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In this issue we cover:

- Information Disclosure Problem Assessment – Cross-submissions invited
- Disclosure of Major Gas User Facility Outage Information – Independent Review

Information Disclosure Problem Assessment – Cross-submissions invited

The *Information Disclosure: Problem Assessment* paper released in October 2019 for consultation identified several specific information areas or 'information elements' where Gas Industry Co considers there could be information transparency or asymmetry issues. The paper assesses these information elements against the Government's policy objectives for the sector as identified in the Gas Act (1992) and the Government Policy Statement on Gas Governance 2008 (GPS). In December 2019, at the close of our consultation period, we received nineteen submissions on the paper.

The submissions received were generally in agreement with Gas Industry Co's assessment of the discussed 'information elements.' However, there were three elements where parties had differing views. These were contract price and volume information, forecasts of major users' gas consumption and major gas user facility outages. Given the range of views that we received in submissions on these three matters we would like to give parties a further opportunity to comment on these elements through a cross-submissions process. Cross-submissions can be made [here](#) and are invited by **5.00pm, Wednesday 11 March 2020**.

Disclosure of Major Gas User Facility Outage Information – Independent Review

To assist parties with the above mentioned cross-submissions, and specifically submissions relating to the disclosure of major gas user facility outage information, Gas Industry Co has retained an industry expert (John Bay, Contract Strategies Ltd) to provide his independent views of the issues associated with the disclosure of Methanex's planned and unplanned plant outages. Methanex, being the largest major gas user in the industry, has been at the centre of many of the submitted views associated with major gas user outage disclosure. The paper that the expert has developed is available [here](#).

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