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## **One-stop-shop for gas industry**

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Consumers concerned about gas appliances and unsure about the safety and standard of their fittings will now be looked after by the Office of Fair Trading thanks to a Better Regulation office review.

Regulatory Reform Minister Joe Tripodi said a simpler approach to the regulation of gasfitting, gas installations and gas appliances in NSW will see the responsibility handed to the Office of Fair Trading giving consumers and industry direct access to one regulator instead of being spread out across four different departments.

“We found that it was frustrating for consumers to have the regulatory responsibility for gas spread across four different agencies,” Mr Tripodi said.

“People had to contact a different regulator about LPG or natural gas, or whether it was a heater, a portable BBQ, or the LPG tank in their car.

“Responsibility for licensing of gasfitters, and for setting standards for gasfitting work and gas appliances including autogas, will now all be the responsibility of the Office of Fair Trading.”

Mr Tripodi said making regulation clearer and more consistent and providing a single contact point for industry and consumers is what cutting red tape is all about.

The Better Regulation Office conducted the review in close consultation with stakeholders including gas industry associations, network operators, and gasfitters, all of whom strongly support the new approach.

“These reforms are long awaited and have been welcomed by the gas industry. The new regime will also improve the effectiveness of compliance and enforcement activity,” Mr Tripodi said.

LPG Association President John Evans commended the Minister on his initiative to deliver consumers and industry a more effective and simplified approach to gas industry monitoring and enforcement.

“This is a very positive move by NSW Government as just about every family in NSW uses gas, whether its for their barbecue, heating their home or even to fuel their car, and now they have a one-stop shop,” he said.

The final report is available online at [www.betterregulation.nsw.gov.au](http://www.betterregulation.nsw.gov.au).