

Gas Industry Company FY2025 Work Programme and Levy

Clarus welcomes the opportunity to submit this response to the Gas Industry Company's (GIC) consultation on its FY2025 work programme and levy.

GIC's work programme

We continue to support the GIC being resourced to guide the transition of the gas industry to a net-zero carbon economy. The cost of a poorly managed energy sector transition would be far greater to New Zealand's gas users and our economy being significant. Accordingly, the Gas Transition Plan (and any related work toward a possible National Energy Strategy) remains the most strategically important project on the GIC's work programme.

We are pleased to see that renewable gases feature in the GIC's strategic context and that this manifests in the work programme. Other GIC projects of particular importance to our businesses are the gas governance changes relating to critical contingency management and codification of the D+1 system.

We have no other items to suggest for inclusion in the GIC's work programme.

GIC's forecast of gas volumes

GIC has forecast gas volume of 150 PJ for FY2025. The transmission prices set by Firstgas for gas year 2024 are based on forecast transmission system throughput of 137 PJ.

We consider that future work programme consultations should visually depict historical gas volumes (GIC forecasts versus actuals) to give better context to GIC forecasts.