

# Fatal Gas Accident Data Report

Australia & New Zealand Financial Years 2005 - 2024



# This report covers:

- Definitions & classifications
- Summary of 2023-2024 year
- Series of graphs & tables for data supplied covering the period 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2024
  - 1. LPG fatal accidents
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  - 3. Gas fatalities
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# **Definitions and classifications**

#### Fatal gas accident

Any fatal event that results from gas (fuel gas or combustion) poisoning or suffocation, burn or injury by direct involvement of gas and gas equipment except if linked to the initial event of a natural disaster, criminal activity, suicide or self-harm.

#### **Accident type**

CO poisoning – Unburned fuel gas CO poisoning – Incomplete

combustion

Unexpected and complete failure

Fire, explosion

Gas inhalation - Unburned fuel gas

Gas leak, escape

Excavation (third party hit)

Overheating

Other

## **Equipment site (environment)**

Domestic Commercial Industrial Vehicle

Marine craft Recreation site

Other

# **Equipment type**

Barbecue

Compressor

Container (cylinder)

Cooker, oven Dispenser

Fuel cell

Heater - Cabinet heater (NZ only)

Heater - External unflued (patio heater)

Heater - Pool

Heater - Open flued

Heater - Balanced flue

Heater - Power flued

Heater - Unflued but not cabinet heater

Heater - Ducted

Installation pipework

Laundry dryer

Light, torch

Mains, services & regulator stations

Refrigerator

Storage vessel

Vaporiser

Water heater – Storage

Water heater - Instantaneous

Water heater - Boiler Water heater - Other

Water heater - Other

Decorative log effect appliances Commercial catering equipment

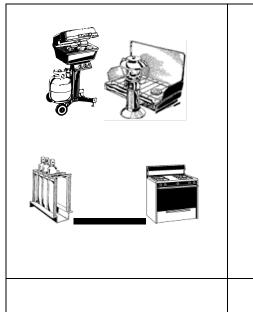
Type B (eg stationary engines, kilns, furnaces)

Other

# **Summary of 2023-24**

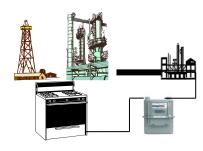
## **Gas accidents**

This page covers the 12-month period from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024. It is based on details of incidents reported to gas safety regulators in Australia and New Zealand.



## LPG (2023-24 only)

• Gas ovens possibly involved in fatal fire.



# **Natural gas (NG) (2023-24 only)**

Gas explosions cause building collapse and fatality.

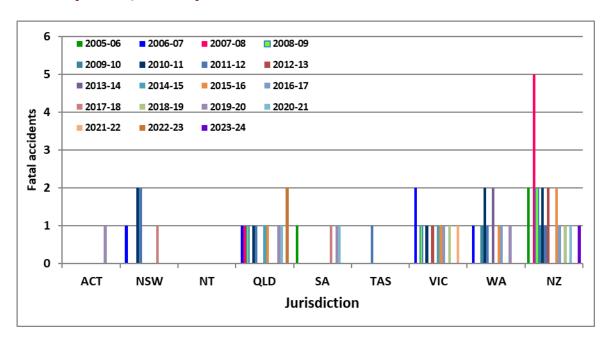
This report presents the information in a series of charts and tables.

The following sections present data supplied in a series of charts and tables for the years 2005-2024.

# 1- LPG Fatal accidents

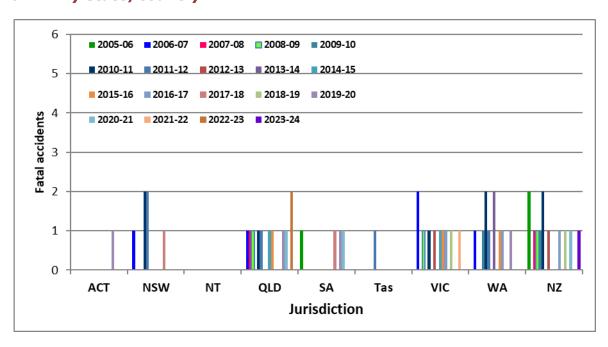
# GRAPH 1.1a Australia & New Zealand (NZ) LPG fatal accidents (Inclusive of NZ cabinet heater appliances)

# By state/country



GRAPH 1.1b Australia & New Zealand LPG fatal accidents (Exclusive of NZ cabinet heater appliances)

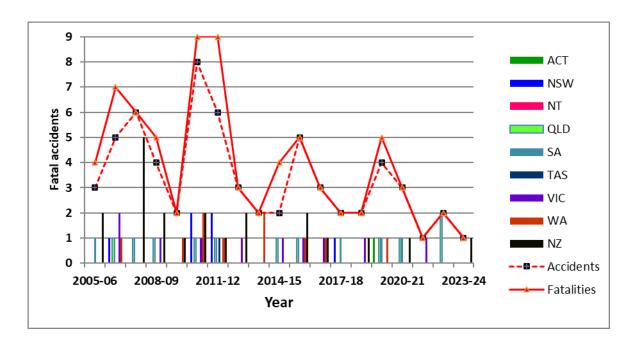
### By state/country



### GRAPH 1.2a Australia & New Zealand LPG fatal accidents

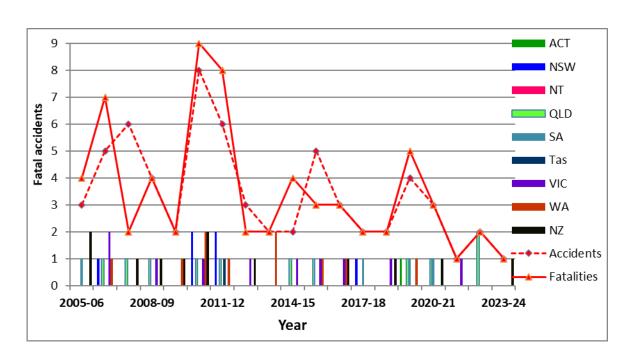
(Inclusive of NZ cabinet heater appliances)

