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Council still committed to natural gas supply

The last remaining stock from Dalby Town Council's Gas Centre will be offered for sale at clearance prices this Friday, marking the official closure of the gas appliance business.

Council's spokesperson for Utility Services Councillor Greg Nearhos said that the closure of the gas centre had been a gradual process following Council's decision last year to focus on gas distribution only.

"Whilst Council is committed to the environmental and economic benefits of natural gas over electricity, it sees its core business as retailing natural gas and not selling appliances," Cr Nearhos said.

"Selling gas appliances is something that's better suited to local retailers, and there are several in town that offer this service.

"Council will continue to deliver a high quality reticulated gas service to the residents of Dalby and all the income generated by the gas business will continue to be invested back into the community," he said.

Natural gas plays a significant role in improving Australia's greenhouse and environmental performance. In fact, a household can reduce its greenhouse emissions by up to one third simply by changing from electricity to natural gas.

Widely referred to as a 'clean, green' source of energy, environmentally friendly natural gas can be used in the home for water heating, room heating, cooking, cooling and clothes drying.

And it's cheap! When the cost effectiveness and environmental benefits of the water heating options - solar, heat pumps and natural gas - are compared, a gas hot water system is the clear winner for households.

In fact, the benefits of natural gas are so compelling that the State Government is currently preparing to introduce incentives to encourage residents to convert from electricity to gas.

So there's never been a better time to convert to clean, green and cost-effective natural gas. For more information contact Council's engineering team on 4672 1179.

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