

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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## Gas Industry Co FY2019 Work Programme and Levy open for consultation.

Gas Industry Co has issued a Consultation Paper: *Consultation on Gas Industry Co FY2019 Work Programme and Levy*. This Consultation Paper is in respect of the Company's proposed strategy, work programme and levy for FY2019. Submissions are invited by **9.00am, Monday 5 February 2018**.

The Consultation Paper sets out the key elements of Gas Industry Co's work programme and the associated Levy Funding Requirement (LFR) to form part of the levy regulations for the year ending 30 June 2019 (FY2019).

The proposed FY2019 Work Programme set out in this document includes meeting statutory requirements, such as the administration of existing gas governance regulations, and seeks to address Government and industry priorities through the completion of key project deliverables. It continues and develops existing multi-year workstreams. The Work Programme reflects significant progress already made in addressing the objectives and outcomes set for Gas Industry Co and the industry in the Act and the GPS.

Submissions can be made on Gas Industry Co's website [here](#).

## Gas Industry Co publishes its *Briefing to the Incoming Minister*.

Gas Industry Co has published its Briefing to the Incoming Minister of Energy and Resources, Hon Dr Megan Woods. The *Briefing to the Incoming Minister (BIM)* is available [here](#).

As the industry body under the Gas Act 1992, Gas Industry Co reports to the Minister of Energy and Resources on a range of matters pertaining to the Company's activities. For new Ministers appointed to this portfolio the *BIM* describes the co-regulatory framework for the downstream gas sector and sets out Gas Industry Co's role, workstream and strategic priorities, its view of the current status of Government policy outcomes for the industry, and an assessment of the industry's performance.

## Gas Transmission Access Code (GTAC).

Consultation on the five action items (A – E) from the Second Revised Draft GTAC closed on 6 December 2017. Submissions received for each section can be found [here](#).

First Gas would also like to remind stakeholders of the 12 December workshop being held at Gas Industry Co's offices.

The agenda and RSVP details follows below.

### 12 December 2017 – GTAC Workshop to discuss Actions List

Venue	Maui Room, Gas Industry Co, Level 8, The Todd Building, 95 Customhouse Quay, Wellington
Date	Tuesday, 12 December 2017
Time	10.00am – 4.00pm (lunch will be available) RSVP to <a href="#">Alison O'Connor</a> by Friday, 8 December 2017
Teleconference	RSVP to <a href="#">Alison O'Connor</a> by Friday, 8 December 2017 Please dial <b>0800 101 053</b> (no PIN required)

### AGENDA

What submitters said about the Second Revised Draft GTAC	First Gas
Changes to final GTAC submitted to GIC	First Gas
Proposed work plan for GTAC items to be developed in 2018	First Gas
Why does First Gas believe the GTAC is materially better?	First Gas
Nest steps in process / GIC evaluation	GIC

Further developing information on the GTAC can be found [here](#).

## Sixth edition of the *New Zealand Gas Story* released.

Gas Industry Co has published the 6<sup>th</sup> Edition of *The New Zealand Gas Story: The State and Performance of the New Zealand Gas Industry*. This edition incorporates the latest energy and gas-related statistics, records industry progress in the past year and reflects on further developments in energy and climate change policies, particularly unfolding following the General Election and the formation of the new Labour-led coalition Government. The latest edition is available [here](#).

## Switching numbers for November available.

The Gas Registry statistics recording gas consumer switching numbers for November 2017 are available [here](#). There were 3,710 completed customer switches during November 2017 – 144 less switches than October 2017, and 18 more than November 2016.

Switching rates have been over 18% for more than two years, with switching times having fallen markedly in the past two years. At the start of 2015, on average, switches took a little over six days to complete. The average time taken to complete switches now is two business days.

## Changes ahead at Gas Industry Co.

Steve Bielby is to step down as Chief Executive of the Gas Industry Company after seven years in the role.

Company Chair Jim Bolger acknowledged Steve's contribution, particularly in developing the Company's voice and influence in the New Zealand Gas Story.

Steve joined Gas Industry Co as Chief Executive in 2011. Prior to that, he worked at Contact Energy, Vector, Natural Gas Corporation and law firm Russell McVeagh. Earlier this year, he was seconded to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Steve will continue at Gas Industry Co into the first quarter of 2018 while the Board undertakes a search for his replacement. He then plans to take a break before taking up a new role in the great outdoors.

While his resignation is a loss, Jim Bolger says Steve has set up a great foundation for the Company's ongoing role in effective sector governance.

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