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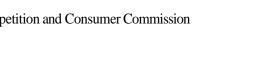
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CENTRAL RANGES NATURAL GAS TENDER APPROVAL REQUEST

This organization welcomes and supports the proposed tender to bring about the supply of natural gas to the Central Ranges region.

Specifically, we are involved with value adding to primary produce and realize the value to our industry of an economical, environmentally friendly energy source. We look forward to the increase in competition in energy the arrival of natural gas will bring.

For many years we have followed the central ranges Natural Gas and Telecommunications Association's efforts in trying to attract a suitable project owner/developer without success, often because the owner/developer complained of low returns or uncertainty.

This open competitive process should over come this problem and get the project moving again. We look forward to a positive outcome, which will be a great boost to the industry and residents of the region.

Yours faithfully

Arthur Brackenrig Chairman