## By year



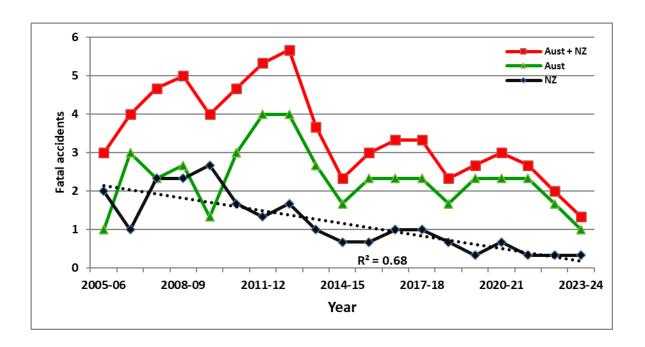
GRAPH 1.2b Australia & New Zealand LPG fatal accidents (*Exclusive of NZ cabinet heater appliances*)

### By year



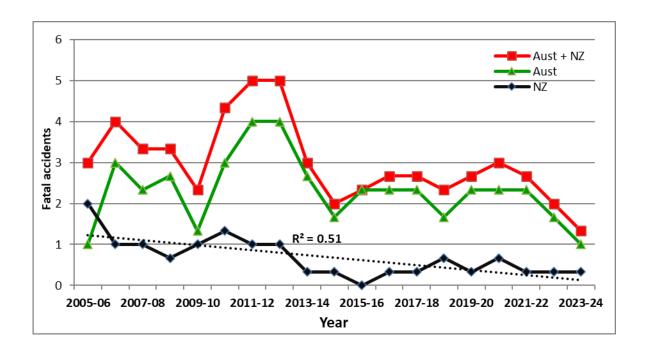
# **GRAPH 1.3a** Australia & New Zealand LPG fatal accidents (*Inclusive of NZ cabinet heater appliances*)

> By country (three-year running average)



GRAPH 1.3b Australia & New Zealand fatal accidents (Exclusive of NZ cabinet heater appliances)

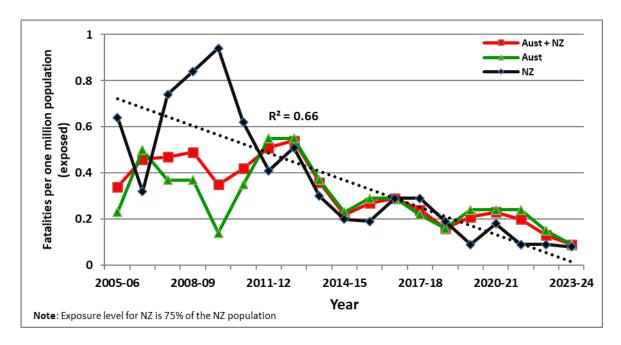
> By country (three-year running average)



## GRAPH 1.4a Australia & New Zealand LPG fatality trend

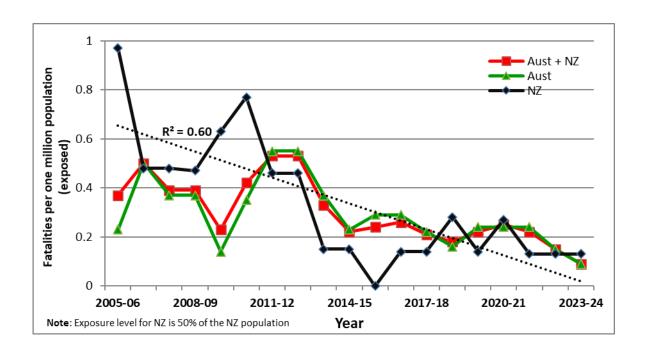
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> By country (three-year running average fatality per million population exposed in Australia and New Zealand)



