### **Outcomes report**

# Tariff Structures and Draft 2025 Plan Small Business Customer Workshop



### **Executive summary**

Nine (9) small businesses reconvened for their fourth session with the Jemena team in March 2024 to respond to how JGN had incorporated stakeholder and customer feedback into the Draft 2025 Plan, and provide considered feedback on the detail of tariff structures presented.

The key points of feedback within this document include:

- Although the Draft 2025 Plan articulates some mitigation measures, price increases are still a major
  priority for small businesses: many participants cited price increases as a major factor to tackle now and in the
  future, during the energy transition and appreciate that there are several initiatives proposed by JGN in the Draft
  2025 Plan to address this.
- Making sense of the uncertainty: reflecting on previous discussions and workshops and what was presented in the Draft 2025 Plan, several participants had thoughts on impacts, for example the forecasts of connection rates and disconnection rates over the next five years, and the potential for government support in renewable gas especially biomethane, that would allow them to continue to use gas. They also had given significant thought to how decisions made now, would impact them in the longer-term for example; developer choices.
- Tariff structure preferences:
  - Tariff variation mechanism: overall, small business customers prefer the 5% threshold because they
    believe it is less risky and several small businesses expressed that it suits them, and also their industries
    more. Overall, this group prefers the 50:50 sharing option because they believe it is fairer.
  - Separating large volume customers from other volume customers: as evidenced within our engagement, small business customers support transitioning from a coastal / country split to small and large users with usage at over 200 GJ defining 'large'.

Reflecting on the Draft 2025 Plan and how the feedback had been incorporated, small business participants were generally satisfied. They were pleased to see their feedback reflected in the Draft 2025 Plan, the transparency of the Jemena team and diversity of views, and how different customer feedback was consolidated into the plan.

Participants were overall supportive of the direction of the Draft 2025 Plan and gave some points of view as follows:

- Transparency and decision-making: the insights were explained clearly and provided a clear view on how decisions were made once the feedback was collated, incorporating different points of view from customers and stakeholders.
- **Detailed and clear:** they felt the Draft 2025 Plan document was clear, of the highest quality, balanced, and easily understood.
- Balanced between residential customer forum views and other customer feedback across the initiatives JGN put forward in the Draft 2025 Plan: there were several comments from participants around how they appreciate Jemena consulting at all levels of the customer base and considering the views of all stakeholders, and incorporating diverse and conflicting views within the Draft 2025 Plan. This included the feedback sought and incorporated across complex topics such as renewable gas and accelerated depreciation.
  - For example, one small business had a question about paying in future for decisions made in the past, like a disconnection fee, and two others sought to explore how the feedback from young people differed from the overall customer forum.
  - They were satisfied once the Jemena team explained these decisions in detail.

"Jemena has done an amazing job in incorporating views. Balanced and easily explained."

detailed and clear. Well done Jemena."

"Quite liked it. Very

"I have appreciated Jemena and the level of consulting with all levels of the customer base. The details have been an interesting eye opener." "Jemena, I guess, has considered a large group people from diverse backgrounds and are thoroughly looking for good outcome."

"Truly pleased by how involved Jemena has engaged with a combination of various business & retail customers. The transparency and level of detail is very beneficial."

"Great insights explained in a transparent level of highest quality."

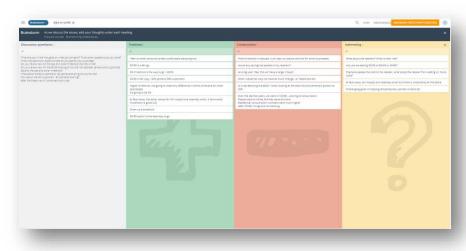
"Great job, Jemena has incorporated as much of the group answers. Such an interesting exploring of ideas. Still more to come."

"The plan is very balanced and detailed too. The only thing is a lot is dependent on the retailer which is still a question mark." "Really liked how the views for all stakeholders were addressed and even transparency was given on how decision making has been made on the data collected."

### Discussion and questions on tariff structures focused on positive and constructive feedback, that it seemed like small amounts overall, and whether retailers are able to pass on any savings to customers.

Key points from small businesses included:

- Positive: small businesses felt generally overall it was small amounts on the bill impact, that they were not looking at large amounts overall, and that a 50:50 sharing ratio can be considered the fairest.
- Constructive: some larger users felt this
  would have more of an impact, and
  clarified whether it was just Jemena's
  proportion of the bill this would impact.
  Others asked about how the forecasts
  incorporated weather predictions and any
  variations in weather including
  temperature increases.
- Other points: several wanted to know the retailers role in this, and if they would pass on any potential savings to customers.



#### **Positive**

Dollar impacts, fair play.

"At face value, the dollar values for bill impacts are relatively small. A downward movement is good."

"50/50 is a fair go."

5% threshold is the way to go - 50/50."

"50/50 is fair play - 50% Jemena 50% customers"

"Given (sic) us a threshold."

"Higher threshold, not going to make any difference in terms of dollars for small businesses. It's going to be OK."

"I feel its small amounts so feel comfortable adopting this"

"50/50 option is the best way to go."

#### **Constructive**

Larger users more impacted, industry variation, impacts of consumption data.

"As a big user I feel this will have a larger impact."

"At face value, bill impacts are relatively small but there is uncertainty all the same"

"If the threshold is reduced, it will start to reduce the bills for small businesses."

"Other industries may not have as much change, i.e. healthcare etc."

"Is it representing the \$820? when looking at the total bills and Jemena's portion at 35%."

"Over the last five years, we were in COVID - looking at consumption. People were at home, families were at home. Residential consumption numbers were much higher. After COVID, things are normalising."

#### Interesting

Retailer pass through, long-term and short-term impacts, weather predictions.

"Would any savings be passed on by retailers?"

"Challenging given increasing temperatures, warmer winters, etc."

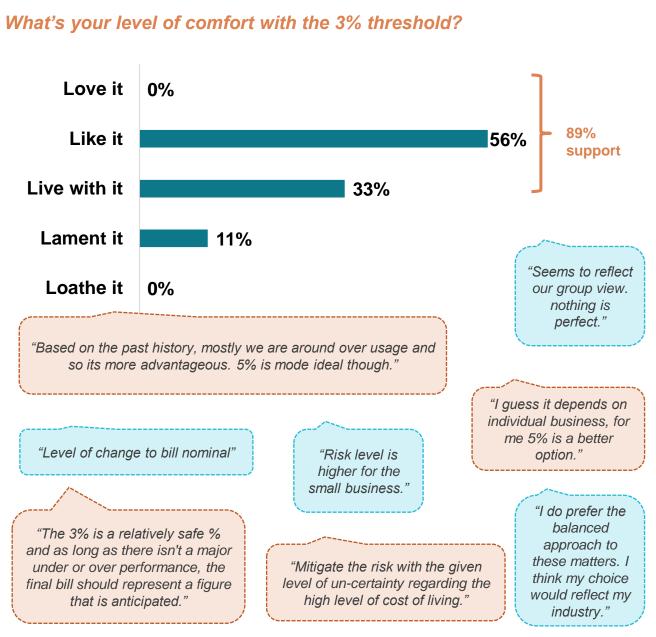
"If Jemena passes the cost to the retailer, what stops the retailer from adding on more costs?"

