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## Gas keeps council fleet trucking on, with carbon bonus

HOBART City Council now has a fleet of five Compressed Natural Gas-powered trucks.

The new trucks complement the council's fleet of diesel electric hybrid trucks.

Acting Lord Mayor Alderman Ron Christie said the council's latest initiative showed it had taken the lead in local government in Tasmania

by reducing its truck fleet greenhouse gas emissions.

He said four of the seven-tonne Isuzu trucks were general service tip trucks used to service council's work crews and the fifth was a van used to pick up office paper for general disposal and security shredding services from businesses.

"The council estimates it can save around \$5000 per annum based upon today's diesel and CNG prices," Ald Christie said.

"The other benefit is the CNG engines will help reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 25 per cent compared to diesel — and this equates to reducing the council's greenhouse gas

emissions by approximately 15 tonnes of carbon dioxide per annum."

A further benefit of CNG was lower running costs because of more stable natural gas pricing and the ability to enter into a long-term contract with a local supplier.