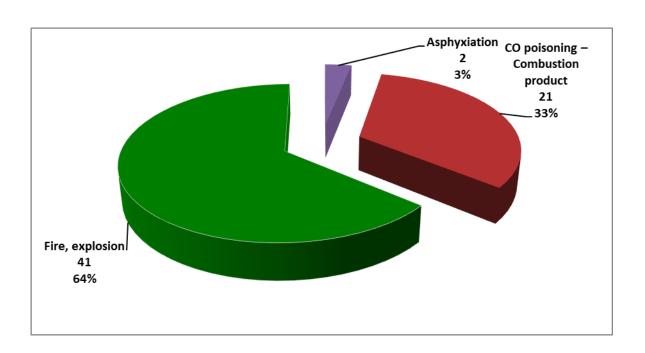
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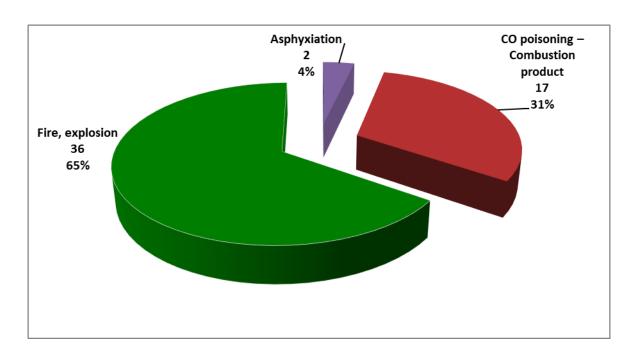
# **GRAPH 1.5a** Australia & New Zealand LPG fatal accidents (*Inclusive of NZ cabinet heater appliances*)

## > By accident type



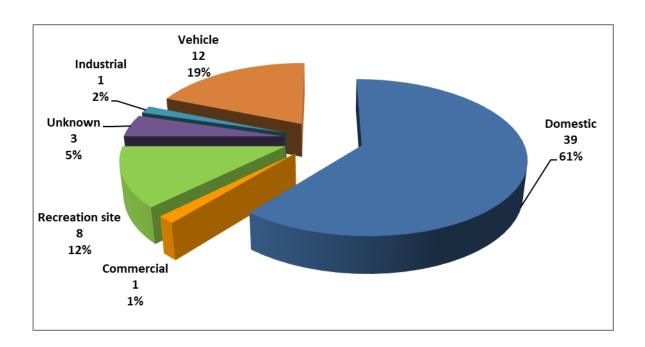
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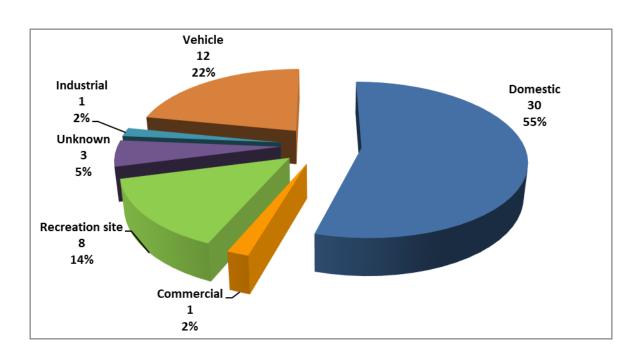
# GRAPH 1.6a Australia & New Zealand LPG fatal accidents (Inclusive of NZ cabinet heater appliances)

## > By equipment site (environment)



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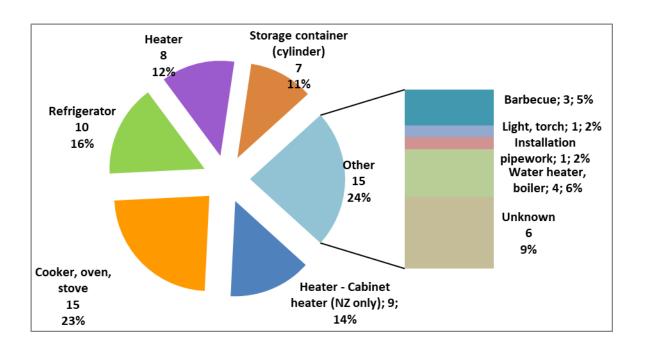
# By equipment site (environment)



#### **GRAPH 1.7a** Australia & New Zealand LPG fatal accidents

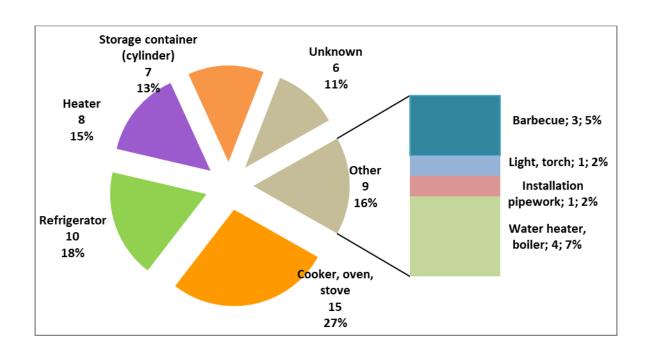
(Inclusive of NZ cabinet heater appliances)

## > By equipment



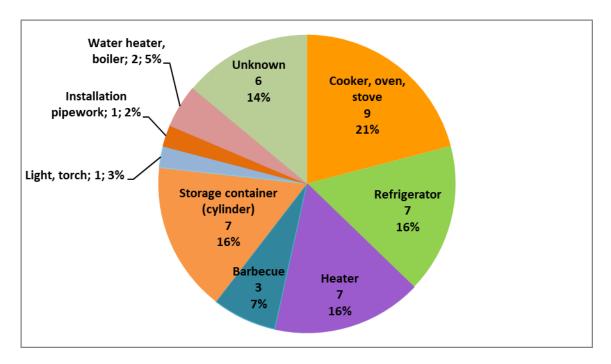
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### By equipment