"Why are we testing 50/50 vs 60/40 or 40/60?

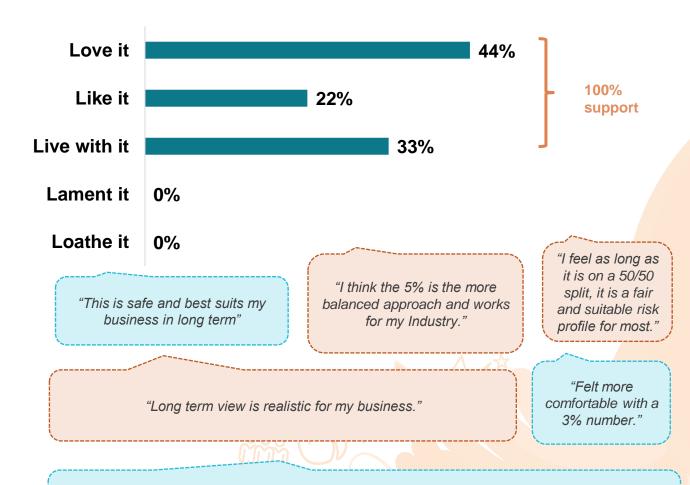
"What about the retailers? What is their role?"

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In terms of voting results for the sharing threshold, overall, small business customers preferred the 5% threshold. Their reasons given included giving a more balanced approach, that it works for their industry or business.

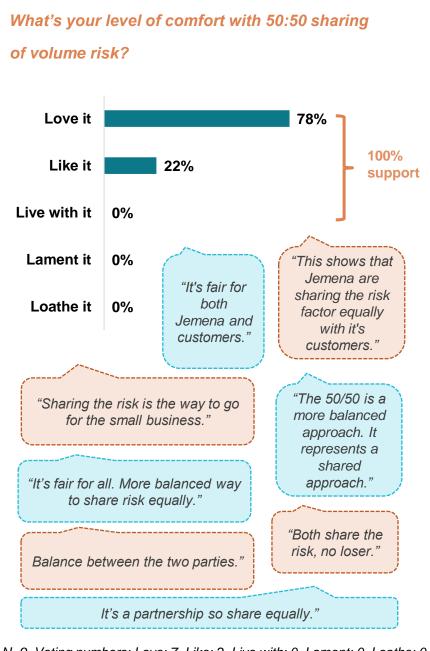


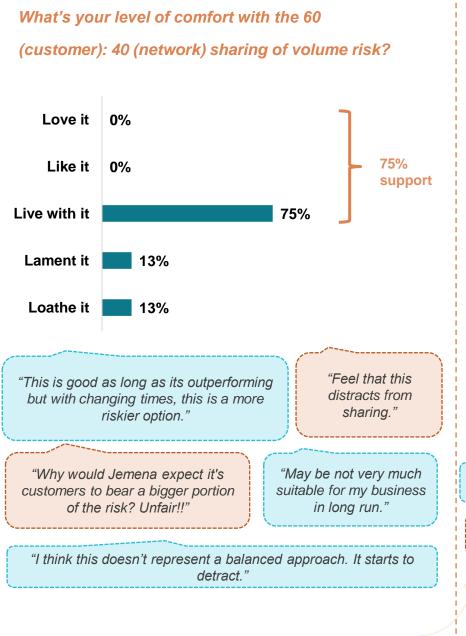
#### What's your level of comfort with the 5% threshold?

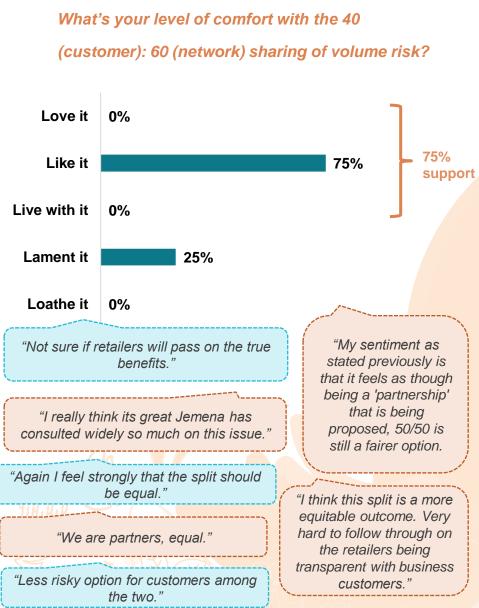


"5% is more stable and safe. Not much difference to end customers unless drastic changes would happen."

Overall, in terms of sharing volume risk, small business customers preferred the 50:50 sharing overall, followed by the other sharing options. Reasons included is that it's fair for all and a more balanced way to share risk, that the split should be equal, with an emphasis on a partnership approach.







N=8. Voting numbers: Love: 0, Like: 0, Live with: 6, Lament: 1, Loathe: 1

Overall feedback from small business participants at this workshop included appreciated being part of the journey and Jemena being more of a strong advocate with government for particular initiatives, and the transparency the team is providing.

The key points small businesses included in the feedback:

- Expressing the hope that Jemena would achieve a positive outcome from the Draft 2025 Plan: both in favour of the network and customers.
- Really appreciated being part of the engagement journey: small businesses valued the transparency, the sessions and had deep appreciation of the engagement journey they'd been on over the last 4-5 months.
- Encouraging changes from a legislative and supply chain perspective: one small business would like to see Jemena put a proposal to government to eliminate retailers from the supply chain.

"Exciting times ahead!"

"I hope it goes in favor of both, the network and the consumers."

"Really appreciate to be a part of this journey. Thoroughly enjoyed the quiz. Thank you to Jemena to (sic) present a clear picture."

"Happy to join the session and appreciate the transparency that Jemena is providing."

"Really hope you achieve that a positive outcome."

"I would like to see Jemena make a proposal to government to get rid of retailers to balance our costs."

