



Gas Industry Co.



## News Bulletin 4 July 2025

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### Statement of Intent 2026– 2028

The Statement of Intent 2026-2028 is now available on our website.

The Statement of Intent sets out the intended scope and objectives of our operations for the following three financial years. It also provides information about our organisation and operating environment.

You can view the [Statement of Intent](#) on our website.

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### Gas Levy – 2025

The Gas (Levy of Industry Participants) Regulations 2025 came into force on 1 July 2025.

The Gas Levy is our main source of funding. It is authorised by way of regulations, which we recommend to the Minister each year.

The [Gas \(Levy of Industry Participants\) Regulations 2025](#), and information on the levy setting process and principles, can be found on the [Levy](#) page on our website.

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## CCM annual exercise (Exercise Tukurua) - report

The Gas Governance (Critical Contingency Management) Regulations 2008 require the Critical Contingency Operator (CCO) to test existing plans in place for managing critical contingency events, like for example, ruptures of the pipeline.

This year's critical contingency exercise, Exercise Tukurua, took place on 21 May to test the Firstgas Critical Contingency Management Plan and retailer emergency contacts.

Exercise Tukurua simulated a regional event where damage by a third party resulted in a significant gas leak. The exercise required retailers to issue curtailment instructions to business customers and a media appeal requesting domestic customers in the affected area reduce their gas use.

The CCO's review of the exercise concluded that Firstgas and retailers have established applicable processes and procedures for responding to critical contingency events, in accordance with the regulations.

The report included 13 recommendations to enhance the efficiency of the processes and procedures to support the current critical contingency framework. Gas Industry Co will support the implementation of these recommendations.

The CCO report on Exercise Tukurua is available on the [CCO website](#).

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## Gas Information Exchange Protocols

In May, we consulted on the review of existing voluntary Gas Information Exchange Protocols and the potential introduction of new protocols.

Some of the proposed protocols addressed recent developments in the gas industry, while others were based on areas where additional Electricity Information Exchange Protocols have been developed. Adopting similar protocols in the gas industry could improve the efficiency of gas industry processes.

The submissions received are available on the [Gas Information Exchange Protocols](#) page on our website.

We are now summarising the submissions and will keep participants informed of any consultation or workshops planned to update the existing protocols or to draft new ones.

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## Commerce Commission consultation – Gas DPP4

The Commerce Commission is currently consulting on the upcoming default price-quality path (DPP) reset for gas pipeline businesses, and want to hear from gas consumers.

A DPP is typically set to run for four or five years and sets:

- The maximum average prices the business can charge or the maximum total revenue they can recover from consumers.
- The minimum quality standards a business must meet (like reliability and safety).

The DPP is a way to protect consumers and keep prices stable over a set period. At the same time, it allows each business to recover reasonable costs so it can continue to invest in maintaining a safe and reliable pipeline network.

For more information, a [Gas DPP4 reset issues paper](#) is available on the Commerce Commission website.

Submissions close at 5.00pm, on 24 July 2025. Please email your submission to [infrastructure.regulation@comcom.govt.nz](mailto:infrastructure.regulation@comcom.govt.nz) and include 'Consumer feedback: Gas DPP4' in the subject line.

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