

Explanatory note for publication of non-material amendments to Gas Distribution and Gas Transmission Information Disclosure Determinations (July 2025)

3 July 2025

1. We have made non-material amendments to the:
 - 1.1. Gas Distribution Information Disclosure Determination 2012 [2012] NZCC 23; and
 - 1.2. Gas Transmission Information Disclosure Determination 2012 [2012] NZCC 24(together, the **principal determinations**).
2. The amendments to the principal determinations, which are secondary legislation, are made under section 48 of Legislation Act 2019 and section 52P of the Commerce Act 2001 (**the Act**).
3. We have replaced the schedules in the principal determinations with new versions, as explained in paragraphs 4-10.¹

Replacement of certain schedules

4. We have replaced the following schedules in the principal determinations with new versions:²
 - 4.1. In respect of the Gas Distribution Information Disclosure Determination:
 - (a) Schedules 1-10 (year-end disclosures)
 - (b) Schedule 5f-5g (year-end disclosures, for Commission only)
 - (c) Schedule 11a-13 (AMP disclosures)
 - 4.2. In respect of the Gas Transmission Information Disclosure Determination:
 - (a) Schedules 1-10 (year-end disclosures)
 - (b) Schedule 5f-5g (year-end disclosures, for Commission only)
 - (c) Schedule 11a-13 (AMP disclosures)
5. We have updated our gas pipelines issues and guidance register to include:
 - 5.1. a summary of our non-material schedule changes; and

¹ The amendments are specified in the *Gas Distribution Information Disclosure (Non-material – July 2025) Amendment Determination* [2025] NZCC 14 (3 July 2025) and in the *Gas Transmission Information Disclosure (Non-material - July 2025) Amendment Determination* [2025] NZCC 13 (3 July 2025).

² The new schedules can be accessed [here](#).

- 5.2. submissions we received from this process that we considered would be material amendments if adopted, which we may consider in future gas pipeline ID amendment projects.³
6. Our changes to the schedule templates relate to:
 - 6.1. layout changes to make the templates more data centric;
 - 6.2. formatting, style, and labelling;
 - 6.3. adding missing units to headers;
 - 6.4. fixing title issues;
 - 6.5. splitting one table into two where appropriate (for instance one table having two units such as (\$000) and (%));
 - 6.6. adding new headings or categories for clarity;
 - 6.7. removing some minor data validation settings (such as text pop-ups); and
 - 6.8. removing duplicated rows that existed in the old templates but are no longer required in the new version of the templates.
7. We have changed the schedules referred to in paragraph 4 to be more data centric and consistent, making them easier to complete and enabling more efficient data processing. We consider that these changes would better promote the purpose of information disclosure in s 53A of the Act as the changes would improve the ability for interested persons to assess whether the purpose of Part 4 of the Act is being met.
8. We have only changed the layout of the schedules and have not changed the requirements for the substantive data that must be completed in the templates. As we have only changed the layout of the templates, we consider that this is a non-material amendment (for which consultation is not required).
9. Commerce Commission staff invited views from interested persons on the draft non-material changes related to the layout of the schedules of the principal determinations on 22 May 2025. We received two submissions:
 - 9.1. One submitter supported the proposed changes, as it improves the processing of the data.
 - 9.2. Another submitter provided several error corrections on the draft schedules, which we have addressed.
 - 9.3. Both submitters raised readability concerns with the new templates, particularly when printed. We have considered these readability concerns and made changes to the width of the tables to enhance readability where applicable. We have added this issue to the issues and guidance register and will consider further issues from stakeholders on this matter.

³ Our gas pipelines information disclosure issues and guidance register can be accessed [here](#).

10. Regulated gas pipeline providers have raised other issues with our principal determination. We will consider these issues in future information disclosure amendment processes.