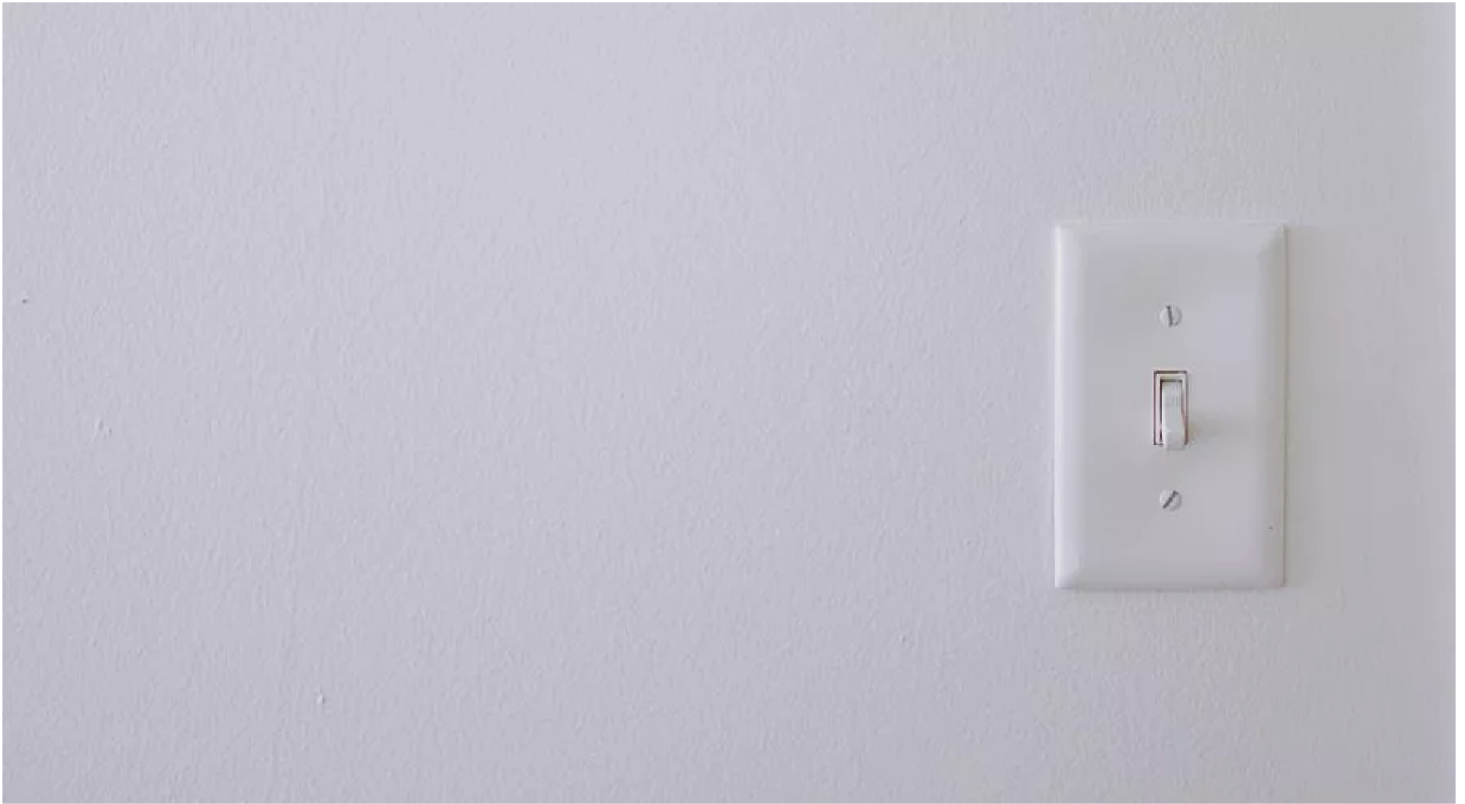


National Grid report exposes folly of ignoring gas



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GMB, the energy union, says today's energy report exposes the folly of politicians buying their heads in the sand over gas.

The National Grid has warned British households **could face three hour blackouts this winter due gas shortages**. [1]

GMB has warned for years the UK's approach to energy policy will leave the country desperately exposed.



Gary Smith, GMB General Secretary, said:

"Today's report exposes the utter folly of politicians consistently burying their heads in the sand over gas.

"All realistic plans for net zero will require use of gas – and the tens of thousands of good, well paid, unionised jobs that come with it – for the foreseeable future.

"But a borderline negligent approach to the UK's energy security has seen us dismantle our gas storage capacity – despite repeated warnings from GMB – leaving us desperately short this winter and forced to go cap in hand to other countries.

"Now the chickens are coming home to roost – and as ever it's working people who'll pay the price."

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