

NEWSbulletin

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Welcome to the News Bulletin, a Gas Industry Co periodic advisory of new and current consultations, workstream developments, publications and presentations.

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Invitation

Gas Industry Co releases the 'Consumer Energy Options in New Zealand – 2016 Update'

Gas continues to provide a competitive energy choice for home energy and industrial heat applications, according to an updated review of consumer energy options.

The report, *Consumer Energy Options in New Zealand – 2016 Update*, by Concept Consulting was commissioned by Gas Industry Co and is aimed at providing updated and authoritative information that can be used by a range of private and public sector players in guiding consumer energy decision-making. It covers both households and industrial heating, and reflects on issues for gas and LPG as carbon fuels.

It is important that the positioning of gas in the energy supply mix is updated in the context of increasingly competitive energy markets, a resulting array of energy options for consumers, climate change concerns, the move towards greater use of renewable energy, and fuel and technology developments.

The report analyses the relative merits of fuel/technology options for water heating, space heating, and industrial process heat, and looks at both cost and non-price attributes. Accordingly, it will be of interest to appliance manufacturers and retailers, gasfitters, wholesalers, retailers and distributors – in helping to inform their own gas promotions – as much as it will be to consumers.

A key points summary document, and the updated report can be found [here](#).

Gas Industry Co invites you to attend a presentation by Simon Coates of Concept Consulting who will speak on the report's key findings on **Friday, 29 April 2016**. Please feel free to forward this invitation to others in your organisation and the wider industry.

EVENT DETAILS

Date	Friday, 29 April 2016
Time	12.00 – 1.30pm (tea/coffee, and a light lunch provided)
Location	Gas Industry Co offices, Level 8, The Todd Building, 95 Customhouse Quay, Wellington
RSVP	Estelle Tolmay by Wednesday, 27 April 2016

Other news

Levy Recommendation, and Draft Statement of Intent

Gas Industry Co has forwarded to the Minister of Energy and Resources, the FY2017 Levy Recommendation, and our Draft Statement of Intent FY2017–19. Both documents were developed after consultation with industry stakeholders, who broadly supported work programme and cost proposals put forward by Gas Industry Co.

[> Read more](#)

Gas Consumer Switching Statistics – March 2016

The *Gas Registry Statistics* recording gas consumer switching numbers for March is now available on our website. There were 4,428 customer switches completed during the month. There were 80 more switches in March than in February 2016 and 166 more than in March last year.

[> View the switching statistics](#)

Speeches and Presentations

Gas Industry Co Chief Executive Steve Bielby presented a downstream perspective on the New Zealand Gas Story at the Petroleum Conference held 20 – 22 March. His speech *A Healthy Domestic New Zealand Gas Market – Recent Trends and Paths Forward* included key health indicators on the state and performance of the downstream sector, the strategic role for gas in the NZ economy, developing trends in relation to electricity generation, gas transmission and gas pricing, consumer and carbon issues, and future scenarios and opportunities.

[> View the presentation](#)

Steve Bielby also showcased the *New Zealand Gas Story* in a keynote address at the Australian Domestic Gas Outlook Conference in Sydney on 7 – 10 March.

[> View the presentation](#)

At the 2016 Downstream Conference held in Auckland 2 – 3 March, Simon Coates of Concept Consulting spoke about impacts of new consumer energy technologies on the relative competitive positions of gas versus electricity, and the implications for network owners and other industry participants.

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