

Consultation on Gas Industry Co. FY2021 Work Programme and Levy

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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>In the context of the Government's climate change initiatives, the gas industry faces significant challenges to the public's perception of the value and contribution of gas to the NZ economy. The GIC has an important role in helping develop government policy. Nova would therefore like to see the GIC actively working with government agencies to ensure that New Zealand fully realises the potential of its gas resources.</p> <p>The GIC therefore needs to ensure it has the resources to provide constructive input on energy policy issues and when necessary, challenge government thinking. Nova is happy with the planning process so long as the GIC is confident it has the resources required to meet this expectation.</p>
<p>Q2: Do you consider there to be any other items that should be included in the Company'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>The work on the <i>Long Term Gas Supply and Demand Scenarios</i> provides a useful perspective on gas supply and demand given current government policies. As per the comment above, and as a follow-up to that work, perhaps a piece of work could be commissioned mapping out government policies that could be adopted to maximise the net benefits of gas to New Zealand over the long term; for instance, how more might be done to displace coal usage.</p>
<p>Q3: Do you consider there to be any items that should be excluded from the Company's intended Work Programme for FY2021? Please provide reasons for your response.</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Q4: We are particularly interested in industry comment on the forecast gas volumes - do stakeholders consider the projection reasonable? If not, what would they consider an appropriate gas volume estimate to be?</p>	<p>Nova believes that the GIC's estimate of gas volumes for FY2020 is reasonable.</p>

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Q5: Do you have any comment on the proposed levy rates under the New Code and Status Quo scenarios for FY2021?	Nova is okay with the proposed levy.