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SOUTH WESTERN VICTORIA EARMARKED FOR EVOL LNG REFUELLER EXPANSION

Heavy vehicle owners in South Western Victoria could soon benefit from lower operating costs and reduced greenhouse gas emissions, as plans for Kleenheat Gas' EVOL LNG (liquefied natural gas) refuelling station progress.

Kleenheat Gas, part of Wesfarmers Energy, has provided truck operators with its EVOL LNG fuel since 2001; currently there are over 200 heavy trucks using EVOL LNG in Australia. In Victoria, EVOL LNG already has LNG refuelling infrastructure operating in Koroit, Leongatha and Deer Park.

According to EVOL LNG Manager, Brad Lawson, South Western Victoria is an excellent and logical region in which to expand the company's refuelling facilities.

"South Western Victoria is home to a number of large transport fleets in Warrnambool, Portland and Hamilton, while Mount Gambier, just over the South Australian border is the base for several others," Mr Lawson said.

"A number of high profile Victorian-based fleets including the Murray Goulbourn Cooperative, Cootes Transport and Kalari already operate LNG-powered trucks with EVOL LNG.

"The addition of an EVOL LNG refueller in this region would benefit existing fleets while also encouraging prospective customers to trial LNG technology."

Being an indigenous fuel, pricing for natural gas is considerably lower and more stable than diesel which is affected by international markets and pricing.

Cost and fuel security benefits aside, LNG-powered trucks are quieter and can produce significantly less Particulate Matter and Nitrogen Oxides emissions than equivalent diesel trucks.

Mr Lawson said that a commitment to an EVOL LNG refuelling station was the ideal means by which local fleets could experience the benefits of LNG before making a larger multi vehicle commitment.

EVOL LNG is inviting heavy vehicle fleet owners and operators to attend an information session at the South West Institute of TAFE, Warrnambool Campus on the evening of Tuesday 14, July, where further details and information will be revealed.

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