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Education and consumer choice, key to a sustainable energy future for Victoria

Education for builders and consumers should be a key pillar amid the shift in energy requirements for new homes, Master Builders Victoria chief executive Michaela Lihou says.

In welcoming the State Government decision to connect new homes and residential subdivisions to all electric networks from January 1, 2024, Ms Lihou says consumers and builders can each play a part in a cleaner and more sustainable future.

“Creating a pathway to a cleaner and more sustainable future is a big part of our vision for the Victorian building and construction industry,” Ms Lihou said.

“The decision to cease gas installation on greenfield building sites underscores a commitment for future generations but it’s important for Victorian consumers to have the freedom to make informed choices that suit their needs.

“It means state and federal governments must continue to engage with industry stakeholders to develop comprehensive policies that consider the varied energy requirements of different consumers and building types.”

The investment into training for the sector to understand electrification is welcomed and would also help builders adapt, she says.

“Victorian builders will continue to play a vital role in shaping a sustainable future for the state,” Ms Lihou says.

“We continue to encourage our members to adopt eco-friendly practices, energy-efficient technologies, and green building standards.

“By embracing cleaner energy alternatives, we can collectively make a positive impact on the environment while also ensuring economic growth and progress for our state.”

Master Builders Victoria CEO Michaela Lihou is available for comment.

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