"It's been a journey and now we're at the end of the journey."

### Methodology: what we did





Explore any reflections on the Draft 2025 Plan and report back on tariffs consultation with small businesses.

Ensure consultation with small businesses on details of the tariffs structures and bill impacts.



There were nine (9) attendees from different small businesses across Greater Sydney encompassing a variety of industries including healthcare, retail, food manufacturing, restaurant, accommodation and IT/digital services. All attendees had attended up to three previous workshops, and are decision-makers on energy bills and usage within their businesses. Participants were also sent some optional pre-reading, including the Draft 2025 Plan in full and the 16-page summary of the Draft Plan. They were paid a stipend to attend and originally recruited through a market research company.

There were no observers from either the Australian Energy Regulator and Consumer Challenge Panel.

#### Alignment with the AER Better Resets Handbook:

We sought to meet the expectations outlined in the handbook through focusing on two principles-based engagement segments: the nature of engagement, and the breadth and depth of engagement. This was achieved in several ways, firstly, this session was building upon several previous sessions from 2023 with the same group of customers, building on their knowledge each time, and secondly through equipping customers helping them make informed decisions through extended discussion times, and access to JGN experts to ask questions and drill into the detail and finally, vote on their thoughts. Thirdly, we also provided accessible, clear and transparent engagement through tailoring the sessions to small businesses expectations and needs (for example evening session timing, length, and stipends for this time-poor group) and working with the same JGN team members and leaders to build sincerity and trust across in the engagement process.

#### Format:

The session ran for two and a half hours on Microsoft Teams and used breakout room discussions, Groupmap and Menti voting to ascertain feedback from participants. The complete pack presented to participants is available within this document (see page 11 onwards).

#### Overview:

#### Section 1: Reintroductions and the Draft 2025 Plan

This section involved the group reconnecting, sharing common experiences, and Jemena providing an update on how customer and stakeholder feedback from the last few sessions was incorporated into the Draft 2025 Plan, demonstrating sincerity of engagement. A Q&A session followed to allow participants to ask questions of the JGN team.

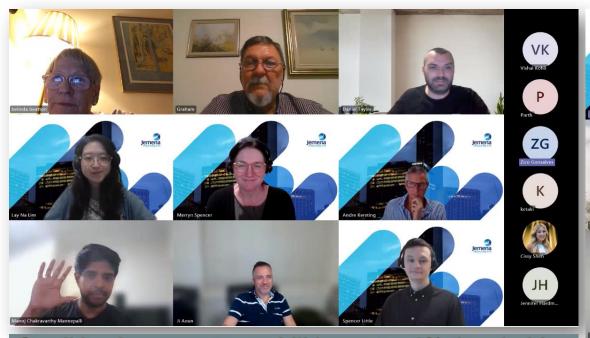
#### Section 2: Tariff structures and asking questions of Jemena

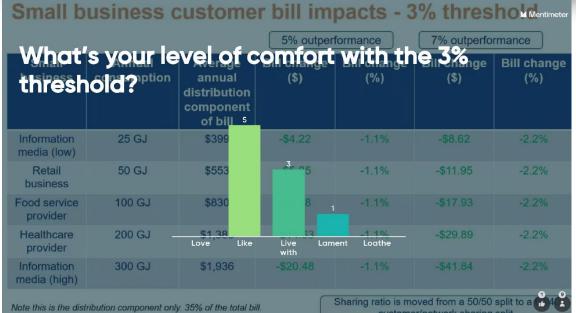
Participants had some information from Jemena on the tariff structures including some information of real bill impacts of the different thresholds and sharing of volume risk between Jemena and customers, based on Gigajoule usage data they had provided earlier. To align with breadth and depth of engagement, they then broke into groups and considered implications to their businesses and asked questions of the technical experts.

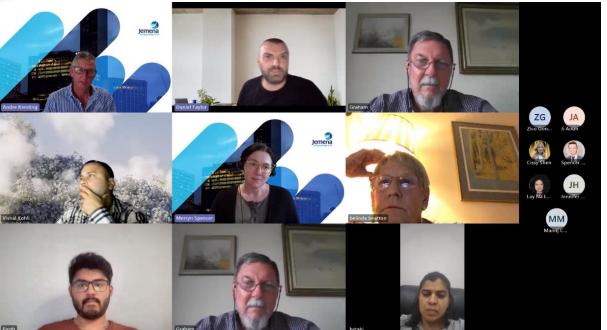
#### Section 3: Voting feedback and final check-in

After considering all the information, participants considered and voted on the level of comfort they had with 3% and 5% thresholds. They also voted on the 50:50 sharing of volume risk and 60 (customer): 40 (Jemena) and 40 (customer: 60 (Jemena) using the L-scale. To finish up the engagement journey they'd had over the past six months, participants reflected on what they had done and provided final insights to the Jemena team.

### Screenshots from the workshop







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Food service provider	100 GJ	30			-\$5.41	-0.7%
Healthcare provider	200 GJ	38 Love Like	Live Lar	nent Loathe	-\$9.02	-0.7%
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### Jemena team attendees

Name	Role	Organisation
Andre Kersting	Gas Networks Regulation Manager	Jemena
Cissy Shen	Engagement Lead	Jemena
Jennifer Hardman	Communications Lead and Engagement Support	Jemena
Lay Na Lim	Senior Regulatory Advisor	Jemena
Merryn Spencer	Engagement Lead	Jemena
Spencer Little	Gas Networks Pricing Lead	Jemena



# Presentation pack and activities Tariff Structures and Draft 2025 Plan Small Business Customers Workshop



**Acknowledgement of Country** 

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the lands upon which we operate and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters, and culture.

We pay our respects to their Elders past, present, and emerging.

Pictured: artwork by Aboriginal artist Chern'ee Sutton from Mount Isa for our Group's Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan



### What to expect in this workshop

#### This session is being recorded!

**01**Welcome back!
Purpose,
understanding the process.

**02**Reintroductions, recap on the Draft 2025 Plan and tariffs.

**03**Discussion, and questions.

**04**Tariff voting.

**05**Wrap up an

Wrap up and next steps.

Your guides



Andre Kersting
Gas Networks Regulation
Manager



**Lay Na Lim** Senior Regulatory Advisor



**Check in now the Draft 2025 Plan is published and seek** 

feedback on proposed tariffs structures implementation

Jenny Hardman
Engagement Support and
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Merryn Spencer Engagement Lead JGN



**Spencer Little**Gas Networks Pricing Lead



**Cissy Shen** Engagement Lead

### **Ground rules**



Be ready to be challenged



Everyone has their say



Listen, don't interrupt



Keep contributions relevant to the subject



Be respectful

Re-introduce yourself to the group!

