

# Govt energy policy in tatters over hydrogen 'farce'



## Without domestic hydrogen we face long cold winters

The Government's energy credentials are in tatters after a 'farcical' series of hydrogen announcements, GMB has said.

The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) has scrapped a proposed Redcar hydrogen trial in the north-east of England, citing a lack of supply.

Meanwhile it has launched a consultation which could outlaw the gas network more than 80 per cent of UK homes rely on for heating.



Separately, the department unveiled eleven new hydrogen production plants which would create more than 700 jobs and hydrogen for industrial use.”



**Andy Prendergast, GMB National Secretary, said:**

“The Government’s energy credentials are in complete tatters after a series of utterly farcical hydrogen announcements.

“Scrapping the Redcar scheme is myopic and shows Ministers have no coherent plan for the UK’s energy future.

“Hydrogen is safe, clean and the best way to heat homes while hitting net zero.

“Any suggestion it should only be used for industrial use shows a deep misunderstanding of the UK’s energy situation.

“Unless we invest in hydrogen for domestic heating as a matter for urgency, we face a lot of long, cold winters.”

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