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Submissions
Gas Industry Company
Wellington

By email: consultations@gasindustry.co.nz

Consultation on Gas Industry Co FY2021 Work Programme and Levy

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the GIC’s proposed work programme for FY2021.

Contact considers that the proposed work programme addresses the priorities for the industry and is consistent with the outcomes sought under the Gas Act and Government Policy Statement on Gas Governance.

We welcome GIC’s proposal to develop reports with a shorter term focus to reflect the increasing interest in short term gas supply to meet energy needs. We also support investigation into whether further efficiency gains are possible to reduce emissions as part of the gas supply resilience review.

Responses to specific questions follow:

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| <p>Q1: Do you have any comments on the process for developing Gas Industry Co's Work Programme and Levy?</p> | <p>We support the GIC’s proactive approach to consulting on its advanced work programme.</p> |
| <p>Q2: Do you consider there to be any other items that should be included in Gas Industry Co’s intended Work Programme for FY2021? If so, please describe the work required and how that work achieves the outcomes sought under the Gas Act and GPS.</p> | <p>No. The work programme is comprehensive. The proposal to increase reporting focus on short term gas supply is timely.</p> |
| <p>Q3: Do you consider there to be any items that should be excluded from Gas Industry Co’s intended Work Programme for FY2021? Please provide reasons for your response.</p> | <p>No. However, the GIC should continually assess its work programme to ensure all activity is necessary, delivers clear benefit, and is consistent with outcomes sought under the Gas Act and Government Policy Statement on Gas Governance.</p> |
| <p>Q4: Gas Industry Co is particularly interested in industry comment on the</p> | <p>No comment.</p> |

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| forecast gas volumes - do stakeholders consider the projection reasonable? If not, what would they consider an appropriate gas volume estimate to be? | |
| Q5: Do you have any comment on the proposed levy rates for FY2021? | Proposed levy rates appear reasonable. |

If you require further clarification on any of the above comments please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Abbott', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chris Abbott
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