



Gas Industry Co.

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**Submission on Transpower's - "SOSA 2026 Draft Report" consultation**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the SOSA 2026 Draft Report consultation.

It is good to see that Transpower has adjusted its modelling with further sensitivities towards future gas availability for electricity generation and consideration of potential LNG imports. We generally agree with the System Operator's assessment related to future gas supply and the inevitable need to develop firming capability for dry years and intermittent generation.

We have only two minor comments on the SOSA regarding the NZ-WEM:

1. Gas Industry Co agrees that the 2026 outlook is positive, with Methanex offering fuel flexibility for generation if required. However, without details of the Contact/Greymouth contract or confirmation from Contact, it is possible that Contact's extra gas purchases are intended to fulfill the Government's gas purchase contract rather than being available for generation, especially since TCC's capacity is not in the market anymore, thus reducing Contact's fuel needs.
2. Gas Industry Co supports Transpower's conclusion that thermal backup generation and the relevant fuel are required for the long term to support growing demand while also playing an important part in firming and dry-year risk cover.

Nothing in this submission is confidential.

Thank you again for the opportunity to submit. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Alex Ehlert at [alex.ehlert@gasindustry.co.nz](mailto:alex.ehlert@gasindustry.co.nz).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alex Ehlert', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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