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Inquiry: Inquiry into the Competition and Consumer (Gas Market Code) Regulations 2023

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Topic: List of gas companies and gas lobby groups

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Senator McKim asked:

Please list all the gas companies and gas lobby groups that the Department met with to discuss the Gas Code of Conduct. Please list the dates and subject matter of each meeting held.

Answer:

An initial consultation on the Competition and Consumer (Gas Market Code) Regulations 2023 was held between 9 December 2022 to 7 February 2023 as part of the Treasury's consultation on *Options to ensure the domestic wholesale gas market delivers for Australians*.¹ Over 60 submissions were received, which were carefully considered by the Australian Government and informed the design of the Code.

The Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water undertook public consultation on the exposure draft of the Code between 26 April and 12 May 2023, and held 27 information sessions with key stakeholders in May 2023. While the department is unable to provide the specific detail requested in the time available, this consultation included:

- Energy user peak bodies and their members such as Energy Users Association of Australia, Chemistry Australia, Manufacturing Australia, the Australian Energy Council, AiGroup, Qenos and ADBRI;
- Producer meetings including Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association, Woodside, Senex, Cooper Energy, Beach Energy, Mitsui, Origin, ExxonMobil, APLNG, QCLNG, GLNG, Shell Energy Australia, Santos, AGL;
- State and Territory governments including Queensland Department of Resources and the South Australian Department of Energy and Mining;
- International Embassies, including Japan and Korea;
- Unions such as the Australian Manufacturing Workers' Union.

More than 140 stakeholders participated in these information sessions. These sessions were focussed on discussing the policy objective of the Code and how it would be applied in practice. The sessions also provided an opportunity for stakeholders to provide feedback and seek clarification on aspects of the proposed design of the Code.

The Department of the Treasury, the Department of Industry, Science and Resources, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) also attended many of these information sessions.

¹ [Options to ensure the domestic wholesale gas market delivers for Australians | Treasury.gov.au](https://www.treasury.gov.au/consultations/2022/12/options-to-ensure-the-domestic-wholesale-gas-market-delivers-for-australians)