### What's been on your mind?

About gas and the energy transition since we last caught up?

(in 30 seconds)



### Draft 2025 Plan update

**Andre Kersting** 

Merryn Spencer





### 2025 Plan timeline

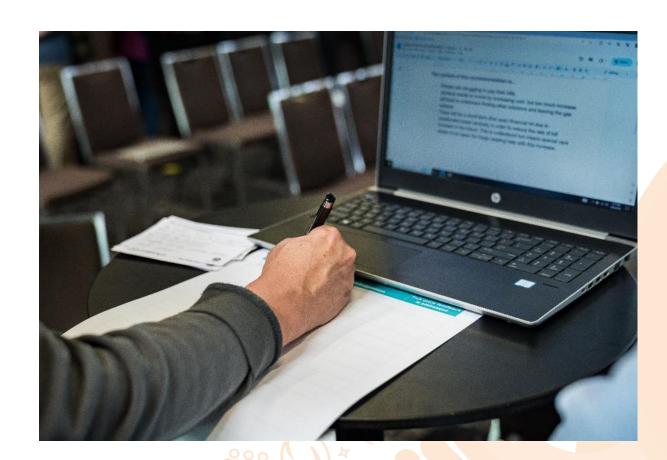




Purpose of today: seeking feedback on the Draft 2025 Plan and tariff structures

### Setting the scene

- Significant uncertainty surrounding the future role of gas networks in the Australian energy landscape - the transition toward net zero carbon emissions by 2050 will require a once-in-a-generation transformation of the energy system.
- A complex challenge for JGN and our customers. The transition will have significant and different implications for our diverse range of customers.
- It is **imperative that we act now** through an adaptive approach to planning and maintaining optionality/flexibility.
- To help understand and manage uncertainty, we established Gas
   Networks 2050 to work with stakeholders and customers to understand what the future might look like.
- We've also considered the changes to the energy objectives, to the gas regulatory framework and to accommodate the development of renewable gas.
- Recognising affordability and cost of living pressures impacting
  customers today, we have also sought to carefully balance the need to
  take action now against the short-term price impacts of our plans. We
  believe that our Draft 2025 Plan, which has been shaped by the
  feedback of our customers, reflects a balanced approach.
- Our customers recognise that there is a need to act now, and were not supportive of us delaying taking action.



### Our engagement at a glance

The engagement we've completed to date has gleaned customer insights through in-depth consultation. So far, it includes:



3,706

Total customers and stakeholders engaged overall



**181** h

Engagement hours



88

Engagement events



**221** 

Stakeholders and customers engaged through face-to-face and online workshops



<u> 11</u>

Advisory Board workshops with 10 members



2,098

Visits to our online engagement platform yournetwork.jemena.com.au



13

Small businesses attended 5 focus groups



5 a

Sessions with young people and CALD community representatives



4

Expert Panel workshops with 6 Members



40+

Customers and non-customers contributed to 48 hours of deliberation in our main customer forum



Workshops with 23 large users



5

Workshops with 13 gas retailers plus 1:1s



1,500

Households that participated in an online willingness to pay survey



29

Customers contributed to 23 hours of deliberation in our tariffs customer forum

Key strategies to respond to the changing energy landscape

Focus area		Initiative	Customer values	For further information see
Inter- generational equity	How we manage our assets	<ul> <li>Our expenditure forecasts include investment in new technologies that will help us to reduce emissions and allow us to invest in our assets in a more targeted manner.</li> </ul>	Reliability and safety	Chapter 4
	A new approach to connections	We will make changes to our connections policy so that more customers to make an upfront contribution to connect to our network.	Fairness	Chapter 4
The transition to net zero	Accelerated depreciation	<ul> <li>To ensure fair recovery of costs from our customers across generations, we propose to speed up recovery by \$300 million.</li> </ul>	Fairness Affordability	Chapter 6
	Supporting renewable gas connections	We propose to support connections to nine biomethane projects.	Fairness Affordability Access to the gas network (choice) Environment	Chapter 4
Pricing for the future	Simplicity, cost reflectivity, and risk sharing	<ul> <li>We are proposing to remove the distinction between country and coastal customers; differentiate between large and small customers; and reduce the number of tariff blocks from six to four.</li> <li>We are proposing to move away from a price cap tariff variation mechanism to a hybrid mechanism. This enables more stable pricing and sharing of volume risks between us and customers.</li> <li>We are providing large customers on Chargeable Demand (CD) the opportunity to reset CD at the start of the 2025 Plan period.</li> </ul>	Fairness	Chapter 9

### What we will deliver for customers



Deliver reduced emissions through technology



Connect 70,000 homes and businesses across NSW and look after our existing customer base



Complete our vulnerable customer strategy and support to vulnerable customers



Replace manual inspections with **new technology** to efficiently detect leaks



Replace 8,000 ageing meters with new digital meters so customers receive accurate bills



Renew 132 km of old mains targeting leaks and maintaining the reliability and safety of the network



Continuing cloud based software and remote working to enhance security and efficiency

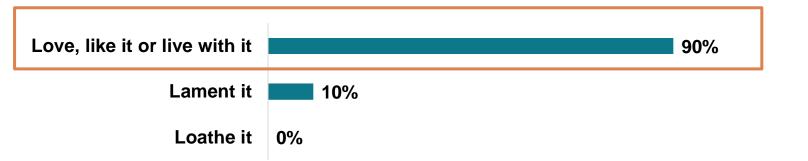


Plan for the future by proposing nine new biomethane renewable gas connection projects

### Tariff structures voting

Overall, small business customers generally agreed with the pricing principles, with the reasons why extending to equity and fairness.

To what extent do you agree with the pricing principles?



"Fairness is a fundamental principle that needs to be maintained."

"Pricing approach could be better and more promising than anticipated."

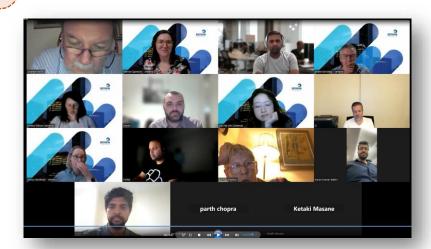
"It think equity is the essential key."

"Seems like the best option..."

"Complex..."

