

Privacy of natural persons

Page 2: We will keep your information safe

Q1 **Yes**

Have you read and understood the Privacy Statement?

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Q2

What is your name?

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Q3

What is your email address? We may need to contact you for clarification on your submission, or regarding Official Information Act requests. Your email address will not be used for any other purpose.

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Q4 **Organisation**

Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Q5

If on behalf of an organisation, what is its name?

He Kāinga Oranga / Housing and Health Research Programme

Q6 **Academic/Research**

If on behalf of an organisation, which of these best describes it?

Page 4: Proposed Definition for energy wellbeing

Q7

Strongly agree

To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposed definition for energy wellbeing is right for Aotearoa?

Q8

Do you have comments on why have you chosen this answer?

We appreciate that the definition is inclusive and strengths-based.

Q9

Strongly agree

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the inclusions in the proposed definition?

Q10

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have any comments on what is included in the definition?

Q11

Disagree

To what extent do you agree or disagree with what is excluded by the definition?

Q12

Do you have any comments on what is excluded by the definition?

We disagree that people who are in improvised dwellings or sleeping rough should be excluded. These people when living in these circumstances should, in most cases, be automatically included, as in most cases, it is unlikely that they have sufficient access to energy services to meet their needs.

Q13

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have any further comments on the proposed definition of energy wellbeing? - Is it clear and easy to understand?- Do you think there is anything missing?- Is it relevant to you and your community?

Page 5: Proposed framework for energy wellbeing

Q14

Strongly agree

To what extent do you agree or disagree that the framework represents the factors that influence energy wellbeing in Aotearoa?

Q15

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have comments on why have you chosen this answer?

Q16

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have any other comments on the proposed framework? You may want to consider: - The layout of the framework, and if it is easy to understand - If anything is missing, or should be added- Which factors you think are most significant in your community

Page 6: Proposed indicators for energy wellbeing

Q17

Agree

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposed indicators for energy wellbeing?

Q18

Do you have comments on why have you chosen this answer? You may want to consider: - Are the indicators comprehensive?- Are there any other indicators of energy wellbeing that should be considered?

It is not clear how these indicators map to the framework, in particular the Environment, Household Circumstances & Practices, and Service Literacy, appear to be left out of the indicators for measuring energy hardship. If there is no current indicator it would be appropriate to develop new indicators to measure these aspects of the framework in future. In our view it is important to consider energy pricing as a key driver of energy hardship that should be measured. Measuring only energy affordability doesn't allow consideration of the relative importance of both energy prices and household income working in combination to determine energy affordability. (For example, housing is currently both overpriced and unaffordable. Considering energy pricing as an indicator of energy hardship would allow examination of whether energy prices change to become a more or less important driver of energy hardship either regionally or nationally - in much the same way that housing prices are considered alongside household income as a driver of housing affordability.)

Page 7: Measuring energy hardship

Q19

Yes

We are proposing to use a set of primary and secondary measures for energy hardship. Do you support this proposal?

Q20

Do you have comments on why you have chosen this answer?

This allows for nuance in understanding energy hardship as a complex issue.

Q21

Agree

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposed primary measures?

Q22

Neither agree nor disagree

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the potential secondary measures?

Q23

Do you have any comments on the proposed primary and secondary measures? You may want to consider:- How many primary and secondary measures you think we should consider- Which measures you think should be primary or secondary (and why)

Without discussing the number (or weighting/clustering) of energy hardship indicators that would classify someone as being in energy hardship it makes it difficult to assess the utility of the selected indicators. Our specific points are:

- *Lacking one or more basic amenity is not a useful measure (however we fully support having both lacking a fridge and lacking electricity specifically as secondary indicators).
 - *Could not pay electricity, gas, rates, or water bills on time – even once should be considered an indicator (perhaps having more than once as a measure of depth would be helpful)
 - *Having a minor problem with heating accommodation and/or keeping it warm in winter should be considered an indicator (with major as a measure of depth)
 - *Absolute domestic energy expenditure less than half national median – this needs to be measured against people in similar accommodation and possibly in the same area, otherwise people living in studios/apartment/small housing scenarios who need less energy than those living in stand-alone housing will be viewed as in energy hardship by this indicator.
 - *Indoors always colder than would like in winter – sometimes response should be considered as the indicator, with always as a measure of depth.
 - *Housing repairs needed – major should be a measure of depth and minor/some should be considered the indicator.
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Q24

Do you have any comments on measuring the depth of hardship? You may want to consider: - If we should use these measurements in Aotearoa, in addition to the primary and secondary measures- Combining measures (i.e. a DEP-17 style approach) - Measuring the energy hardship gap

We agree that a measurement of depth is needed and look forward to more information on how this is intended to be measured. We would be happy to provide comment on specific proposals.

Page 8: Data gaps and proposed way forward

Q25

Rank the following proposals in order of most important (1) to least important (4).

Further analyse any currently available data	3
Work to fill existing data gaps/limitations	2
Model required energy use for households in Aotearoa	1
Research energy hardship-related indicators	4

Q26

Do you have any suggestions for alternatives or changes to the proposed way forward? You may want to consider:- Are there gaps in the measurement we haven't identified?- Are there data sets or measures you know of that should be included?- Do you have any other suggestions for future analysis?

We would like to see how pricing options practically available for households vary. Disconnection and "self-disconnection" for those on prepayment, should absolutely be used as indicators of energy hardship - reporting of these statistics should be mandated. We suggest reviewing the indicators to ensure that these cover all sectors of the framework.

Page 9: Final thoughts

Q27

Do you have anything else you would like to mention?

We commend the work that has gone into creating definition of energy wellbeing and the comprehensive framework, and look forward to the implementation of the measurement of energy hardship.

Q28

Yes

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