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Dear Andrew

## **Consultation on Gas Industry Co FY2024 Work Programme and Levy**

Firstgas Group (Firstgas) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Gas Industry Company's (GIC) consultation on its work programme and levy for the financial year 2024.

Firstgas supports the proposed work programme and levy. Between the Gas Transition Plan in 2023 and the National Energy Strategy in 2024, this is a critical time for the gas industry to develop a credible transition pathway that makes a positive contribution toward reaching net zero emissions by 2050. Accordingly, we wish to emphasise the greater importance of the Gas Transition Plan over anything else on the GIC's work programme.

Our responses to GIC's specific questions are set out in **Attachment 1**. There is no confidential information in this submission.

### **Contact details**

Firstgas Group is available to discuss any of the points we have raised in our submission. If you have any questions, please contact Callum McLean, Senior Policy & Government Affairs Advisor, on 027 201 6600 or via email at [callum.mclean@firstgasgroup.co.nz](mailto:callum.mclean@firstgasgroup.co.nz).

Yours sincerely

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## Attachment 1 Firstgas response to GIC's questions

Question	Response
1. Do submitters agree with Gas Industry Co's assessment of the strategic context?	Yes.
2. Do submitters have any comments on the process for developing Gas Industry Co's FY2024 Work Programme and Levy?	No.
3. Do you consider there to be any other items that should be included in Gas Industry Co's intended Work Programme for FY2024? If so, please describe the work required and how that work achieves the outcomes sought under the Gas Act and GPS.	No. We caution against expanding the GIC's work programme lest it detract from delivery of the Gas Transition Plan.
4. Do you consider there to be any items that should be excluded from Gas Industry Co's intended Work Programme for FY2024? Please provide reasons for your response	No, as the GIC is confident it can progress or complete items on the work programme.
5. Gas Industry Co is particularly interested in industry comment on the forecast gas volumes - do stakeholders consider the 170 PJ projection reasonable? If not, what would they consider an appropriate gas volume estimate to be? NOTE – any submissions provided in response to this question will be treated as confidential and will not be published.	Confidential.
6. Do you have any comment on the proposed levy rates for FY2024?	No.