

Fuel for Thought

Energy Security Vital for Gladstone



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Last week I attended an industry round table here in Gladstone hosted by Senator

Kim Carr - Federal shadow industry minister. The meeting was also attended by senators Chris Ketter and Anthony Chisholm, Gladstone political leaders and representatives of local industries and unions.

The main focus of the meeting was energy policy. From all the Gladstone representatives, the message was the need for sound, pragmatic, bipartisan and consistent energy and emissions policy. Such policy needs to encourage investment to ensure that our industries and our households have access to affordable gas and electricity now and into the future.

I was heartened that the Senators made the time to be here and to listen. They were very aware of the link between energy policy industry investment and jobs. I was also encouraged by their commitment to working with the Government to bipartisan solutions.

As QER knows well, the transport energy sector faces similar policy challenges. No doubt there are many political hurdles in the way of bipartisan energy policy, but it gives me hope that our leaders recognise the need to get their heads together and work out what's best for our regional communities, our State and our Country.



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