

Appendix A Recommended Format for Submissions

To assist the Gas Industry Co in the orderly and efficient consideration of stakeholders' responses, a suggested format for submissions has been prepared. Respondents are also free to include other material in their responses.

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QUESTION	COMMENT
Q 1: Do you agree with the proposal not to alter the structure of the levy for the 2010 financial year?	We agree that the existing structure should be maintained. While it is highlighted that a more complex structure could be introduced, including fees for pipeline owners, pass through arrangements would ensure that such levies flow downstream anyway. The existing structure is therefore the most efficient and practical arrangement. We also believe it is consistent with the GIC objective to place continued downward pressure on the delivered price of gas for the benefit of consumers.
Q 2: Do you agree with the proposal to recover the establishment costs of the Gas (Downstream Reconciliation) Rules 2008 by way of a one-off Special Purpose Levy, calculated on the same basis used to allocate the ongoing operational costs?	This appears reasonable, although we note that our company is not directly impacted by this matter.
Q 3: Do you agree with the proposed policy for funding the establishment, implementation and ongoing administration costs of gas governance arrangements?	Yes, the rationale behind your proposals is compelling, and we support the use of market fees to recover only the external costs of service providers, with internal costs being met by the general levy.
Q4: Do you consider there to be any other items in the external work programme which should be included in the Company's strategic priorities for FY2010?	No – The strategic priorities listed in Section 5 are thorough and appropriate, in our opinion.

QUESTION	COMMENT
Q5: Do you have any comment on the levy funding requirement for FY2010?	No – This is well presented in Section 6 with excellent supporting material / arguments.
Q6: Do you have any comment on the proposed levy for FY2010?	No – Again this appears reasonable, although we note that our company is directly impacted by the fees / fee structure.