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## URGES HAWKE'S BAY AND TARARUA TO REDUCE GAS CONSUMPTION

**The Hawke's Bay and Tararua regions will be faced with a complete loss of natural gas supply unless all commercial users in these areas cease using gas immediately and all residential and essential service users conserve gas.**

Floodwaters destroyed the Pohangina road bridge near Ashhurst, leaving the high pressure gas pipeline that was attached to it suspended in the strong flowing Pohangina River.

The Natural Gas Corporation (NGC) has isolated this section of its pipelines for safety reasons.

Consumers in Ashhurst, Pahiatua, Mangatainoka, Dannevirke, Takapau, Mangaroa, Hastings and Napier are no longer connected to the gas transmission network. The only gas available to them is the gas left in the pipe and this must be conserved or a total loss of supply will result.

**For more information contact your gas retailer.**