in the current economic environment, with government focused on a Gorgon or LNG export-led recovery at the expense of energy security.

"Government must look beyond the current downturn to put in place a long term gas security strategy," Mr Petersen said.

"It is vital we have the gas to fuel a WA recovery as the global economy picks up."

Mr Petersen acknowledged the contribution of inaugural Alliance Chairman, Stuart Hohnen who has stood down from the role for personal reasons.

"As the Alliance's founding Chairman, Stuart has been the face and voice of the Alliance since 2006," Mr Petersen said.

"He has made an outstanding contribution by promoting the needs of WA gas consumers and the importance of securing the State's energy future."

"All of our members thank him for his leadership and commitment to the Alliance."

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## **The DomGas Alliance**

The DomGas Alliance is Western Australia's peak energy user group and represents natural gas users, infrastructure investors and prospective domestic gas producers. The Alliance aims to promote security, affordability and diversity of gas supply for industry and households.

The Alliance was formed in 2006 in response to a serious shortage of gas supply for new developments in WA. Alliance members represent around 80 percent of Western Australia's domestic gas consumption and gas transmission capacity, including smaller industrial and household users of gas. The Alliance also includes companies working to develop domestic gas fields.

Members include: Alcoa of Australia, Alinta, Burrup Fertilisers, Dampier Bunbury Pipeline, ERM Power / NewGen Power, Fortescue Metals Group, Horizon Power, Newmont Australia, Synergy, Verve Energy and Murphy Oil.