#### Our Draft 2025 Plan:

Incorporates the pricing principles (see next slide)



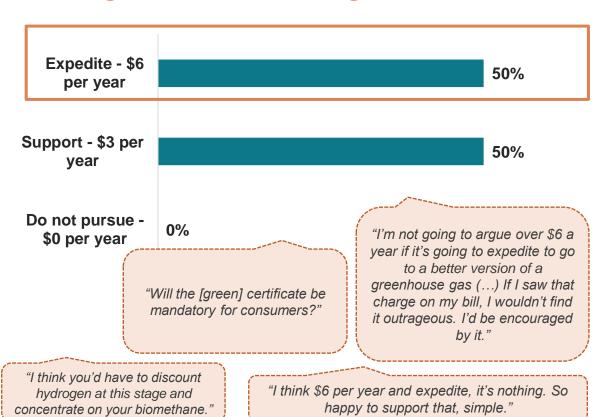
### **Update on tariffs: pricing principles**

Pricing principle	How do we plan to meet this
Cost reflectivity: the prices charged for services reflect the underlying costs of providing those services.	To improve cost reflectivity, we are splitting out large volume market customers as a separate tariff category.  To more accurately capture the use of our network by demand customers, we plan to incrementally increase the proportion of revenue we recover from this customer segment.
Price stability: minimising large tariff variations to help customers manage bills in future	To avoid bill shock for smaller volume market residential and commercial customers we are continuing with declining tariff blocks. Note, retailers don't differentiate between these.
Simplicity: understandable and avoiding unnecessarily complex tariff structures	For simplicity, we propose to remove the geographic location distinction (that is coastal and country) for volume market customers and reduce the number of tariff blocks.
Revenue adequacy: efficient cost recovery to generate sufficient revenue to cover the costs of operating JGN's network	The prices we propose reflect the forecast gas volumes we expect in the next regulatory period and help us recover revenue to meet our efficient costs.
Fairness: usage cost is according to costs of the network and covers equity considerations like cost of living pressures.	The separation of large volume market customers will allow us to charge a higher fixed charge from large volume customers relative to smaller customers. Our Draft 2025 Plan proposal seeks to balance the need to act now to support intergenerational equity, while keeping in mind current cost-of-living pressures.

### Small business customers: initiatives voting

The main point of difference between small business customers and residential customers is that half of them want renewable gas more quickly – 50% of business customers voted to expedite. For speeding up recovery, similar to residential customers, this group slightly preferred the \$300 million option over the \$500 million option because of balancing affordability—other reasons why are included below.

#### Moving towards renewable gas:

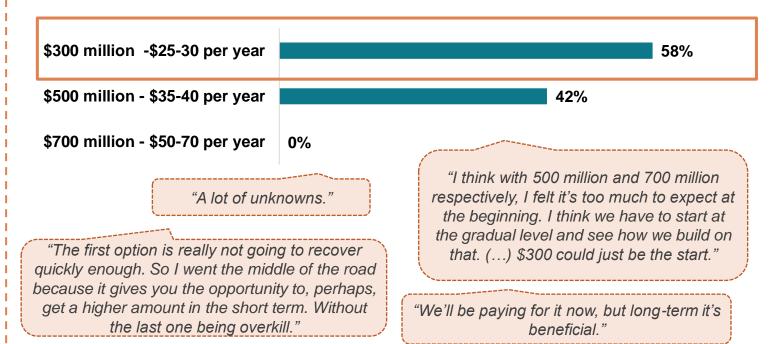


#### Our Draft 2025 Plan:

Includes \$74M capex to connect nine renewable gas suppliers to our network with a focus on biomethane.

As biomethane is a renewable form of methane, there is no need to modify our network, customer homes or industrial processes.

#### **Accelerating capital recovery:**



"In terms of our business, we can quite easily recover that percentage from customers if we had to pay that. So I don't think it would be impossible."

#### Our Draft 2025 Plan:

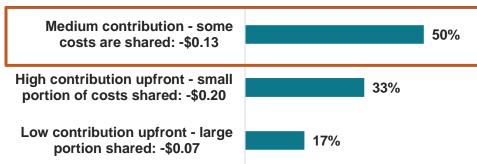
Proposes \$300M of accelerated depreciation of our existing RAB.

This is approximately 8% of 2025 closing RAB.

### Small business customers: initiatives voting (continued)

Small Businesses voting on the response areas is included below. Voting was similar to residential customers for new connections and how Jemena manages its assets however, the group was relatively split on permanent disconnections and more thought the cost should be shared across the customer base, and the reasons are included below.

#### A new approach to connections:



#### Our Draft 2025 Plan:

We will update the JGN Model Standing Offer to reduce the number of free connections provided to customers.

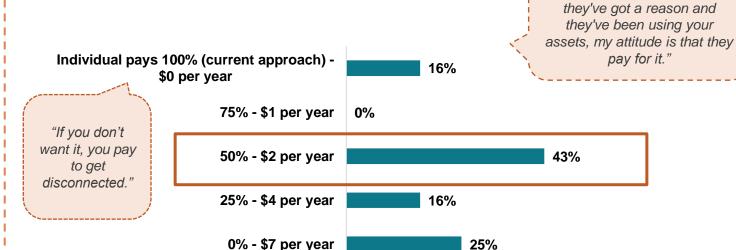
More applications will need to go through the negotiated connection offer process.

In some cases a proportion of the costs to connect new customers will still be shared across the customer base (in line with the connection charging criteria).

"If you go down the medium path, you're not ripping anyone off and you're not ripping you're trying to be fair between both sides.

## yourself off,

#### **Permanent disconnections:**



"For \$1,200, I felt it's a bit too high from a customer point of view if we can at least get that down somewhere probably to \$1000 or probably \$900."

"You probably pay for safety, getting rid of that connection. There's definitely a cost attached (...) somewhere between a 50/50 split could be considered because I think it should be promoted if they want to go to some renewable energy source."

> "I'd probably prefer an option that's spread across everybody. You don't know what you might do in the future."

#### How Jemena manages its assets:



#### Our Draft 2025 Plan:

better understand the condition of our assets.

We are planning to replace 132 km of gas mains with a proposed capex allowance of \$66m.

This allowance is complemented with expenditure to purchase gas leakage detection technology necessary to support this approach to asset management.

"Fixing where it needs to be fixed is probably the best way to go."

#### Our Draft 2025 Plan:

We propose to keep the user-pays approach to permanent disconnections (\$1,200 ex GST) in line with feedback from the customer forum.

"If a customer's leaving.

