

# Gas Market Review Implementation – Consultation summary

## We asked for your feedback

The government released the Gas Market Review report in late 2025. Agreed reforms include introducing a domestic gas reservation (DGR) scheme and targeted market efficiency reforms. We asked for your feedback on implementing the agreed reforms to support detailed design and implementation.

### This consultation period consisted of:



Open consultation from 5 February to 13 March 2026 for written submissions to provide feedback on implementing the agreed reforms.



Three industry roundtables and ongoing bilateral meetings.



80+ submissions received in response to the consultation.

## What we heard\*

### Stakeholders are broadly supportive of:

- a domestic gas reservation (DGR) scheme that is prospective and protects existing contracts to provide long-term certainty
- a national DGR scheme that does not affect Western Australia’s state reservation policy with no new or additional obligations
- flexibility mechanisms such as, cargo swaps and regasification
- anti-gaming safeguards and net contribution tests
- improving market transparency and accessibility, improved conduct regulations, and efficient markets
- improvements to the way gas is offered and sold to the domestic market to support contracting activity, including for reserved gas
- targeted amendments to the National Gas Law (NGL) and National Gas Rules (NGR) to extend incentives and exemptions to brownfield pipeline expansions
- consolidating market monitoring and reporting within the Australian Energy Regulator (AER) and Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO)
- re-defining the role of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) Gas Inquiry once new arrangements are proven, and
- storage and pipeline investment as structural solutions to volatility rather than auction-based mechanisms.

### Stakeholders have mixed views on:

- the scope of the DGR scheme
- the percentage of gas to be reserved
- Northern Territory application of the DGR including for offshore projects
- the affordability of wholesale gas prices
- the proposal to amend obligations to ‘supply’ gas, not just ‘offer’ gas
- the release valve mechanism, and
- the commencement timeline proposed for 2027 with some concerned delays in setting the DSO will create uncertainty and delays in contracting, while others express concern with short timeframes to adequately consult and design a scheme with suitable sequencing and transitional arrangements.

\* AI was used in this process. AI was utilised in accordance with the department’s guidance on AI use and in line with DCCEEW’s public AI transparency statement.

## Where to from here?

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback via a written submission or meeting with us. Your input will help shape the design and implementation of these important reforms.

We will continue to consult as we work through the design phase, prior to reforms commencing in 2027.

### Q2-Q3 2026

- Further consultation on detailed design

### Q4 2026

- Communicate and implement approved design of reforms

### 2027

- Reforms commence