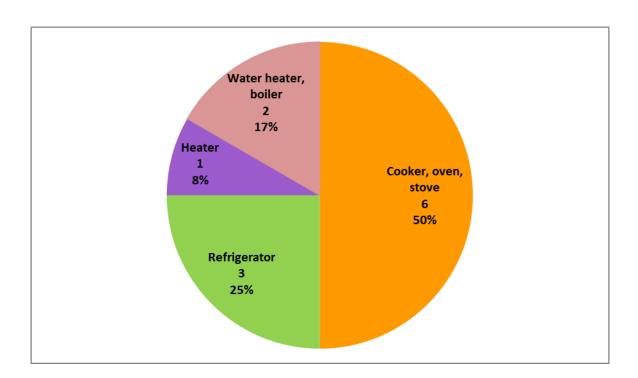
# GRAPH 1.7b (i) Australia & New Zealand LPG fatal accidents Australia

## > By equipment



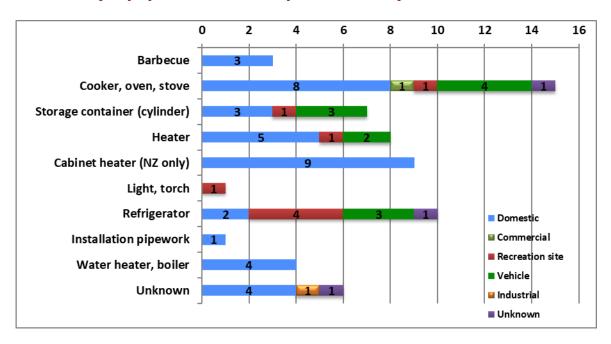
GRAPH 1.7b (ii) Australia & New Zealand LPG fatal accidents
New Zealand (Exclusive of cabinet heater appliances)

# > By equipment



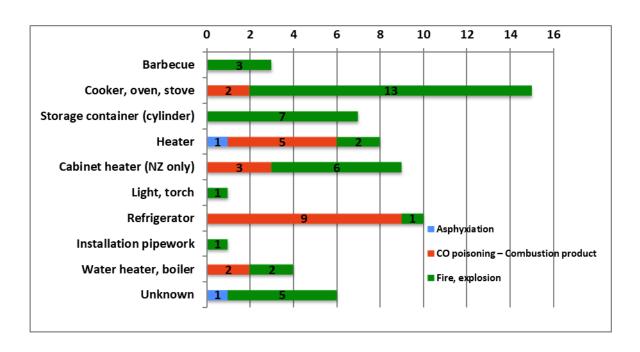
#### GRAPH 1.8 Australia & New Zealand LPG fatal accidents

# > By equipment & its site (environment)



### **GRAPH 1.9** Australia & New Zealand LPG fatal accidents

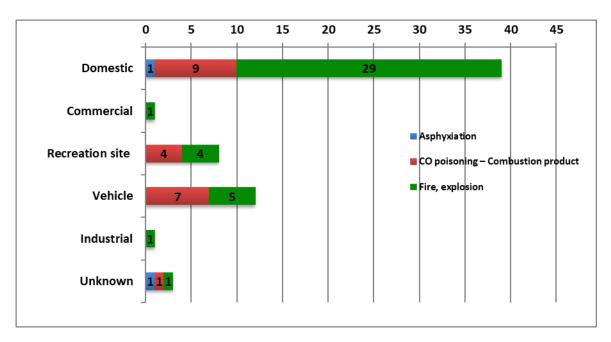
## > By equipment & accident type



## **GRAPH 1.10a Australia & New Zealand LPG fatal accidents**

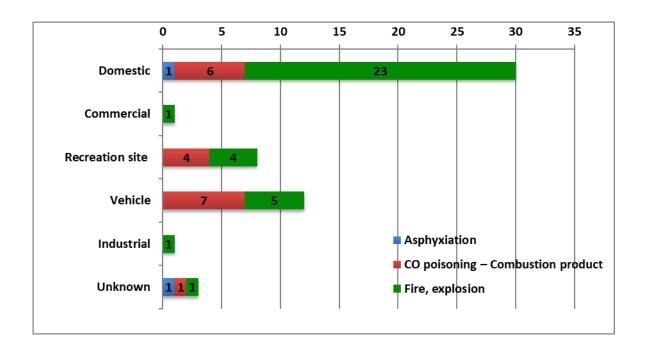
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## > By equipment site (environment) & accident type



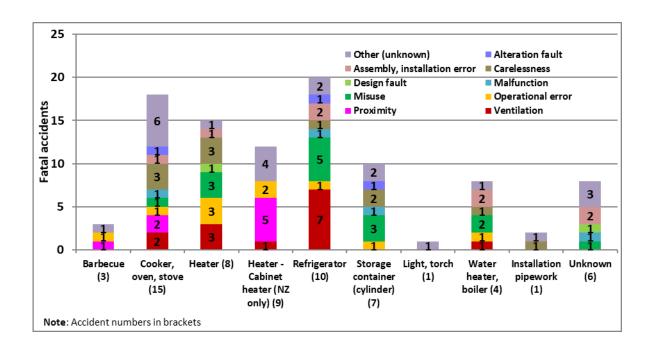
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## > By equipment site (environment) & accident type



