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## Launch of the Australian & New Zealand Water Heating Association

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A new peak body representing the water heating industry in Australia and New Zealand has launched today.

The Australian & New Zealand Water Heating Association (**ANZWHA**) is the successor to the Australian Water Heating Forum (**AWHF**), which was a managed forum created in 2018 under the auspices of Australian Industry Group (**Ai Group**).

ANZWHA is made up of a diverse group of manufacturers and suppliers of potable water heating systems, including electric, gas, solar and heat pump technologies used in both residential and commercial settings. Its founding members are Rheem, Rinnai, Dux, Stiebel Eltron, Reclaim Energy, Chromagen and Bosch.

The inaugural President of ANZWHA and outgoing Chair of the AWHF, Ben Teeger, has heralded today's launch as coming at a critical time on both sides of the Tasman given the ongoing cost of living crisis, energy transition and increased regulation.

“Water heating is a basic necessity for every household and is critical to the health, safety, amenity and livelihood of consumers and businesses alike”, Mr. Teeger said. “The opportunity for industry to play its part in helping to ensure quality outcomes for consumers, the energy grid and the environment is significant.”

Water heating accounts for around 25% of a home's energy use and a significant portion of running costs. Depending on the fuel type, water heating can also have a significant impact on a home or business' carbon footprint.

ANZWHA is committed to continuing the AWHF's efforts in:

- working with governments, regulators and other industry stakeholders to develop and advocate for policies, standards and regulations that are practical, workable and safe;
- promoting the manufacture and sale of high quality, high performing and efficient water heating products and systems, and their compliant and safe installation by licenced and skilled tradespeople;
- encouraging consumer understanding of, and confidence in, water heating products and systems; and
- ensuring that water heating, an important industry in both Australia and New Zealand, remains viable and competitive.

ANZWHA acknowledges the dedicated support provided by Ai Group in its stewardship of the AWHF leading up to today's announcement, as well as the vision and leadership of the AWHF's founding Chair, Gareth Jennings.

James Thomson, Lead – Standards and Product Regulation at Ai Group said, “We are pleased to have been involved in establishing the AWHF, and supporting it for over six years, and are looking forward to working with its successor, ANZWHA, going forward.”

For further information about ANZWHA, including membership queries, please contact [info@anzwha.org.au](mailto:info@anzwha.org.au) or visit [www.anzwha.org.au](http://www.anzwha.org.au).