Q&A





### Tariffs structures update

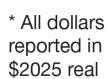
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### Our proposed bill impacts

**Breakdown by customer group** 



Indicative bill impact (network component)



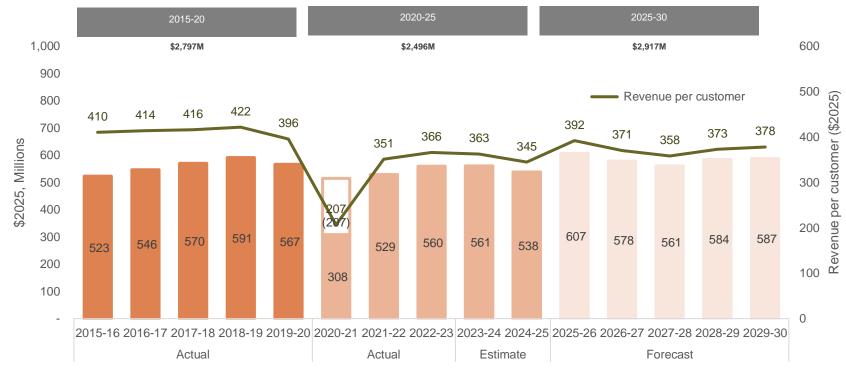




<sup>\*\*</sup> Note the price impacts are calculated based on 15 GJ annual consumption for a residential customer, 300 GJ for a commercial customer, and 350GJ of Chargeable Demand for an industrial customer.

### Breakdown of building block revenue

### Building block revenue and revenue per customer across the three Draft Plan periods (real \$2025, millions)



	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	Total
Return on capital	206	202	198	192	185	984
Depreciation (return of capital)	92	100	110	120	131	552
Operating expenditure	263	262	259	256	252	1,293
Incentive schemes	35	3	(17)	4	6	32
Net tax allowance	11	10	11	12	13	56
Annual revenue requirement	607	578	561	584	587	2,917
Price path (in real terms)	1.89%	1.89%	1.89%	1.89%	1.89%	
Price path excluding incentive schemes (in real terms)	1.50%	1.50%	1.50%	1.50%	1.50%	

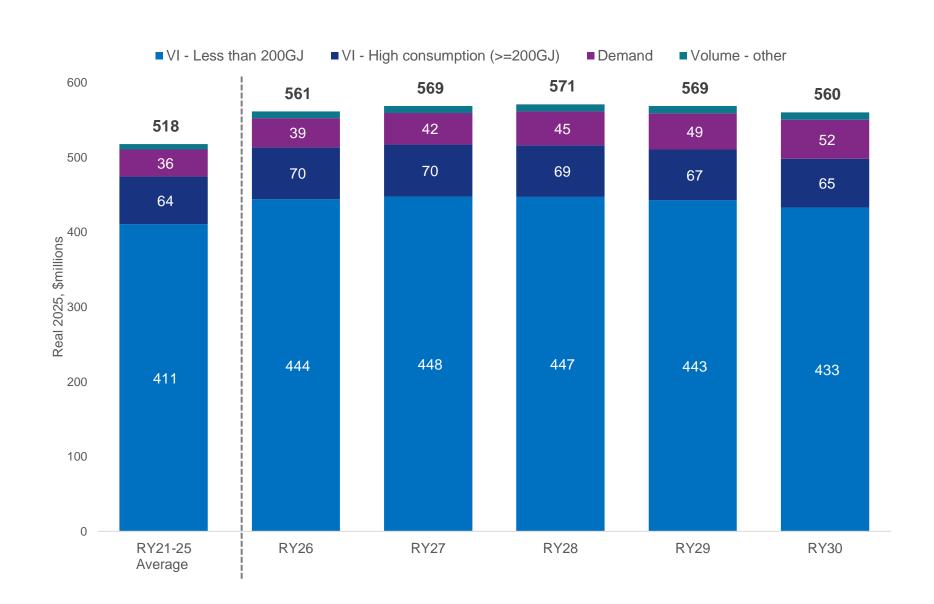
### Revenue per customer across the three Draft Plan periods



Note: In 2020-25, we returned approximately \$207M of revenue we received from customers in the previous period. This hand back was made by adjusting our 2020-21 revenue.



# Proposed changes to revenue recovery from different customer segments



To improve cost reflectivity, we propose to –

- gradually increase the revenue proportion from demand customers, reflecting their future use of our network
- reduce revenue proportion of volume customers, especially our residential and small to medium size commercial customers (consuming less than 200GJ).

### Reminder: tariff structures voting

Small business customer participants voted that Jemena should decrease the number of tariff blocks and change to a residential/commercial tariff split. Some of the reasons are included in the quotes below.

### To what extent do you think Jemena should reduce the number of tariff blocks? (6 to 4)





Tariff class	Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4
VI - Less than 200GJ	0 - 7.56	7.56 - 15	15 - 33	33 +
VI - High consumption (>= 200GJ)	0 - 300	300-1000	1000-5000	5000 +
VB	0 - 250	250 - 500	500 - 1000	1000+

Note: The numbers represent the range of GJ consumption in the block

"Like it because I feel as though it is moving in a direction to simplify costs generally."

"It will help to streamline the costing structure."

"Seems like you have progressed to streamlined costs."

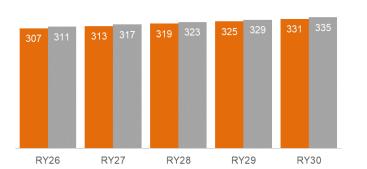
### To what extent do you think Jemena should change to a residential / commercial tariff split?



### Annual bill impact for a typical residential (15GJ) & commercial customer (300GJ)

Network Bill - Residential customer (15GJ)

■ New tariff (VI - Less than 200GJ) ■ Current Tariff (VI - Coastal)



Network Bill - Commercial customer (300GJ)

New tariff (VI - High consumption (>=200GJ))

Current Tariff (VI - Coastal)

1,887 1,865

1,922 1,900

1,958 1,935

1,995 1,972

2,033 2,009

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"Residential/commercial split will reduce burden on customers and seems appropriate."

"Just seems fair."

"Commercial being more contributor in the revenue should pay bit more than residential and more over commercial will be passing this to the end consumer. More over corporates are easy to take this hit."

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RY27

"Given that we have progressed to this meeting, we see that we see the sharing, still time to see further."

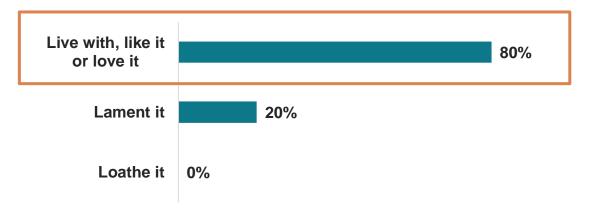
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<sup>\*\*</sup> Note a small base. The rating scale was five points: loathe, lament, live, like it and love it. Scale shown live with, like it and love it.

