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## GTAC Assessment

### GTAC submissions workshop and cross-submissions reminder

On Tuesday, Gas Industry Co held a workshop on the submissions received on the *Preliminary Assessment of Gas Transmission Access Code* (Preliminary Assessment Paper). We would like to thank the submitters who elected to present their submissions in what proved to be a useful session. A copy of the workshop agenda and submitters' presentations can be found [here](#).

Eleven submissions were received on the Preliminary Assessment Paper, and many submitters presented significant new material about the GTAC. Before we complete the Final Assessment Paper, we want to ensure that other stakeholders have the opportunity to comment on that material. A number of matters have been raised in submissions on which we would particularly value further information in cross-submissions. These matters are outlined in the submissions template.

Submitters should feel free to address any or all of the points raised in the submissions template, as well as to raise any other points that they wish to make about the submissions received.

The deadline for cross-submissions is **5:00pm Monday, 16 April 2018**. The submissions template is available [here](#).

### Drafting comments raised in submissions on 8 December 2017 GTAC

Today Gas Industry Co has released a memo regarding drafting comments raised in submissions on the GTAC. These comments were not included in the Preliminary Assessment Paper, as they were not material to our evaluation of the GTAC, but we do think that they are worth considering. The memo includes proposed drafting changes, stakeholders' comments, and our responses, and it is intended to assist industry participants to consider minor drafting issues. The memo is available [here](#).

We would welcome comment on the matters in the table either as part of stakeholders' cross-submissions or in a separate submission. Any comments should be provided by **5:00pm Monday, 16 April 2018**.

## Next steps in GTAC development

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There was discussion at the workshop on Tuesday regarding next steps and the way forward. It was agreed that some GTAC development work could progress in advance of Gas Industry Co issuing its Final Assessment Paper. This work is likely to take the form of a series of targeted workshops that focus on identified high priority issues. Stakeholders report that they have found the previous GTAC workshops to be useful and would prefer to retain a workshop format.

A number of stakeholders have called for the workshops to be chaired by a person independent of First Gas and other stakeholders. Gas Industry Co agrees that an independent chair would be a useful addition to the process. At the moment, we are in the process of considering the appointment, terms of reference, and funding of the workshop chair. Our view is that the chair would be tasked with facilitating discussion and engagement amongst workshop participants, with a view to resolving the issues discussed.

We anticipate sending out a draft terms of reference for the independent chair next week for stakeholder comment. In the meantime, if you have suggestions as to suitable candidates for the role of chair, please email us.

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