

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

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Revision to consultation timetable on 8 December 2017 GTAC.

In Gas Industry Co's 11 December 2017 News Bulletin, we invited stakeholders to provide submissions to Gas Industry Co to assist our assessment of whether the Gas Transmission Access Code (GTAC) that First Gas Limited submitted on 8 December 2017 is materially better than the current terms and conditions of access to and use of the gas transmission pipelines.

Our indicative timetable for the GTAC assessment process was as follows:

| Process | Date |
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| Stakeholders provide submissions to Gas Industry Co on the final GTAC submitted to Gas Industry Co on 8 December 2017. Gas Industry Co seeks stakeholders' views on whether the GTAC is or isn't materially better than the existing arrangements, and reasons why | Monday, 15 January 2018 |
| Gas Industry Co issues its preliminary assessment of the new GTAC for consultation with stakeholders | Friday, 2 February 2018 |
| Stakeholders provide submissions to Gas Industry Co on the preliminary assessment of the new GTAC | Friday, 2 March 2018 |
| Gas Industry Co issues its final assessment (termed a "final determination" in the MPOC) | Friday, 23 March 2018 |

We have considered feedback from stakeholders on that timetable, and we have decided to extend the date by which submissions on the final GTAC must be provided to Gas Industry Co until **Monday 22 January 2018**. A number of stakeholders requested a longer period for submissions on the final GTAC. After considering those requests, we concluded that a longer period would provide little additional benefit given that stakeholders will be able to provide further information regarding their views on the GTAC as part of their submissions on Gas Industry Co's preliminary assessment.

We are currently liaising with our Independent Directors regarding the indicative dates for the remainder of the timetable.

Submissions can be made [here](#). The 8 December 2017 GTAC is available [here](#).

In making your submission, you can express whatever views and provide whatever supporting information you consider relevant to our assessment. However, you may find it helpful to read the guidance for submitters and use the submission template provided on Gas Industry Co's website [here](#).

Information on development of the GTAC can be found [here](#).

Open Letters regarding GTAC process

Gas Industry Co has received open letters from Trustpower Limited and Greymouth Gas New Zealand Limited regarding the process for development of the GTAC. Copies of those letters and Gas Industry Co's responses will be made available [here](#).

OTHER NEWS

Wellington Anniversary – non business day

Gas Industry Co has determined that for the purposes of the Gas (Downstream Reconciliation) Rules 2008, Wellington Anniversary Day (Monday 22 January 2018) will be a non-business day. This is consistent with previous years and with the policy set out in the [Reconciliation Determination Notice](#).

Christmas and New Year

Our offices will close at noon on Friday 22 December 2017, and reopen on Monday 8 January 2018.

Gas Industry Co thanks stakeholders for your valuable contributions to our work in 2017, and we look forward to engaging with you in 2018. In the meantime, we wish you all a safe, enjoyable and relaxing holiday season.

UPCOMING 2018 EVENT

Gas Industry Co invites industry stakeholders to a lunchtime seminar covering two key issues for the New Zealand gas industry.

Andrew Caseley, Chief Executive of EECA, will speak on *Future Focus for EECA and why*, and John Kidd, Director Head of Research, Woodward Partners, will speak on *Generational change in NZ gas and LPG*.

This is an opportunity for those who missed these presentations at the 2017 NZ Gas Industry Forum in Taupo to attend.

Please feel free to forward this invitation to others who may also be interested in attending.

Gas Industry Co Lunchtime Seminar

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| Date | Thursday 15 February 2018 |
| Time | 12.00 – 1.30pm (tea/coffee and light lunch available) |
| Location | Gas Industry Co offices, Level 8 The Todd Building, 95 Customhouse Quay, Wellington |
| RSVP | Alison O'Connor by Monday 11 February 2018 |

Visit the LPGA website to see a full list of [the Forum speakers and their presentations](#).

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