



Cascade cuts power bill in switch to gas

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IT is the end of an era at Australia's oldest brewery in South Hobart, as Cascade makes the switch to natural gas.

The move will have a remarkable impact on the brewery's carbon footprint, reducing its carbon emissions by half and its total energy use by one third.

Cranes rolled in to the site yesterday to start removing oil boilers, and

the brewery's coal boilers are expected to go later in the year.

The brewery plans to be totally reliant on natural gas by the end of the year.

General manager of production Max Burslem said gas would greatly increase the efficiency of the brewery's steam, which is used in its brew-house kettles, packaging pasteurisers, fruit pro-

cessing and malt kiln.

"We're moving to natural gas at the earliest opportunity, thanks to the extension of the gas network in Hobart," he said.

"Moving to natural gas is the next step in Cascade's continual drive to further improve its sustainability."

In the past decade the site has reduced water use by 25 per cent and

energy use by 15 per cent per unit of production.

Mr Burslem said a sustainable future and green image were huge priorities for the brewery.

"It's important to Cascade, which is just part of what's great about being located in Tasmania.

"It's very important to have sustainable operations because we are very concerned with

long-term sustainability," he said.

While the gas boilers won't require supervision like the oil and coal boilers did, Mr Burslem said the company was looking to relocate its boiler workers elsewhere within the business.

The oil boilers have been running since 1960.



GREEN GOALS: Cascade general manager production Max Burslem oversees removal of old boilers from the factory. Picture: KIM EISZELE