



7 January 2013

The Gas Industry Company,

c/o <http://www.gasindustry.co.nz>

Re: Amendments to the Gas Governance (Critical Contingency Management) Regulations 2008.

Dear Sir/Madam,

The New Zealand Disability Support Network (NZDSN) welcomes the opportunity to make a brief submission on the proposed amendments to the Gas Governance (Critical Contingency Management) Regulations. The Vision of NZDSN is to promote a fully inclusive New Zealand, and to help achieve this mission we provide services and support to over 100 providers of support services to disabled people throughout New Zealand. Some of our provider members provide Residential Support Services to disabled people.

These Residential Services are the home environments for disabled people with a wide range of very complex and challenging impairments. We are therefore very pleased to see this recognised in the list of essential services who will receive gas in the event of a critical emergency and therefore urge that Residential Services continue to be given a high priority for gas services This is our response for Question 6 of the consultation document and we have no comment on any other parts of the discussion document.

You are welcome to contact NZDSN if you have any questions regarding this submission. Please feel free to contact Matt Frost, Research and Policy Analyst, at mattf@nzdsn.org.nz or 04 473 4678.

Yours Sincerely,

Clare Teague,

CEO, NZDSN.