



# News Bulletin

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Today's News Bulletin presents our latest gas supply and demand study and notifies you of our recent recommendation to the Minister on proposed amendments to gas governance regulations.

## **Gas supply and demand study**

Gas Industry Co has published a new study investigating current and future supply and demand in the gas industry in New Zealand.

The study, by EY, was completed in consultation with field operators, large industrial consumers, gas network owners, retailers, and owners of gas-inclusive electricity generation, using the most recent gas reserves and production information published by MBIE. It uses distinct scenarios developed to investigate the effects of various pathways for the sector.

The report is available on the Gas Industry Co website [here](#).

## **Recommendation to Minister on proposed amendments to gas governance regulations**

On 7 December 2023, Gas Industry Co recommended that the Minister amends Schedule 1 of the Gas Governance (Critical Contingency Management) Regulations 2008.

The purpose of the proposed amendment is to remove the Broadlands and Taupo gas gates from Schedule 1 of the Regulations. The proposed amendment will ensure that the Regulations are consistent with Firstgas's operation of the gas transmission system between Reporoa and Taupo from March 2024.

Firstgas intends to reduce the operating pressure on this section of the transmission system to enable the blending of biomethane. The proposed amendment will avoid a critical contingency being declared in relation to normal operation of the gas transmission system.

The proposed amendment is being made in reliance on the urgent recommendation process in the Gas Act. Consultation on the proposed amendment will occur as part of Gas Industry Co's broader package of proposed changes to the Regulations that will be consulted on in early 2024.

You can read the recommendation on our website [here](#).