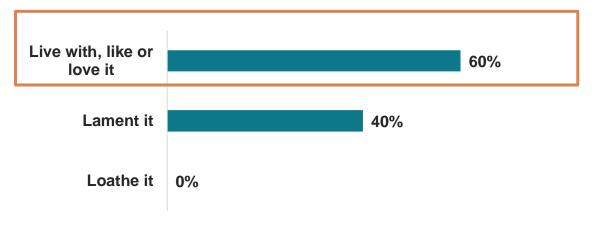
### Tariff structures voting

Of the three options presented, hybrid option three was the preferred by small businesses, and the reasons are included. Refer to slide 34 for the complete details of options.

### To what extent do you think risk sharing should be through hybrid option 1?

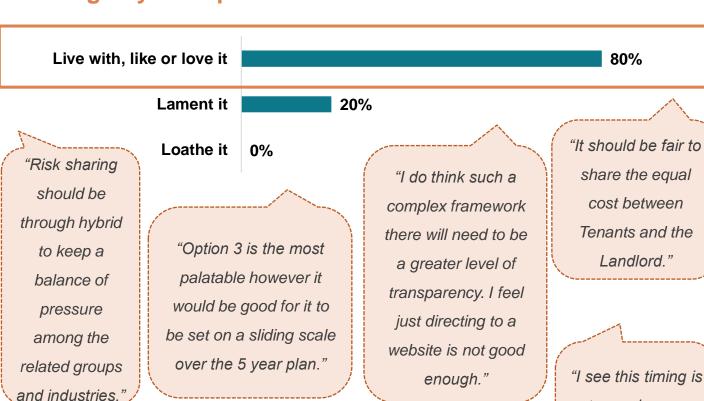


### To what extent do you think risk sharing should be through hybrid option 2?



<sup>\*\*</sup> Note a small base. The rating scale was five points: loathe, lament, live, like it and love it. Scale shown live, like it and love it.

### To what extent do you think risk sharing should be through hybrid option 3?



"50/50 makes
more logical sense
with the current
situation and
unpredictable
future/forecasting."

"Feel that Jemena should be taking short-term risk...up and down and ratio reviewed with time/.

"Sharing equal load which looks fair with the current market structure." too early, as a
reasonably larger
user, we are
getting more and
more info to help
us. Risk is risk we
must look closely."

### **Hybrid Option 3: Bounded sharing + 50/50 split**

#### Examples of proposed hybrid option (from Draft 2025 Plan)

Example 1 – the amount of gas used is 5% lower than the forecast approved by the AER

Case 1: Threshold of 5% -sharing of revenue loss within agreed threshold

Within ±5%	JGN	-5%
Outoido 150/	JGN	0%
Outside ±5%	Customers	0%

Case 2: Threshold of 3% -sharing of revenue loss higher than the agreed threshold

Within ±3%	JGN	-3%
Outoido 20/	JGN	-1%
Outside ±3%	Customers	-1%

#### Example 2 – the amount of gas used is 5% higher than the forecast approved by the AER

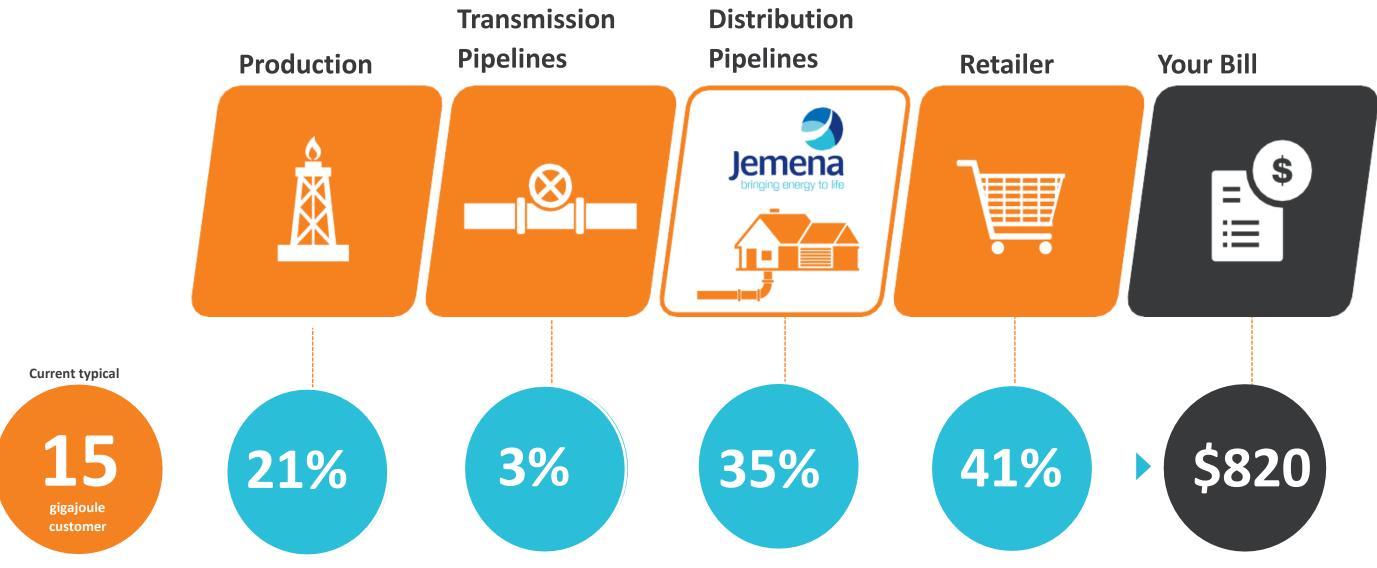
#### Case 1: Threshold of 5% -sharing of revenue gain within agreed threshold

Within ±5%	JGN	5%
Outoido 150/	JGN	0%
Outside ±5%	Customers	0%

Case 2: Threshold of 3% -sharing of revenue gain higher than the agreed threshold

Within ±3%	JGN	3%
Outoido 120/	JGN	1%
Outside ±3%	Customers	1%

### Quick reminder: Jemena's proportion of the overall bill



<sup>\*</sup> Based on a customer with gas heating, cooking and hot water appliances using 15,000MJ per year. Calculated using assumed wholesale price of \$10GJ. Annual bill is for 2023-24 year.

