

Kia Ora, and welcome to the Gas Industry Company's *News Bulletin* - a periodic advisory of new and current consultations, workstream developments, publications and presentations.

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CONSULTATION REMINDER: Gas Industry Co FY2021 Work Programme and Levy

In December 2019, we issued our Consultation Paper: Consultation on Gas Industry Co FY2021 Work Programme and Levy. The Consultation Paper is in respect of our proposed work programme and levy for FY2021. This is a reminder that submissions are invited by **5.00pm, Monday 10 February 2020**.

Submissions can be made through our website [here](#), where you will also find the Consultation Paper referred to above.

December 2019 switching numbers available

The Gas Registry statistics recording gas consumer switching numbers for December 2019 are available [here](#). There were 3773 completed customer switches during the month, 232 more than November 2019, and 201 fewer than December 2018.

For the last couple of years switching numbers and the time they take to complete has been relatively stable. In the last 12 months we saw, on average, 3,712 switches taking place per month, and they took an average of two days to complete. During that time the highest number of switches occurred in July 2019 (4,409) and the lowest occurred in January 2019 (3,217).

Gas Industry Co appoints new Independent Director

Gas Industry Co Chair, Rt Hon Jim Bolger is pleased to announce the appointment of Parekawhia McLean to the Company's Board to fill a casual vacancy as Independent Director. The Board had undertaken an extensive recruitment process and was pleased to have met with some high calibre candidates.

Ms McLean is currently the Chair of Te Whakakitenga o Waikato - the governing body of Waikato Tainui. She is also a Director of Sport Waikato and has held governance roles with the National Science Resilience Challenge, Waikato Momentum Philanthropic Foundation, Mercury Energy, Te Putahitanga o Te Waipounamu, Te Waananga o Aotearoa and Te Mangai Paho/Maori broadcasting funding agency. She was previously the Chair of Waikato Means Business – the leadership group mandated by the Waikato Mayoral Forum to deliver the Regions' economic development strategy.

Ms McLean brings with her over 20 years of public policy and public sector management experience - advising three Prime Ministers while at the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet where she was the lead Crown advisor during the establishment of the Maaori Television Service.

Mr Bolger said the Company is privileged to have Ms McLean join the Board and looks forward to working with her.

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