## **GRAPH 1.11 Australia & New Zealand LPG fatal accidents**

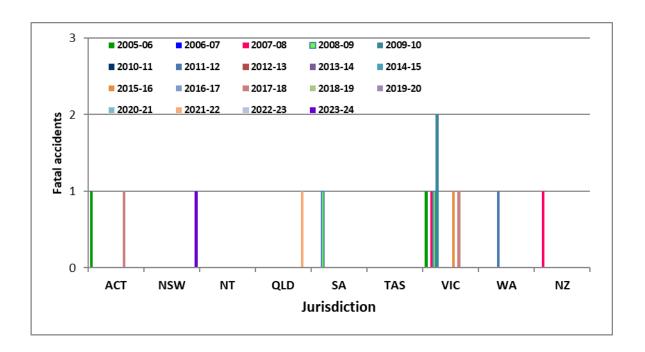
# > By equipment & causal factor



# 2- Natural Gas (NG) fatal accidents

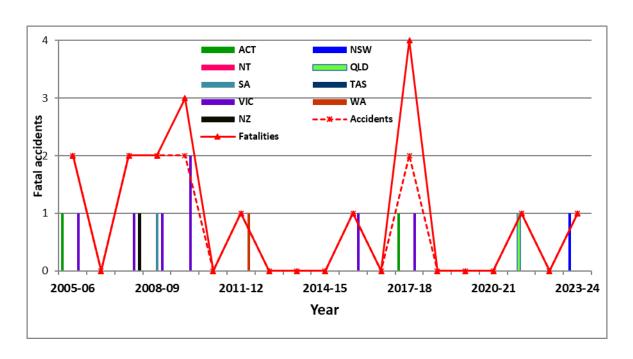
### **GRAPH 2.1** Australia & New Zealand NG fatal accidents

## By state/country



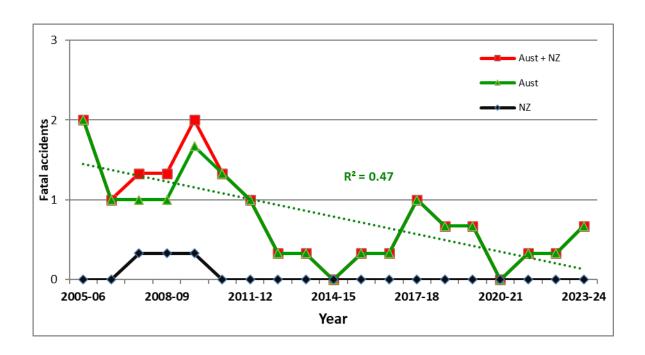
### **GRAPH 2.2** Australia & New Zealand NG fatal accidents

### By year



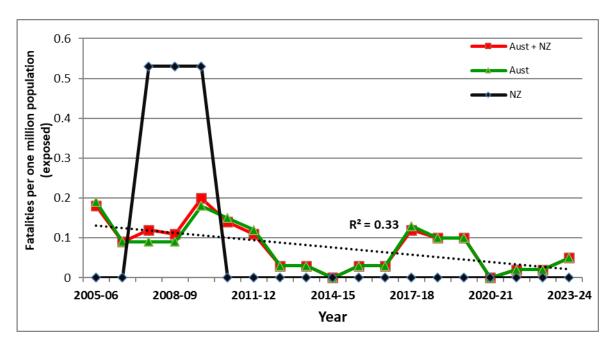
#### **GRAPH 2.3** Australia & New Zealand NG fatal accidents

> By country (three-year running average)



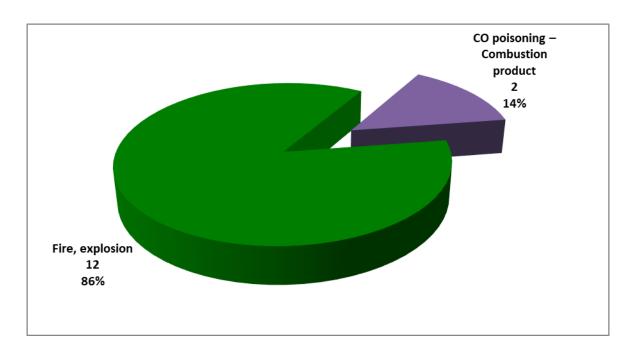
**GRAPH 2.4** Australia & New Zealand NG fatality trend

> By country (three-year running average fatality per million population exposed in Australia and New Zealand)



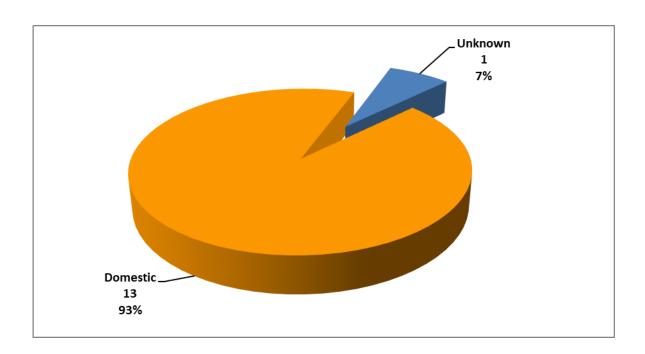
# **GRAPH 2.5** Australia & New Zealand NG fatal accidents

