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Cabinet Economic Development Committee

Minute of Decision

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Exempting Certain Classes of Electricity Industry Participant from the Requirement to Register

Portfolio **Energy and Resources**

On 27 October 2021, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee:

- 1 **noted** that the Electricity Industry Act 2010 requires all electricity participants to register with the Electricity Authority, and that the register (including contact details) is publicly available on the Authority's website;
- 2 **noted** that:
 - 2.1 owners of small-scale distributed generation, and those that own metering equipment at the property at which they consume electricity, are currently required to register with the Electricity Authority;
 - 2.2 for the vast majority of these participants, registration involves providing personal contact details, which raises privacy concerns;
- 3 **noted** that participant registration for these two classes of industry participant is of no benefit to either the Electricity Authority or the consumer, and is costly to administer;
- 4 **noted** that the Minister of Energy and Resources (the Minister), after receiving a recommendation from the Electricity Authority, may make regulations exempting a class of electricity industry participants from the obligation to register as participants;
- 5 **noted** that the Electricity Authority has made a recommendation to exempt these two classes of industry participant, unless they also have to register as another class of participant, and that the Minister proposes to accept this recommendation;
- 6 **agreed** to exempt the following two classes of industry participants from the obligation to register with the Electricity Authority as a participant, unless the owner also has to register as another class of participant:
 - 6.1 owners of distributed generation with less than 100 kW of nameplate capacity connected to a distributor's network;
 - 6.2 metering equipment owners that only own metering equipment to measure electricity at the installation connection point (ICP) where they consume electricity;
- 7 **invited** the Minister to issue drafting instructions to the Parliamentary Counsel Office to give effect to paragraph 6 above;

- 8 **authorised** the Minister to make decisions consistent with the overall policy decisions in the paper under DEV-21-SUB-0201 on any minor and technical issues that may arise in the drafting process.

Janine Harvey
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon David Parker
Hon Poto Williams
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Kris Faafoi
Hon Willie Jackson
Hon Michael Wood
Hon Kiri Allan
Hon Dr David Clark
Hon Meka Whaitiri
Hon Phil Twyford
Rino Tirikatene MP
Dr Deborah Russell MP

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