



## Responses to Consultation Questions

### Gas Industry Co FY2024 Work Programme and Levy

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Q1:	Do submitters agree with Gas Industry Co's assessment of the strategic context?	<p>We agree with Gas Industry Co's assessment of the strategic context.</p> <p>Gas Industry Co's role as trusted advisor to Government and the industry will be particularly important as we await the release of the Gas Transition Plan. We acknowledge the good work Gas Industry Co has already done in this area and the ongoing engagement Gas Industry Co will have in relation to the Gas Transition Plan.</p>
Q2:	Do submitters have any comments on the process for developing Gas Industry Co's FY2025 Work Programme and Levy?	<p>Vector generally agrees with the process for developing Gas Industry Co's Work Programme and Levy. It is a well-established process based on the principles of economic efficiency, beneficiary pays, rationality, simplicity, equity, and revenue sufficiency.</p>
Q3:	Do you consider there to be any other items that should be included in Gas Industry Co's intended Work Programme for FY2025? If so, please describe the work required and how that work achieves the outcomes sought under the Gas Act and GPS?	<p>Vector does not believe there is a need to include any other work items in the already full Work Programme proposed for FY2025. The comprehensiveness of the <i>Gas Transition Plan</i>'s coverage would also help ensure that any unforeseen issues could be captured under the Plan in the immediate or longer term.</p> <p>We make the following comments or suggestions in relation to some of Gas Industry Co's ongoing and proposed work streams set out in the consultation paper:</p> <p><b><u>Energy Transition</u></b></p> <p>Assuming work on it continues under the new Government, we expect the <i>Gas Transition Plan</i> to provide clear signals, and hence greater certainty, on the transition pathway(s) for gas pipeline networks. Long-lived regulated assets with a declining demand profile require long-term planning that, under existing arrangements, is driven by regulatory reset periods and we encourage Gas Industry Co to continue to coordinate closely with the Commerce Commission as they reset default price-quality paths for gas pipeline businesses. This would help ensure</p>



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		<p>that the risks for gas pipeline networks are addressed in an efficient manner, and in the long-term interest of consumers.</p> <p><b><u>Advanced gas metering</u></b></p> <p>We suggest that the AGMI Group's work/agenda continue to progress so that the benefits of advanced gas meters are delivered to the market and consumers in a timely manner. These benefits include, for example, more efficient market reconciliation processes from fewer estimated consumption data and more timely/frequent reading for consumers, e.g. monthly reading/bill instead of every three months.</p>
<b>Q4:</b>	Do you consider there to be any items that should be excluded from Gas Industry Co's intended Work Programme for FY2025? Please provide reasons for your response	Vector does not believe there is a need to exclude any items from the intended Work Programme for FY2025.
<b>Q5:</b>	Gas Industry Co is particularly interested in industry comment on the forecast gas volumes - do stakeholders consider the 150 PJ projection reasonable? If not, what would they consider an appropriate gas volume estimate to be? NOTE – any submissions provided in response to this question will be treated as confidential and will not be published.	No comment.
<b>Q6:</b>	Do you have any comment on the proposed levy rates for FY2025?	<p>No comment – the levy looks to be reasonable overall.</p> <p>Various industry participants have initiated work on their own and/or in collaboration with other participants and regulators – using their own resources – to generate important information and insights that feed into ongoing industry discussions and the development of the <i>Gas Transition Plan</i>. We intend to continue to be actively involved in these discussions and collaborative work</p>

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		that would help ensure the gas industry and consumers can navigate the energy transition in an orderly manner.