# > By accident type



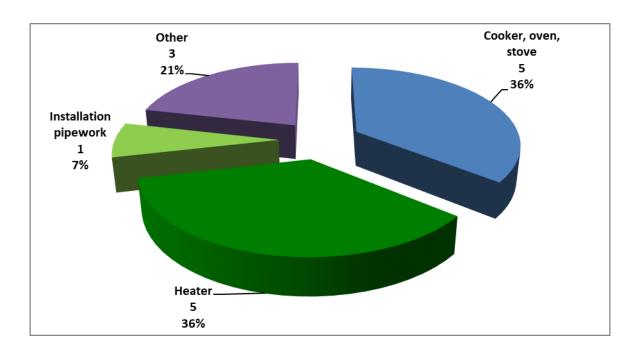
**GRAPH 2.6** Australia & New Zealand NG fatal accidents

# > By equipment site (environment)



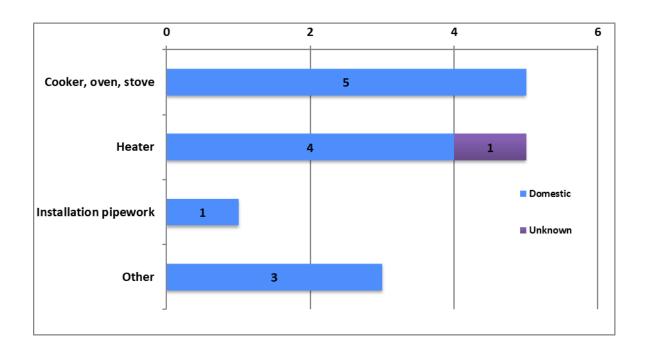
## **GRAPH 2.7** Australia & New Zealand NG fatal accidents

## > By equipment



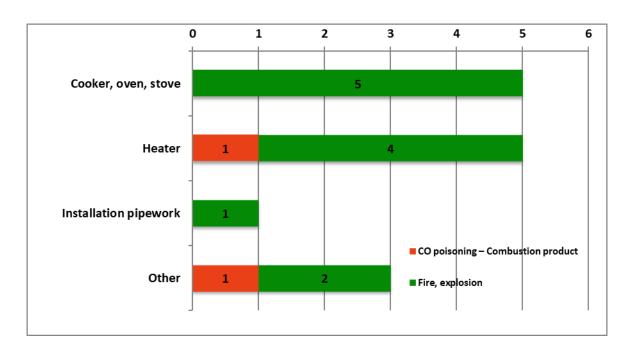
**GRAPH 2.8** Australia & New Zealand NG fatal accidents

# > By equipment & its site (environment)



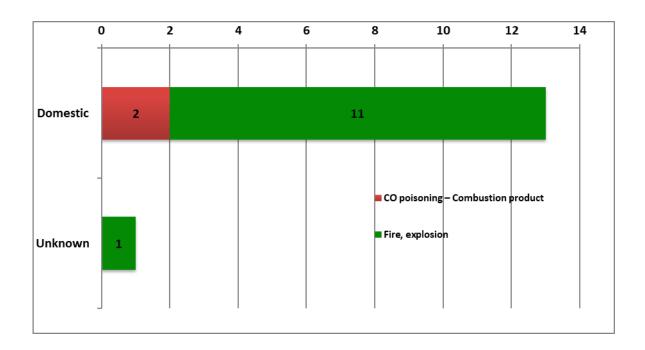
### **GRAPH 2.9** Australia & New Zealand NG fatal accidents

# > By equipment & accident type



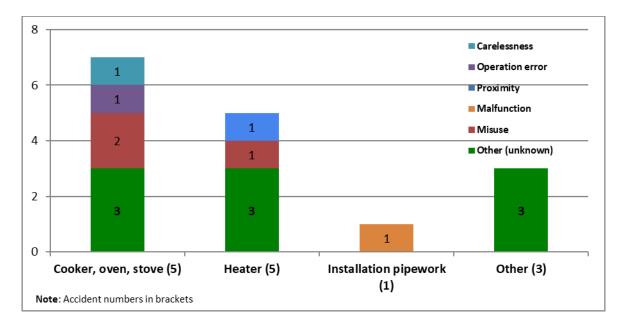
### **GRAPH 2.10** Australia & New Zealand NG fatal accidents

# > By equipment site (environment) & accident type



# **GRAPH 2.11 Australia & New Zealand NG fatal accidents**

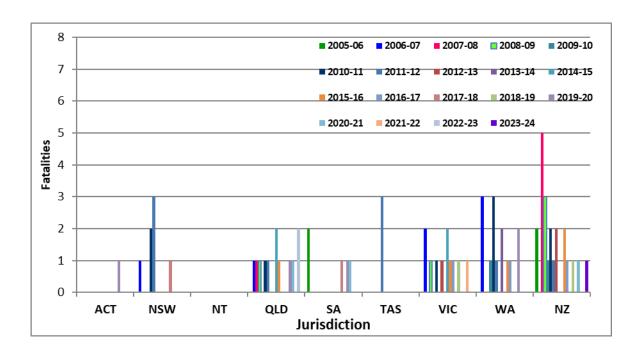
# > By equipment & causal factor



# 3- Gas fatalities

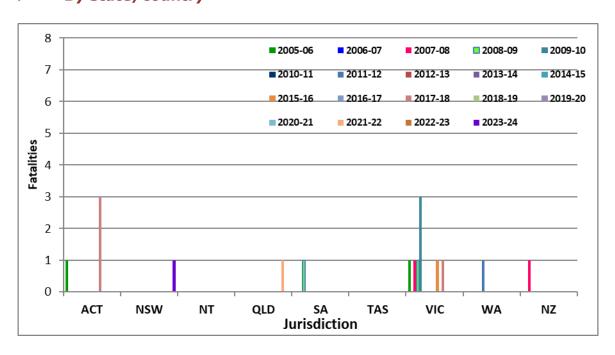
# GRAPH 3.1a Australia & New Zealand gas fatalities (LPG)

