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Minister	Hon Simeon Brown	Portfolio	Energy
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List of documents that have been proactively released

Date	Title	Author
August 2026	Gas Governance (Critical Contingency Management) Amendment Regulations 2026	Office of the Minister for Energy
20 August 2026	Gas Governance (Critical Contingency Management) Amendment Regulations 2026 LEG-26-MIN-0170 Minute	Cabinet Office

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NO

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Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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Gas Governance (Critical Contingency Management) Amendment Regulations 2026

Portfolio **Energy**

On 20 August 2026, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 **noted** that in July 2024, the Gas Industry Company (GIC) recommended that the Gas Governance (Critical Contingency Management) Regulations 2008 (CCM Regulations) be amended to make a range of changes and refinements to improve the critical contingency management regime;
- 2 **noted** that the Minister for Energy (the Minister) was satisfied that the changes would improve the critical contingency management regime by better managing the risk of a gas network failure, enabling more efficient curtailment of gas and making the regime more fit-for-purpose;
- 3 **noted** that in September 2024, the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee agreed to amend the CCM Regulations as per GIC's recommendation to improve the gas critical contingency management regime [ECO-24-MIN-0194];
- 4 **noted** that the Gas Governance (Critical Contingency Management) Amendment Regulations 2026 will give effect to the above decision;
- 5 **noted** that sections 43J-43O and 43ZP of the Gas Act 1992 requires that GIC assess the practicable options, prepare a statement of proposal, consult stakeholders and publish the recommendation, and that the Minister must also publish their acceptance of the recommendation within 90 days of receiving it;
- 6 **noted** the advice of the Minister that the above requirements have been met;
- 7 **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of the Gas Governance (Critical Contingency Management) Amendment Regulations 2026 [PCO 26950/18.0];
- 8 **noted** that the Gas Governance (Critical Contingency Management) Amendment Regulations 2026 will come into force on 24 September 2026.

Vivien Meek
Committee Secretary

Attendance (see over)

Present:

Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon Scott Simpson (Chair)
Hon Simeon Brown
Hon Paul Goldsmith
Hon Mark Mitchell
Hon Simon Watts
Hon Brooke van Velden
Hon Nicole McKee
Hon Casey Costello
Hon Cameron Brewer

Officials present from:

Officials Committee for LEG