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Appointment of new chair of the Energy Technical and Safety Leaders Group

Mr William Nagle has been appointed chair of the Energy Technical and Safety Leaders Group (Leaders Group). He succeeds Mr Peter Walsh, who the Ministerial Council on Energy Standing Committee of Officials thank for his leadership to the work undertaken by the Leaders Group to date.

Mr Nagle brings extensive experience in the energy supply industry and in a variety of senior roles in both government and industry, to the Leaders Group. He has held a number of senior advisor positions in the Australian Government and is a former Chief Executive of the Energy Networks Association and Australian Gas Association. More recently Mr Nagle served as the independent chair of the Gas Standards Sector Board at Standards Australia and chair of the Australian and New South Wales Fisheries Management Advisory Committees.

At its 13 June 2008 meeting, the Ministerial Council on Energy committed to greater harmonisation of energy technical and safety regulation and agreed to establish the Leaders Group to develop the Energy Technical and Safety Regulation Harmonisation Enhancement Plan (Harmonisation Plan).

In February 2009, the Leaders Group released its [Discussion Paper on Harmonisation of Energy Technical and Safety Regulation](#) for stakeholder consultation. [Stakeholder submissions](#) and feedback received will be drawn on by the Leaders Group in the development of the Harmonisation Plan.

The Leaders Group will deliver the Harmonisation Plan to the Ministerial Council on Energy at its December 2009 meeting.

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