# By state/country



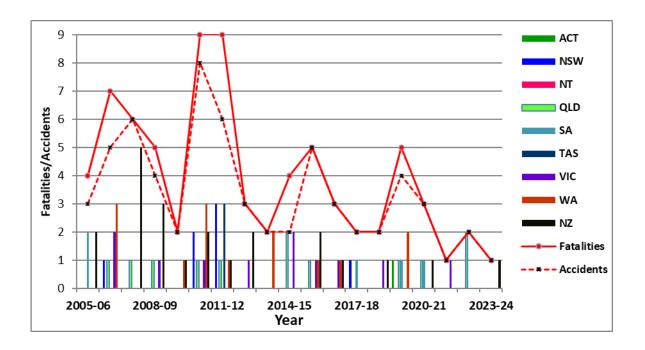
GRAPH 3.1b Australia & New Zealand gas fatalities (NG)

### By state/country



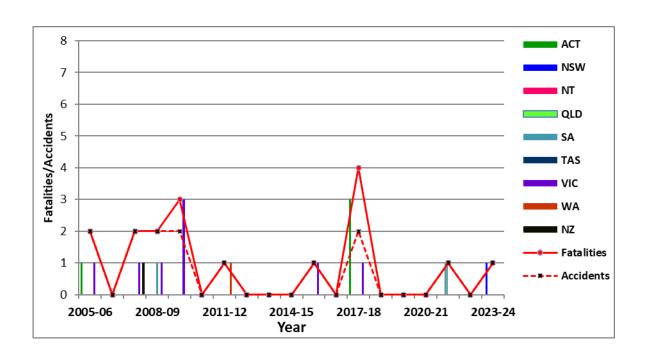
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# By year



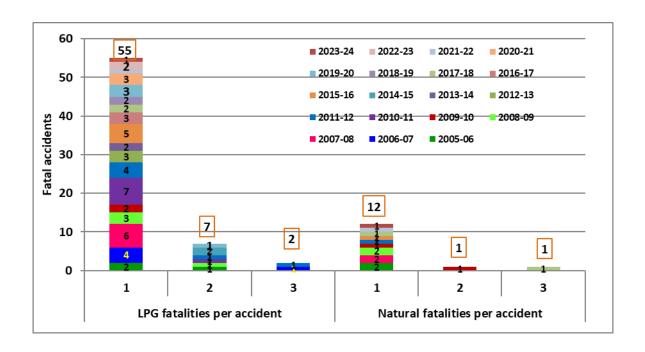
**GRAPH 3.2a** Australia & New Zealand gas fatalities *(NG)* 

## By type



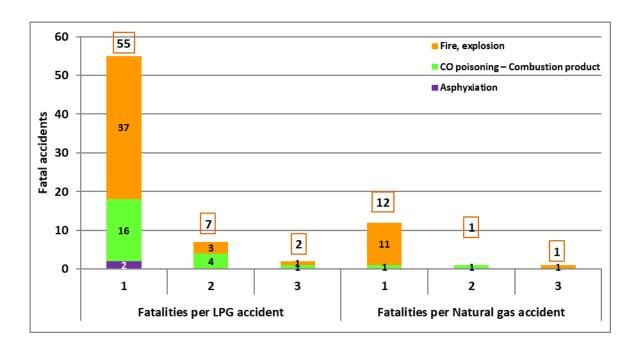
## **GRAPH 3.3** Australia & New Zealand gas fatalities

## > By consequence (fatalities per accident)



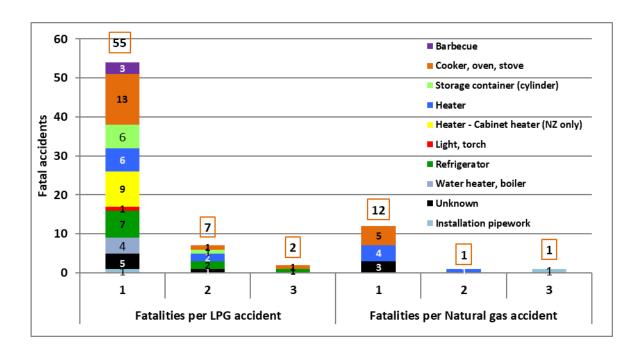
# **GRAPH 3.4** Australia & New Zealand gas fatalities

# > By consequence (fatalities per accident) & accident type



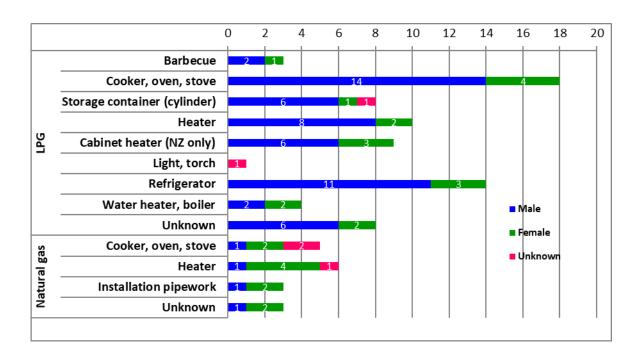
## **GRAPH 3.5** Australia & New Zealand gas fatalities

