



WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL

Te Kaunihera a Rohe o Whanganui

Expression of Interest Self-Assessment GasNet Board Member

Name	
Contact Phone	
Email Address	
Home Address	

The purpose of the self-assessment completion is to help us establish your understanding of the role, the skills and experience you have that match what we are looking for, and how you can add value to the GasNet Board as a Member or Board Chair.

You will be evaluated on the information you provide and a final decision to move to the next step will be made by the selection panel.

You must complete all questions in the Self-Assessment to be considered for this role.

As outlined in the EOI advertisement, you must complete and send in your self-assessment to the **Democracy Services Manager** by the closing date of **Sunday 27 April 2025, 5.00pm**.

EOI evaluations and shortlisting will be undertaken the following week with interviews to be scheduled after that.

Note – person specifications associated with this role are listed at the bottom of this document.

Q1. You have read our advertisement. Please tell us what strengths you would bring to this role?

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Q2. What interests you most about this role? What was your motivation to apply?

Q3. What is your understanding of this role? What do you see are the key deliverables, achievements and outputs?

Q4. Please reference any Directorships/Board Memberships that you currently hold, any potential conflicts of interest that would need to be addressed, and any significant calls on your time that would restrict your availability to deal with GasNet business.

Q5. The Person Specification for the GasNet Board Member notes the following areas of experience:

- Strategic thinking and future focus
- Understanding of the energy and infrastructure sectors in Aotearoa New Zealand, including asset management and critical contingency management
- Strong corporate governance experience in a multi-stakeholder environment
- Strong regulatory experience including in relation to health and safety and risk management
- Experience in areas such as accountancy, law, risk management, commerce, and commercial property management
- Strong relationship management skills and the ability to develop strategic connections with stakeholders, including our iwi and hapū partners
- Strong communication skills, including the ability to reason objectively and convey ideas clearly and accurately
- A clear sense of public accountability and understanding of local government and the relationships between councils and council-owned organisations.

Please describe for us your experience and proven ability in these areas.

Q6. GasNet is seeking up to three (3) Board Members, one of whom will be appointed as the Board Chair, in due course. Please describe your leadership experience in promoting and maintaining effective working relationships within a board or a committee.

Please also indicate if you are applying for a Board Member position and / or the Board (Chair) position.

Q7. Please describe your current existing networks around the Whanganui District as well as your commercial and business networks across New Zealand.

Thank you for completing the self-assessment form and registering your expression of interest in this role. If you have any additional supporting material, please attach this to your email.



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Board Members for GasNet Whanganui

Person Specifications

Board members should ideally have the following experience:

- Strategic thinking and future focus.
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Skills and Abilities

Each board member is appointed on the basis that they can contribute strengths to the skills, knowledge, and experience required to achieve the purpose of the GasNet Whanganui.

It is desirable that the board member possesses the following skills and abilities:

- Strong leadership skills, with the ability to work collaboratively with the Mayor, Elected Members, and the Council Chief Executive.
- Understands Te Tiriti o Waitangi and Ao Māori
- Understands climate change (and the impact on the business)
- Create and support good working relationships with the CCO & Economic Development Committee, improving the exchange of information and perspectives.
- Create strong and nurturing working relationships with the CEO of GasNet Whanganui and the Board ensuring that the GasNet Whanganui is a good employer.
- Strategy and innovation leadership (driving strategy in an uncertain world) – the ability to think in a visionary and strategic manner as well as monitoring PESTEL (political; environmental; social; technological; economic; legal) analysis, risk management, and mitigation and growth opportunities.
- Has a strong network around the Whanganui District as well as strong commercial and business networks across New Zealand.

- Has business development, marketing, sales and service innovation, and commercial experience including business transformation.
- Has a strong understanding of and experience in governance, in particular, Health and Safety governance.
- Ability to ensure that the GasNet Whanganui delivers high quality financial outcomes and am positioned to provide a financial return to the Council as laid out by the CCO Letter of Expectation and Statement of Intent.
- Meets with the Mayor as required.
- Improve understanding of the GasNet Whanganui Board expectations and perspectives of the council and community.
- Attend sessions of each Board meeting as and when required.
- Present back to the full Council or CCO & Economic Development Committee as required.
- Support a greater understanding of the activities of both Councillors and the Council.
- Ensure risk is minimised as well as managed and mitigated appropriately.
- Functional knowledge in areas such as governance including planning, reporting and oversight, business operations, and health and safety.
- Consciousness of risk and the ability to identify and manage likely risks including ensuring that appropriate risk strategies are in place, which takes into account the risk appetite of the Council.
- Intellectual curiosity (inquiring, challenging, and testing assumptions).
- A capacity to form independent judgements and has a willingness to constructively challenge/question management practices and information including delving into financial and operational detail when required.
- A professional and ethical approach to the conduct of their duties and the capacity to devote the necessary time and effort to the responsibilities as a board member of GasNet Whanganui.
- In addition, board members should possess leadership qualities and the ability to promote effective working relationships and to ensure meeting protocols in accordance with the Local Government Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) are adhered to.
- An ability to recognise, acknowledge, and manage potential conflicts of interest as a consequence of their expertise and experience, between the board member's duties to the board and Council and his or her other personal or work interests (or the duties and interests of others).