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“Devil in Detail” on carbon tax: Gas Transmission Industry

The gas transmission industry will be seeking more information from the Government before determining a final position on the proposed carbon tax.

Chief Executive of the Australian Pipeline Industry Association, Cheryl Cartwright, said the industry would welcome an increase in demand for natural gas, but would also require that the increased costs of operating transportation businesses be addressed.

“Most of APIA’s members are involved in the transportation of natural gas,” Ms Cartwright said. “So if there is increased demand for gas as coal starts to be phased out, that will provide demand for the services provided by APIA’s members.”

These APIA members include the transportation infrastructure owners and operators, the service providers, construction companies and others associated with the industry.

“But some of these companies will face higher input costs, making it tougher to do business,” Ms Cartwright said.

“These include companies that rely on large transport, such as the truck-hire companies and the companies that manage transportable accommodation.

“The gas transportation companies also face increased costs in the operation of compressors that help to move the large amounts of gas, very long distances. If these costs are not ‘officially’ deemed to be a tax, then the long-term contracts of these transportation companies will not allow the costs to be passed through.

“We look forward to working with the Government’s officials to ensure that our industry is not caught up in the fine-print of this policy.”

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