## By consequence & equipment type



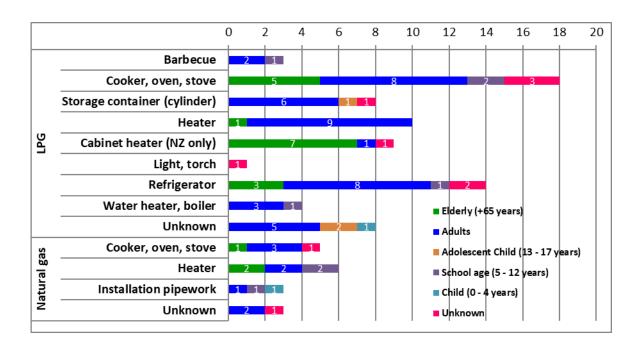
### GRAPH 3.6 Australia & New Zealand gas fatalities

# By equipment type & victim's gender



## **GRAPH 3.7** Australia & New Zealand gas fatalities

# By equipment type & victim's age



# 4. Fatal accidents information

**TABLE 4.1** Australia & New Zealand LPG fatal accidents

Year	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Aust	NZ	Total
2005-2006			#		1				1	2	3
2006-2007		1	#	1			2	1	5	0	5
2007-2008			#	1					1	5	6
2008-2009			#	1			1		2	2	4
2009-2010			#					1	1	1	2
2010-2011		2	#	1			1	2	6	2	8
2011-2012		2	#	1		1		1	5	1	6
2012-2013		#	#				1	1	2	2	4
2013-2014		#	#					1	1	0	1
2014-2015			#	1			1		2	0	2
2015-2016			#	1			1	1	3	2	5
2016-2017			#				1	1	2	1	3
2017-2018		1			1				2	0	2
2018-2019			#				1		1	1	2
2019-2020	1		#	1	1			1	4	1	5
2020-2021			#	1	1				2	0	2
2021-2022		#	#				1		1	0	1
2022-2023			#	2					2	0	2
2023-2024			#						0	1	1
Total	1	6	0	11	4	1	10	10	43	21	64

Note: # No data supplied.

**TABLE 4.2 Australia & New Zealand LPG fatalities** 

Year	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Aust	NZ	Total
2005-2006			#		2				2	2	4
2006-2007		1	#	1			2	3	7	0	7
2007-2008			#	1					1	5	6
2008-2009			#	1			1		2	3	5
2009-2010			#					1	1	1	2
2010-2011		2	#	1			1	3	7	2	9
2011-2012		3	#	1		3		1	8	1	9
2012-2013		#	#				1	1	2	2	4
2013-2014		#	#					1	1	0	1
2014-2015			#	2			2		4	0	4
2015-2016			#	1			1	1	3	2	5
2016-2017			#				1	1	2	1	3
2017-2018		1			1				2	0	2
2018-2019	1		#				1		2	1	3
2019-2020			#	1	1			2	4	0	4
2020-2021			#	1	1				2	1	3
2021-2022		#	#				1		1	0	1
2022-2023		#	#	2					2	0	2
2023-2024			#						0	1	1
Total	1	7	0	12	5	3	11	14	53	22	75

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**TABLE 4.3** Australia & New Zealand NG fatal accidents

Year	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Aust	NZ	Total
2005-2006	1		#				1		2	0	2
2006-2007			#						0	0	0
2007-2008			#				1		1	1	2
2008-2009			#		1		1		2	0	2
2009-2010			#				2		2	0	2
2010-2011			#						0	0	0
2011-2012			#					1	1	0	1
2012-2013		#	#						0	0	0
2013-2014		#	#						0	0	0
2014-2015			#						0	0	0
2015-2016			#				1		1	0	1
2016-2017			#						0	0	0
2017-2018	1						1		2	0	2
2018-2019			#						0	0	0
2019-2020			#						0	0	0
2020-2021			#						0	0	0
2021-2022		#	#	1					1	0	1
2022-2023			#						0	0	0
2023-2024		1							1	0	1
Total	2	1	0	1	1	0	7	1	13	1	14

Note: # No data supplied.

**TABLE 4.4 Australia & New Zealand NG fatalities** 

Year	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Aust	NZ	Total
2005-2006	1		#				1		2	0	2
2006-2007			#						0	0	0
2007-2008			#				1		1	1	2
2008-2009			#		1		1		2	0	2
2009-2010			#				3		3	0	3
2010-2011			#						0	0	0
2011-2012			#					1	1	0	1
2012-2013		#	#						0	0	0
2013-2014		#	#						0	0	0
2014-2015			#						0	0	0
2015-2016			#				1		1	0	1
2016-2017			#						0	0	0
2017-2018	3						1		4	0	4
2018-2019			#						0	0	0
2019-2020			#						0	0	0
2020-2021			#						0	0	0
2021-2022		#	#	1					1	0	1
2022-2023		#	#						0	0	0
2023-2024		1							1	0	1
Total	4	1	0	1	1	0	8	1	16	1	17

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