Typical annual household bill

5% outperformance

7% outperformance

Small business	Annual consumption	Average annual distribution component of bill	Bill change (\$)	Bill change (%)	Bill change (\$)	Bill change (%)
Information media (low)	25 GJ	\$399	-	-	-\$3.25	-0.8%
Retail business	50 GJ	\$553	-	-	-\$4.51	-0.8%
Food service provider	100 GJ	\$830	-	-	-\$6.77	-0.8%
Healthcare provider	200 GJ	\$1,383	-	-	-\$11.29	-0.8%
Information media (high)	300 GJ	\$1,936	-	-	-\$15.80	-0.8%

Note this is the distribution component only. 35% of the total bill.

5% outperformance

7% outperformance

Small business	Annual consumption	Average annual distribution component of bill	Bill change (\$)	Bill change (%)	Bill change (\$)	Bill change (%)
Information media (low)	25 GJ	\$399	-\$3.51	-0.9%	-\$7.16	-1.8%
Retail business	50 GJ	\$553	-\$4.89	-0.9%	-\$9.94	-1.8%
Food service provider	100 GJ	\$830	-\$7.30	-0.9%	-\$14.91	-1.8%
Healthcare provider	200 GJ	\$1,383	-\$12.17	-0.9%	-\$24.85	-1.8%
Information media (high)	300 GJ	\$1,936	-\$17.04	-0.9%	-\$34.79	-1.8%

Note this is the distribution component only. 35% of the total bill.

5% outperformance

7% outperformance

Small business	Annual consumption	Average annual distribution component of bill	Bill change (\$)	Bill change (%)	Bill change (\$)	Bill change (%)
Information media (low)	25 GJ	\$399	-	-	-\$3.91	-1.0%
Retail business	50 GJ	\$553	-	-	-\$5.42	-1.0%
Food service provider	100 GJ	\$830	-	-	-\$8.13	-1.0%
Healthcare provider	200 GJ	\$1,383	-	-	-\$13.55	-1.0%
Information media (high)	300 GJ	\$1,936	-	-	-\$18.98	-1.0%

Note this is the distribution component only. 35% of the total bill.

Sharing ratio is moved from a 50/50 split to a 60/40 customer/network sharing split.

5% outperformance

7% outperformance

Small business	Annual consumption	Average annual distribution component of bill	Bill change (\$)	Bill change (%)	Bill change (\$)	Bill change (%)
Information media (low)	25 GJ	\$399	-	-	-\$2.60	-0.7%
Retail business	50 GJ	\$553	-	-	-\$3.61	-0.7%
Food service provider	100 GJ	\$830	-	-	-\$5.41	-0.7%
Healthcare provider	200 GJ	\$1,383	-	-	-\$9.02	-0.7%
Information media (high)	300 GJ	\$1,936	-	-	-\$12.63	-0.7%

Note this is the distribution component only. 35% of the total bill.

Sharing ratio is moved from a 50/50 split to a 40/60 customer/network sharing split.

5% outperformance

7% outperformance

Small business	Annual consumption	Average annual distribution component of bill	Bill change (\$)	Bill change (%)	Bill change (\$)	Bill change (%)
Information media (low)	25 GJ	\$399	-\$4.22	-1.1%	-\$8.62	-2.2%
Retail business	50 GJ	\$553	-\$5.85	-1.1%	-\$11.95	-2.2%
Food service provider	100 GJ	\$830	-\$8.78	-1.1%	-\$17.93	-2.2%
Healthcare provider	200 GJ	\$1,383	-\$14.63	-1.1%	-\$29.89	-2.2%
Information media (high)	300 GJ	\$1,936	-\$20.48	-1.1%	-\$41.84	-2.2%

Note this is the distribution component only. 35% of the total bill.

Sharing ratio is moved from a 50/50 split to a 60/40 customer/network sharing split.

5% outperformance

7% outperformance

Small business	Annual consumption	Average annual distribution component of bill	Bill change (\$)	Bill change (%)	Bill change (\$)	Bill change (%)
Information media (low)	25 GJ	\$399	-\$2.80	-0.7%	-\$5.72	-1.4%
Retail business	50 GJ	\$553	-\$3.89	-0.7%	-\$7.93	-1.4%
Food service provider	100 GJ	\$830	-\$5.83	-0.7%	-\$11.90	-1.4%
Healthcare provider	200 GJ	\$1,383	-\$9.72	-0.7%	-\$19.84	-1.4%
Information media (high)	300 GJ	\$1,936	-\$13.60	-0.7%	-\$27.77	-1.4%

Note this is the distribution component only. 35% of the total bill.

Sharing ratio is moved from a 50/50 split to a 40/60 customer/network sharing split.

5% underperformance

7% underperformance

Small business	Annual consumption	Average annual distribution component of bill	Bill change (\$)	Bill change (%)	Bill change (\$)	Bill change (%)
Information media (low)	25 GJ	\$399	\$4.22	1.1%	\$8.62	2.2%
Retail business	50 GJ	\$553	\$5.85	1.1%	\$11.95	2.2%
Food service provider	100 GJ	\$830	\$8.78	1.1%	\$17.93	2.2%
Healthcare provider	200 GJ	\$1,383	\$14.63	1.1%	\$29.89	2.2%
Information media (high)	300 GJ	\$1,936	\$20.48	1.1%	\$41.84	2.2%

Sharing ratio is moved from a 50/50 split to a 60/40 customer/network sharing split.

Note this is the distribution component only. 35% of the total bill.

### Q&A

•We will break into groups to discuss what you've heard.

#### Some questions for you:

- What are your initial thoughts on what you've heard? What other questions do you have for Jemena?
- What implications or opportunities do you see for your small business?
- Do you have a view on the cap and collar threshold (%)? 3% or 5%?
- Do you have a view on the 50:50 sharing of volume risk between us and customers beyond the cap and collar threshold?
- What about the 60:40 sharing of volume risk? What about 40:60 sharing?
- After we discuss in groups, we will report back in plenary.
- Then after the break we will vote!





### Break!

### Back in 5 minutes





### Voting on Menti

Consider all you've heard tonight.

#### **Questions:**

- Any initial reflections on how Jemena has incorporated customer and stakeholder recommendations into the Draft 2025 Plan?
- What's your level of comfort with 50:50 sharing of volume risk? (like loathe scale)
- What's your level of comfort with the 40 (customer): 60 (network) sharing of volume risk? (like loathe scale)
- What's your level of comfort with the 60 (customer) : 40 (network) sharing of volume risk? (like loathe scale)
- What's your level of comfort with 3% threshold? (like loathe scale)
- What's your level of comfort with the 5% threshold? (like loathe scale)
- Prompt after each vote: why did you vote that way? (open response)
- Any other thoughts (open response)



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