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Dear Ian Wilson

Supplementary Levy Discussion Paper

The National Council of Women of New Zealand (NCWNZ) is an umbrella organisation representing 38 nationally organised societies, with 32 branches throughout the country to which women from some 150 societies are affiliated. The Council's function is to serve women, the family and the community at local, national and international levels through research, study, discussion and action.

The Consumer Affairs Standing Committee of NCWNZ thanks you for the opportunity to comment on the above discussion paper and wishes to record the following comments.

After consideration the committee agrees with the proposed Gas Industry Supplementary Levy Discussion proposal Option 5:

- A fully fixed Retail levy of 6.3 \$/ICP, which applies to all ICPs and will be charged each month based on the number of ICPs at the end of the previous month, and
- A Wholesale levy of 1.78cents/GJ.

NCWNZ notes that in Option 5 there is no time frame for review of the proposal and maintains its previous views expressed in their previous submission that the proposed cost charges should be changed from yearly to 2 yearly.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on this review.

Yours sincerely

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Convener, Consumer Affairs Standing Committee