



# News Bulletin

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## Kia ora,

The Government has agreed to begin work to develop a Gas Transition Plan. It will help to guide emissions reductions in the gas sector in line with legislated targets and emissions budgets.

Gas Industry Co is working with MBIE on the plan. Initial development of the plan, including targeted engagement is due to kick off this month.

## Also in this update:

- A reminder about the upcoming Critical Contingency exercise.
- Latest switching updates.

## Gas Transition Plan

Work is beginning to transition gas to a lower emissions pathway.

The government has published its emissions reduction plan. It includes work to develop a Gas Transition Plan to drive emission reductions from natural gas. The plan will be a key input into a broader Energy Strategy, showing how emissions from gas can be reduced in line with targets in emissions budgets, in legislation, and in New Zealand's international commitments.

Gas Industry Co is working with MBIE to develop the plan. MBIE intends to engage with consumers, non-government organisations, other interested parties, and Treaty partners. Gas Industry Co expects to engage closely with industry as the plan develops.

Work to develop the plan will commence in May 2022, with targeted engagement during 2022.

Public consultation on the Plan is expected around mid-2023 before it is finalised and published in the second half of 2023. The Energy Strategy is expected at the end of 2024.

The purpose of the Gas Transition Plan is to establish transition pathways for decarbonising the gas sector in line with the first three emissions budgets. It will provide a framework to inform and

engage with industry and other stakeholders about the challenges and opportunities. Further measures that may be required to achieve an 'equitable transition' will be identified.

The plan is also expected to establish a strategic view on the potential role for renewable gases, including potential measures for accelerating their uptake, and for carbon capture and utilisation technology.

Actions will be set out for the government to undertake, with the aim of providing more certainty about the government's future gas work programme. Recommendations for the gas industry will also be part of the plan.

For more information on the Gas Transition Plan, including the Terms of Reference and project timelines, see MBIE's [website](#).

Gas Industry Co will maintain a portal focused on information about the Gas Transition Plan [here](#).

### Critical Contingency Operator (CCO) training and exercise dates

This year's annual CCO exercise will be on **Wednesday 18 May 2022**.

The CCO will be running the Annual Industry Exercise (Exercise Atiru) to test the First Gas Ltd Critical Contingency Management Plan and Retailer emergency contacts on **Wednesday 18 May 2022**.

The Participants Brief which provides information on the exercise and how to participate is available on the CCO's [website](#).

If you have any queries ahead of the exercise, please get in touch with the CCO: [cco@cco.org.nz](mailto:cco@cco.org.nz)

### Switching updates for February

There were 4009 switches in April 2022. This is 444 fewer than March 2022 and 102 more than April 2021.

During the last 12 months we saw, on average, 3589 switches taking place per month, and they took an average of two days to complete.

During that time the highest number of switches took place in March 2022 at 4453 switches, and the lowest was in September 2021 at 3015.

Switching numbers are available in the Gas Registry [here](#).

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