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Councils shun anti-resources campaign

Members of the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) should be commended for turning their back on anti-natural gas misinformation and scare campaigns and focusing on regional development, the Australian Petroleum Production & Exploration Association (APPEA) said today.

Two motions, put forward by Griffith City Council in NSW and Moyne Council in Victoria, to respectively restrict and ban natural gas development across Australia were defeated at ALGA's annual conference in Canberra.

APPEA Chief Operating Officer Eastern Australia, Paul Fennelly said: "Many councils are now alert to a concerted campaign by environmental groups such as the Lock the Gate Alliance to stop natural gas heating our homes, powering our kitchens, supporting agribusiness and driving our manufacturing sector.

"There are many local governments across Australia working with natural gas companies, state governments and the community to enhance local economies and amenities via sensible and responsible resource development.

"Anti-resource positions advocated by the Greens and affiliated groups not only place pressure on gas supply to residents and businesses but quash potential job opportunities and regional economic benefits."

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