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2026 Gas Supply and Demand Study released

PwC have released the 2026 Gas Supply and Demand study which provides an updated view of how New Zealand's gas market may respond as indigenous gas supplies continue to decline.

The 2026 study, commissioned by Gas Industry Co, considered two scenarios: one where the market relies on declining indigenous gas supply only; and a second where LNG is available to supplement domestic gas production.

The study shows that as indigenous supply continues to fall, consumers face a rapid and potentially turbulent gas transition. This will result in commercial and industrial businesses having to switch to higher priced alternative energy sources or to close their operations, while gas-fired electricity generation is forced to operate at constrained levels.

The energy system will face increasing security of supply risks in dry years, with the loss of flexible gas supply to support electricity generation, and the potential for higher gas and electricity prices, further industrial closures, and accelerated demand reduction.

The study also showed that importing LNG to supplement domestic gas production could provide a scalable and responsive source of gas to manage seasonal variability and support electricity generation during dry years.

You can find the [2026 Gas Supply and Demand Study](#) on our website.

Gas Industry Co FY2027 Work Programme and Levy – next steps

The Gas Industry Co FY2027 Work Programme and Levy consultation closed on Monday 9 February.

We would like to thank industry for the feedback provided. The submissions received are now being considered in the drafting of our 2027-2029 Statement of Intent (SOI) and Levy Recommendation, which will go to the Minister in March. The FY2027 Levy will take effect from 1 July 2026.

The [FY2027 Work Programme and Levy](#) consultation document, submissions received, and analysis of submissions, can be viewed on our website.

Gas Information Exchange Protocol

The opportunity to provide operational feedback on the drafted, new and amended Gas Information Exchange Protocols closed on 27 February 2026.

We are currently reviewing the feedback and will update the industry on any further discussion required, including expected publication dates, as this work progresses.

Critical Contingency Operator (CCO) annual exercise and industry training session

The CCO will run the Annual Industry Exercise (Exercise Aituā) on Wednesday, 13 May 2026.

This exercise is designed to test the Firstgas Critical Contingency Management Plan and Retailers emergency contacts for consumers.

The Participants' Brief for the exercise, with further details and instructions on how to participate, is available on the [CCO website](#).

Training session – Wednesday 22 April, 10.00am (Teams)

The CCO will deliver its annual training session outlining the Critical Contingency Management Regulations on 22 April. This training will provide a general overview of the

regulations and is designed as an introduction for new industry participants, a refresher for those familiar with the regulations, and for interested parties seeking a general awareness of the regulations.

To register, please email cco@cco.org.nz.

Reminder: Annual Monitoring Disclosures and Certificates - due in April

Gas producers and gas storage owners are required to provide Gas Industry Co with their annual outage information disclosures and certificate of correctness by Wednesday 15 April.

The *Gas (Facilities Outage Information Disclosure) Rules 2022* provide for effective and timely disclosure of information regarding a planned or unplanned outage at a gas production facility or a gas storage facility, for all gas and related market participants.

You can find the specified certificate and read more about the [Outage Information Disclosure](#) rules and required information on our website.

Please provide the required information to Gas Industry Company at info@gasindustry.co.nz.

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